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Precinct Engagement Strategy

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Dear Precinct Chair,

Thank you for taking on the important role of Precinct Chair in your county. Your dedication as a Precinct Chair forms the bedrock of our Party's grassroots efforts, and it is through your hard work that we will win. The Republican Party's success, from the county level to the Congressional District and the State, is built upon the diligent efforts carried out at the neighborhood level. Your commitment to electing Republicans with grassroots values is what will help us take back Georgia and America.

As a Precinct Chair, you have three primary responsibilities:

1. Supporting and promoting our candidates' campaigns within your Precinct.
2. Expanding the Party's base in your Precinct by building contact lists, walking neighborhoods, and recruiting new block captains and Precinct officers.
3. Contributing to the management of the County Republican Party by actively participating in the County Executive Committee.

Your work as a Precinct Chair is instrumental in growing the Party and fostering new leaders within the Republican organization. By engaging with your neighborhood and encouraging others to support Conservative candidates, you help strengthen our grassroots efforts and increase voter participation. Your dedication to electing Republican officeholders sends a clear message to our representatives that they must uphold the values and principles of the Republican Party, providing the conservative representation and accountability that our voters expect and deserve.

Once again, thank you for your contributions to the Republican Party. Your efforts to grow the grassroots one neighbor at a time are greatly appreciated, and I wish you all the best in your endeavors. Together we will WIN 2024!

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CHAIR?

Simply put, a Precinct Chair is the central manager for the core building block in the Republican Party. As the chief party elected official in the precinct, they have roles and responsibilities in, and to, the Republican Party.

They also get to have a lot of fun and meet a lot of people!

As a Precinct Chair you will organize your precinct, help with elections, go to conventions, become a member of the County Executive Committee, and did we mention—have a lot of fun!

So, let's find out more about it.

What Does a Precinct Chair Do?

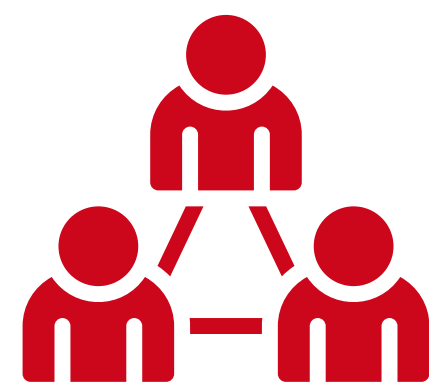
Your number one job as a Precinct Chair is to maximize the Republican vote in your precinct.

You do this by:

- Engage in your Precinct, and build teams.
- Identifying Voters
- Registering Voters
- Informing Voters
- Turning Out Voters



Getting people in your precinct involved.



It's almost always easier to do work with two or more people as opposed to doing things by yourself. This is particularly important as a Precinct Chair. Your main job as a Precinct Chair is to get as many voters as possible in your precinct to vote for Republicans in elections. The best way to get people to act is by being invested in the election. Get people involved in the following areas where they have the most interest. They are volunteers and volunteers usually start with something small and then make a larger commitment as they are more invested in something.

So, get them involved in any part of working your precinct that you can.

And do not forget to ask them to help.

Most people will help with something small. Get them involved and then the most committed will keep asking for more things to help with. Identifying Voters. Get to know voters in your precinct. Be the first to welcome new neighbors and let them know you are their Republican Precinct Chair—this can be a good way to start a conversation which can determine their political leanings. Learn who your consistent Republican voters are so you can count on their support.

Learn who is a “swing voter” or who does not usually vote, so that you might persuade them to vote Republican.

Also know who the Democrats are, so that you can make relationships and have conversations which might switch their views, or so that you can leave them alone when it comes to Republican Party politics. You can request lists of voters from your local elections office or utilize “GOP Data Center” (see “Resources”, this manual) to help you with this process. Identifying voters and recording this information is also called “canvassing”.

It's a tough job.



Registering Voters

Always be ready to register a Republican to vote by learning the rules and requirements, as well as always having a voter registration form on hand or the online voter registration form bookmarked on your phone.



Informing Voters

You need to be the political leader in your neighborhood. Keep in touch with Republicans in your area and let them know of current political events, issues, upcoming elections, and opportunities for involvement with the local party, clubs or campaigns. Distribute campaign literature, bumper stickers and yard signs to decorate your precinct.



Turning Out Voters

All the prior steps mentioned lead up to this one. Once you have identified your voters, registered them to vote, and kept them politically informed, it's time to make all of that count- get them to the polls to vote Republican! The most common activities that remind voters to vote are walking door-to-door ("block walking") and making phone calls ("phone banking"). Assist those needing to vote early by mail (contact your County Party for more information).

Offer to accompany neighbors to their polling place or drive people that need a ride.





Be involved in your county party

As Precinct Chair, you will also be a part of your County Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of the County Chair, the executive officers, and all the Precinct Chairs, as well as other officers defined in the County Party Rules.

**You are valued
as a contributing
member to your
party!**

As the representative of your precinct, you should make every effort to attend each meeting. Your presence counts towards a quorum enabling official business to be conducted. On those occasions you are not able to attend, you should have someone there who will carry your proxy, collect any handouts, and take notes for you.

Primary, General, and Bears Oh My!

As Precinct Chair, you have responsibilities in your local elections. In addition to maximizing the Republican vote, ways to be involved include:

Primary Election—Campaigning. Precinct Chairs are not prohibited from getting involved as an individual in contested primary races or nonpartisan local elections, however, they are not to use their official position as Precinct Chair. Be sure to check the County Committee Bylaws to see if there is a provision that prohibits you from endorsing or becoming involved in contested primary races. You should become knowledgeable about your local situation before publicly taking sides in a contested primary race. Contested races sometimes create hard feelings or damage relationships. Becoming involved in a campaign may include going door-to-door (“block walking”), making phone calls (“phone banking”) or handing out campaign material for a candidate.

Primary Election—Working at the Polls. In Primary Elections, County Chairs appoint Poll Watchers for each precinct in the county. Each Precinct is allowed to have two (2) credentialed Poll Watchers. Precinct Chairs should fill these positions and/or help the County Chair find volunteers to poll watch in the precinct and others (you do not have to live in a precinct to serve as an appointed poll watcher in a precinct) as it can be difficult to recruit all the volunteers it takes to spend the entire day at the polling places on Election Day. Polls Watching is also a great way to ensure ballot integrity for our Party and to get to know voters in your area.

General Election—Campaigning. Precinct Chairs should be eager to assist Republican candidates in any way possible. Becoming involved in a campaign may include going door-to-door (“block walking”), making phone calls (“phone banking”) or handing out campaign material for a candidate. It is particularly important for Precinct Chairs to be involved in these efforts as you know your precinct better than anyone.

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Be Involved in Conventions

As Precinct Chair, you have responsibilities in the convention process. These include:

Precinct Caucus.

Party Rules designates the Precinct Chair as temporary chair of the precinct convention. If the Precinct Chair is unable to serve in this capacity, another eligible convention participant may take on the role.

County Convention.

Precinct Chairs are encouraged to not only participate in their County Convention (you must be elected at your precinct caucus as a Delegate or Alternate to the County Convention), but to volunteer to serve on one of the temporary convention committees (contact your County Chair who makes these appointments).

District Convention.

As grassroots leaders, a Precinct Chair should try to get elected as a delegate to the Congressional District Convention at their County Convention (you do NOT have to be a delegate at the County Convention, but it often helps!). If you are interested in serving on a temporary convention committee, contact your County Chair who makes recommendations to the District Chair for appointments.

State Convention.

As grassroots leaders, a Precinct Chairman should try to get elected as a delegate to the State Convention also at their County Convention. If you are interested in serving on a temporary convention committee, contact your Congressional District Chair (your county chair can help you reach your CD Chair) who makes recommendations to the state chairman for appointments.





ORGANIZING YOUR PRECINCT

Recruit volunteers to help you work your precinct. The precinct is the smallest political unit of registered voters. Many elections in the past have been won or lost by less than one vote per precinct. However, most elections can be won with effective precinct work—it is a proven fact! In order for your work to be most effective you must have a strong organization within your precinct.

Many precincts contain too many voters to organize a whole precinct by yourself. You will benefit from having several volunteers to assist. The goals of your volunteers are the same as yours—identifying voters, registering voters, informing voters, and turning out voters. All the information gained from these activities should be reported back up the chain to the Precinct Chair, so you can maintain data for your entire precinct.



Suggested Precinct Organization

Precinct Chair

You are the central manager of the entire precinct.

Neighborhood Captains (3–5 per Precinct)

Break your precinct down into its major sub-divisions or neighborhoods. Choose your most capable volunteers to serve as Neighborhood Captains and manage each of these divisions. Neighborhood Captains report directly to the Precinct Chairman.

Block Workers (3–5 per sub-division or neighborhood)

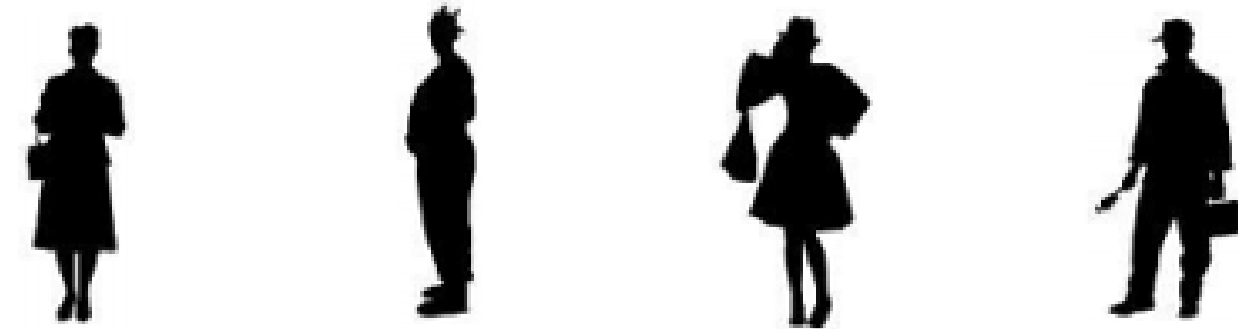
Break your sub-divisions and neighborhoods down into blocks. Assign (or have your Neighborhood Captains assign) Block Workers to one or a few blocks each. Block Workers report directly to their Neighborhood Captain.

Voters

Voters are the target of each member of the precinct organization. Reach voters in order to get to know them, register them to vote if they are not already, inform them about candidates and issues, get them out to vote, or help volunteer!



Precinct Chairman (1 per Precinct)



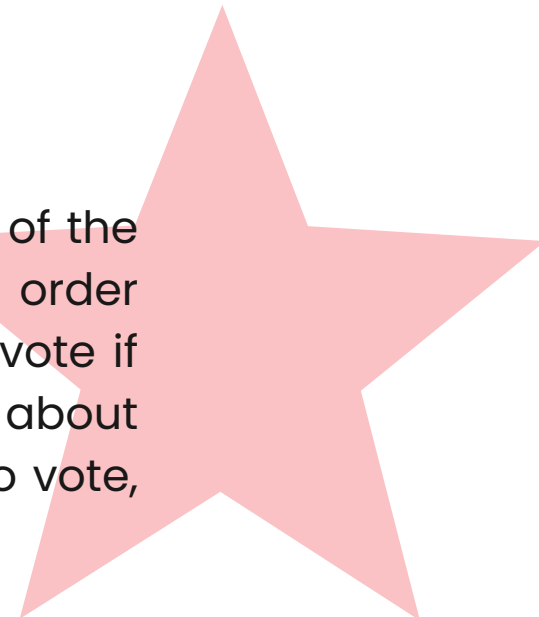
Neighborhood Captains (3-5 in a Precinct)



Block Workers (3-5 per sub-division or neighborhood)



Voters (the target of each member of the precinct organization)



Recruiting Volunteers

The most logical place to start recruiting volunteers is with those closest to you – family, friends and close neighbors. Then spread your net a little wider to your church, community and service clubs, PTA, exercise class, retirees and students. (Often times, high school and college Government/Political Science teachers are willing to give their students extra credit for volunteering with a political party.) You will be surprised at the number of people who want to help, but they just don't know how to get started. That is your job; to ask them to help, to make them feel welcome and important, and to teach them how to do their job. The #1 reason people don't volunteer is because no one ever asked them.

As you will read in the next section, identifying and canvassing the voters in your precinct will help you learn who will vote Republican. But it is also a great way to learn who you can recruit to be part of your precinct team. Find out who you can count on to go door-to-door, make phone calls, distribute yard signs, put bumper stickers on their vehicle, or contribute money to the county party.



Canvassing The Voters

Identifying voters and recording that information is called “canvassing”. Whenever you meet someone in your neighborhood, be sure to keep notes about their political affiliation and interests. You can also organize “block walks” or “phone banks” in your precinct to gather this information (these efforts are covered under “GOTV” but can be adapted for identifying voters). Using a canvass sheet is a great way to keep temporary notes until you are able to enter that information into a computer system.

This information can be downloaded into a voter database to keep up with Republican voters in each precinct. Here is a sample script for any precinct workers to use when meeting people:

- a. “Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is _____ . We’re taking a survey in our neighborhood. Do you have a few moments to help me complete my information? Do you plan to vote for (Republican Candidate) for President?
- b. If the person answers “no”, thank them politely and leave.
- c. If the answer is “yes”, ask if they are registered to vote. If not, give them a voter registration form.
- d. If given permission (you will receive separate voter registration information later), collect the voter registration form before you leave. NEVER MENTION REGISTRATION to a person who is not interested in supporting Republican candidates. If you do, you have to help them register to vote.
- e. Complete the information on your canvass sheet or card.
- f. When finished, thank them and move on. Do not take more than 5 minutes at a residence.
- g. Keep going back until you have contacted every family in your area.



You will also use canvass sheets when block walking and phone banking for GOTV (discussed later in this handbook). Canvass sheets should be customized for those needs. But here is a sample canvass sheet for initial meetings with people in your precincts (or to record information you already know about people):

Sample Canvass Sheet

Date canvass completed: _____ Pct. _____
 Area covered in precinct: _____ (sub-division, neighborhood or block(s))
 Volunteer's Name: _____
 Block Worker's Name: _____
 Neighborhood Captain's name: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____

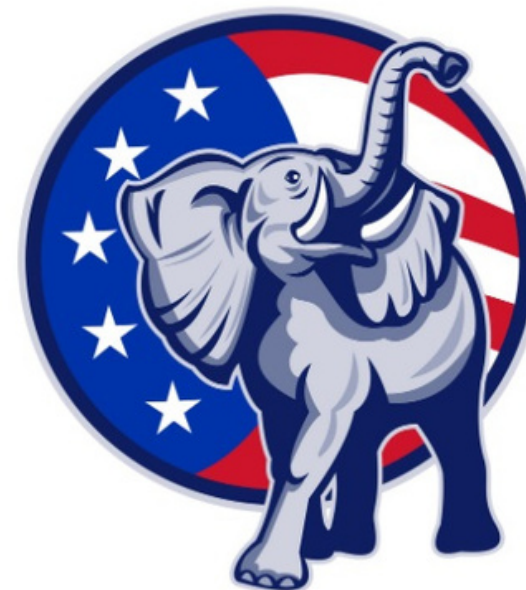
(with sample data)

ADDRESS	HOUSEHOLD	RESIDENTS FIRST NAMES	R	D	I	U	Reg?	Vol?	Yard	Stick
1234 Oak St.	Jones	Joe (husband)	x				Y		x	
1234 Oak St.		Susan (wife)		x			Y		x	
1234 Oak St.		Susie (daughter)				x	N	walk		x
1242 Oak St.	Smith	Bill (single)	x				Y	phones		
526 Reed Rd.	Wilson	Betty (widowed)	x							

R = Republican
 Reg? = Are they registered to vote?
 Yard = Would like yard sign

I = Independent
 Vol? = Are they willing to volunteer
 Stick = Would like bumper sticker
 U = Unde

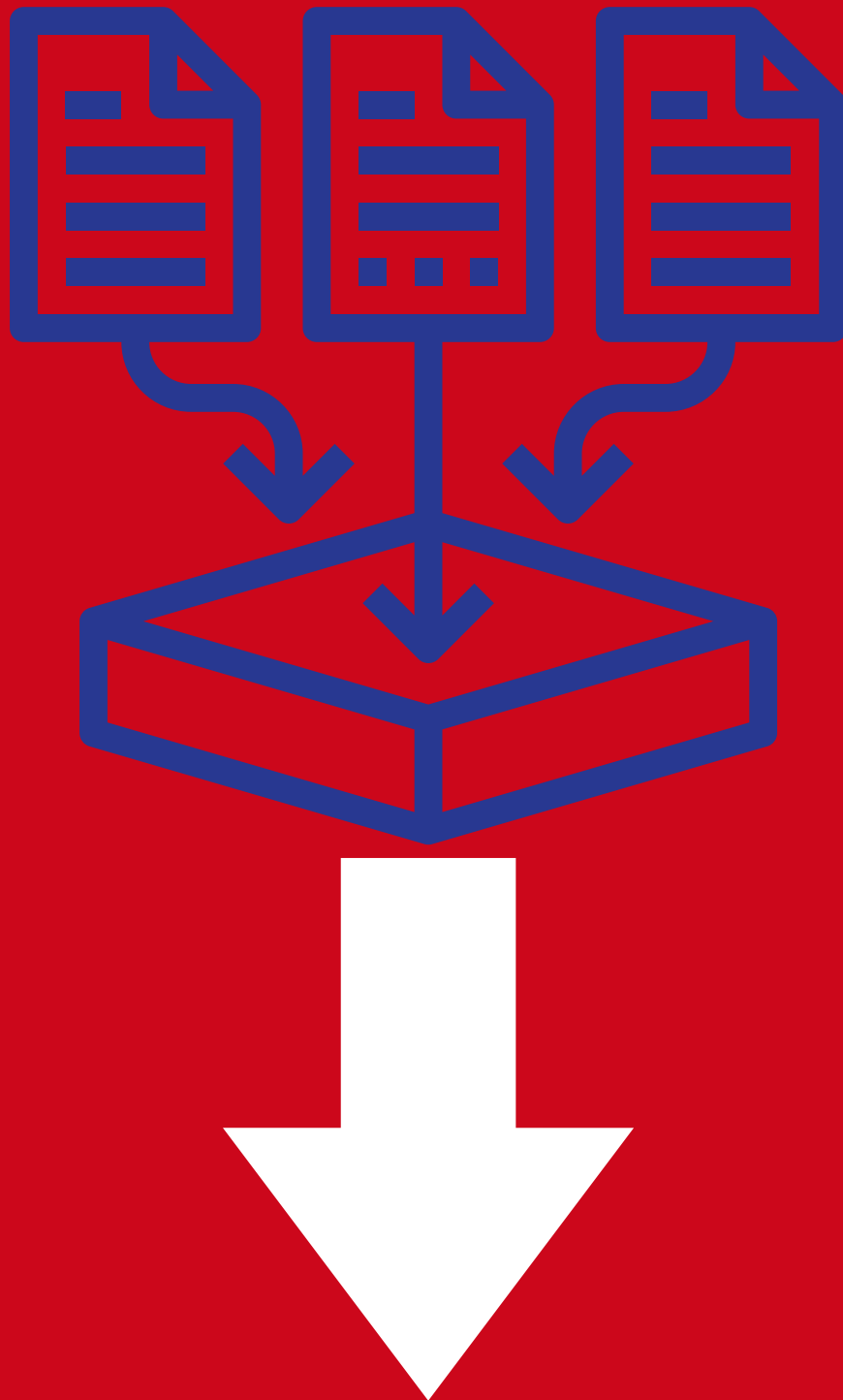
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECINCT ORGANIZATION CHART SUGGESTED EARLIER IN THIS MANUAL, BLOCK WORKERS SHOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF THEIR CANVASS SHEETS TO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD CAPTAINS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD CAPTAINS SHOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF THEIR CANVASS SHEETS AND THEIR BLOCK WORKERS' CANVASS SHEETS TO THE PRECINCT CHAIRMAN- SO THAT ALL THE INFORMATION ENDS UP IN ONE PLACE WHERE IT CAN BE ORGANIZED AND MAINTAINED.



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“GOP DATA CENTER”

THE FIRST PLACE YOU WANT TO ENTER VOTER INFORMATION IS IN GOP DATA CENTER, THE MASTER GEORGIA VOTER FILE. GOP DATA CENTER IS A PRODUCT OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUT IS ADMINISTERED BY EACH STATE PARTY. IN GEORGIA, THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY PROVIDES ACCESS ON THE COUNTY, BUT GENERALLY NOT THE PRECINCT LEVEL. YOU MAY CONTACT YOUR COUNTY PARTY CHAIR FOR THE DATA FOR YOUR PRECINCT.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ST. #	ST. NAME	AGE	VOTE	OCC.	VOTE BY MAIL	YARD SIGN	BUMP. STICK.	VOL	COMMENTS
Jones	Julia	1003	Oak St.	48	RPV	secretary	N	N	Y	Y	phonebank
Jones	Randy	1003	Oak St.	52	--	plumber	N	N	N		
Smith	Cecilia	4828	Cedar St.	19	--	student	Y			N	out of town
Smith	Mary	4828	Cedar St.	43	RPV	CPA	N	Y	Y	Y	mailings
Smith	Tom	4828	Cedar St.	44	RPV	banker	N	Y	Y	N	donates \$
Telez	Margaret	1116	Elm St.	65	RPV	retired	Y	Y	N	N	
Telez	Xavier	1116	Elm St.	67	RPV	retired	Y	Y	N	Y	distribute lit.
Thomas	Bill	1276	Elm St.	40	DPV	lawyer					
Thomas	Deborah	1276	Elm St.	38	DPV	teacher					

ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEETS

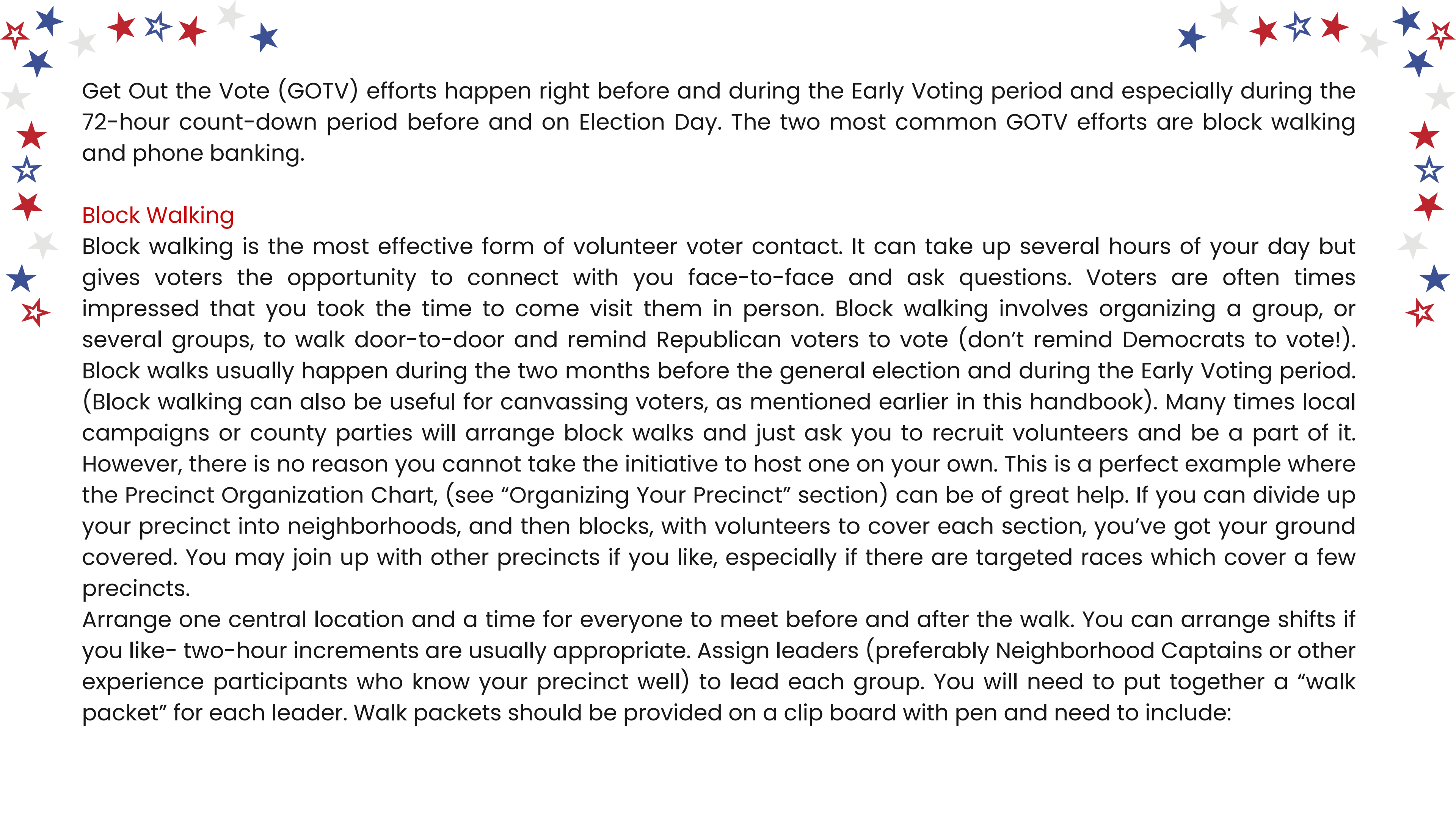
THE EASIEST WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PRECINCT’S REGISTERED VOTERS IS TO MAINTAIN A COMPUTERIZED DATABASE. MICROSOFT EXCEL® IS AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR CREATING AND MAINTAINING DATA IN A SPREADSHEET. EXCEL PROVIDES THE SPREADSHEET TEMPLATE, AND YOU SIMPLY CREATE FIELDS (COLUMNS OR ROWS) AND ENTER THE DATA BY CLICKING ON A BOX (“CELL”) AND TYPING AS NORMAL. YOU CAN CREATE FIELDS THAT MATCH YOUR CANVASS SHEETS EXACTLY. YOU CAN ALSO COMBINE DATA COLLECTED FROM CANVASSING AND DATA AVAILABLE IN “GOP DATA CONNECT” IF YOU LIKE.



Utilizing the Data



Once you have collected and saved your data—use it! Be sure to let campaigns know what households want yard signs, bumper stickers or campaign literature (or offer to pick it up and distribute it for them). Follow up with anyone who requested a voter registration card or needed extra time to fill it out. Put those to work who said they would be willing to volunteer—whether as a block worker, neighborhood captain, phone banker, etc. Inform the county party if you find any possible donors. Keep in touch with “undecided” voters who you might be able to persuade to vote Re-publican. All the information you have canvassed is incredibly valuable to Republican campaigns in your county and in the state.



Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts happen right before and during the Early Voting period and especially during the 72-hour count-down period before and on Election Day. The two most common GOTV efforts are block walking and phone banking.

Block Walking

Block walking is the most effective form of volunteer voter contact. It can take up several hours of your day but gives voters the opportunity to connect with you face-to-face and ask questions. Voters are often times impressed that you took the time to come visit them in person. Block walking involves organizing a group, or several groups, to walk door-to-door and remind Republican voters to vote (don't remind Democrats to vote!). Block walks usually happen during the two months before the general election and during the Early Voting period. (Block walking can also be useful for canvassing voters, as mentioned earlier in this handbook). Many times local campaigns or county parties will arrange block walks and just ask you to recruit volunteers and be a part of it. However, there is no reason you cannot take the initiative to host one on your own. This is a perfect example where the Precinct Organization Chart, (see "Organizing Your Precinct" section) can be of great help. If you can divide up your precinct into neighborhoods, and then blocks, with volunteers to cover each section, you've got your ground covered. You may join up with other precincts if you like, especially if there are targeted races which cover a few precincts.

Arrange one central location and a time for everyone to meet before and after the walk. You can arrange shifts if you like- two-hour increments are usually appropriate. Assign leaders (preferably Neighborhood Captains or other experience participants who know your precinct well) to lead each group. You will need to put together a "walk packet" for each leader. Walk packets should be provided on a clip board with pen and need to include:



- **List of targeted Republican addresses and maps to those houses**

(The easiest way to do this is through “GOP Data Center” which has the ability to pull an organized list with maps for you, according to those you have flagged as Republicans. The other option is to do this individually via your canvass records. Organize the addresses into the appropriate blocks and perhaps print maps yourself from online sources such as MapQuest, Yahoo! Maps or Google Maps.)

- **Canvass sheet to record new information you find out about these voters**

(You can use the model provided earlier in this handbook and customize it for a block walk, or “GOP Data Center” can create canvass sheets specifically for the walk sheets you pull. Include Name and Phone Number. Were they home or did you leave literature at their door?

Have the people voted yet? Will they vote for your candidate? Include a space for additional comments). Have cars available to drive each group to their walk locations. Consider providing water, coffee and/or snacks before and after the walk.

Literature with polling locations and times is an excellent item to distribute to voters when walking. Many times local campaigns or your local election office will have items like these. Otherwise consider creating some yourself (you can get polling locations and times from your County Chair or local elections office). Only distribute these items by hand to the voter or leave it at their doorstep; NEVER put anything in or on the mailbox—this is illegal.

Phone Banking

Studies have repeatedly shown that having an informed, motivated volunteer talking with fellow voters over the phone is very effective for reaching many voters in a short amount of time. It's great for those who don't want to walk or don't feel comfortable on the computer, and they can come and go on their own time.

Phone banking involves having a group of volunteers scheduled to arrive at a particular place where phones are set up (either hard lines or mobile phones) and calling lists and phone scripts are available. Many times local campaigns or county parties will arrange these and just ask you to recruit volunteers and be a part of it. However, there is no reason you cannot take the initiative to host one on your own (as mentioned earlier in this handbook, phone banking can be a great way for you to canvass voters).

This will take a few people from your precinct team to prepare and at least one to oversee the activity and be available to answer questions. You may join up with other precincts if you like, especially if there are targeted races which cover a few precincts.

Possible phone bank locations are the county party headquarters, campaign headquarters, or local (non-corporate) businesses. Try to use a place that has easy access and parking for volunteers. Avoid having volunteers making calls from home if possible.

Depending on the space you are using, hard lines may be accessible. Mobile phones can often be borrowed from local campaigns.

The best place to pull calling lists is from GOP Data Center or from your own canvassing records. You only want to pull names and phone numbers of those voters that have been identified as Republican voters. Divide the call list up among your volunteers. Create canvassing sheets (using model provided earlier in this handbook, or GOP Data Center can create canvass sheets specifically for the call lists you pull) for them to record the results of each call. (Include Name and Phone Number. Did they answer or did you reach a voicemail box? Have the people voted yet? Will they vote for your candidate? Include a space for additional comments.).

Below is a sample phone script for your volunteers to use. Customize this to the election or campaign to which you are referring, and to whether you are calling during Early Voting or the 72-hour period.



Phone Bank Benefits

NOTE: You can obtain polling locations from your county chairman or local elections office. Communicate with the local party or local campaigns about possibilities for rides to the polls before offering this.

Be prepared to answer basic questions about the candidate(s) or issues you are supporting, or being a Republican in general. If voters ask questions you cannot answer, direct them to particular campaigns or to the county party or local elections office.

The Precinct Chairman (or the organization in charge of the phone bank) should receive all the canvass sheets filled out during the phone bank. Reviewing this data can inform you who you can stop making phone calls to (wrong phone numbers, those who have already voted, or those who will not be supporting your candidate) or who to call again during your next phone bank session (anyone you did not reach or who has not voted yet). You may also learn other information like who may be interested in helping your cause in other ways than voting (they may ask for a yard sign or to come make calls with you next time).

Phone Volunteer: "Hello, Mr./Ms. _____. My name is _____, and I am a volunteer for (candidate's name or county party). I am calling to remind you to vote in the _____ election on (dates and times). Your polling location is _____." (See Note below)

Voter: "Thank you."

Phone Volunteer: "Will you need a ride to the polls?" (see Note below)

Voter: "Yes" or "No".

Phone Volunteer: "If you need a ride, we'll be glad to have someone call you and make arrangements."

Voter: "Thank you."

Phone Volunteer: "Thank you for your support and have a great day."

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Tools of the Precinct Chairman



These items are good to have on hand throughout the year:

Republican Platform. All good Republicans should know what they believe.

Copies of the Republican Party platform are available at https://prod-static.gop.com/media/Resolution_Platform.pdf?_gl=1*192ikcx*_gcl_au*NDM0OTQ3MjAyLjE2OTA2NjU2NDQ.&_ga=2.235866177.1702230370.1690665644-239638218.1690665644

Democrat Platform. All good Republicans know what they don't believe. Copies of the Democrat Party platform are available at <https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform/>

Precinct Convention attendance list. Voters who attend their precinct convention are a prime source for volunteer recruitment.

Voter Registration forms and Change of Address forms. Always be ready to register a Republican to vote. You may help anyone register to vote, but there are certain rules you must follow that are outlined on the Voter Registration Drive page of the Secretary of State's website. Please view the materials on the website before conducting a voter registration drive program at <https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-registering-vote>

Historical General Election Results by Precinct. This can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.ga.gov/page/georgia-election-results>

By keeping track of this data over several election cycles, it can be determined if the precinct is improving for Republicans, declining in strength, or staying the same.

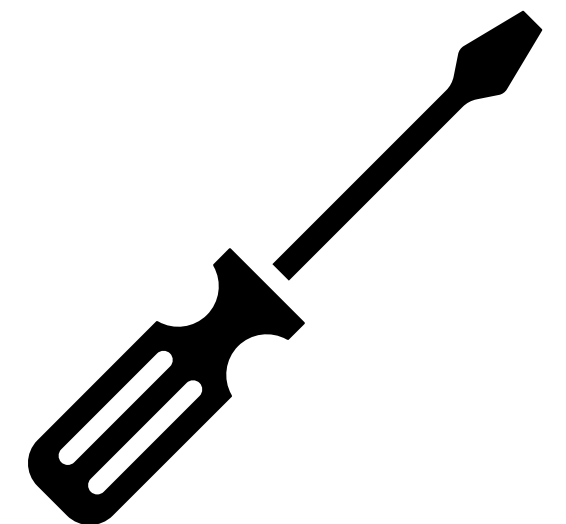
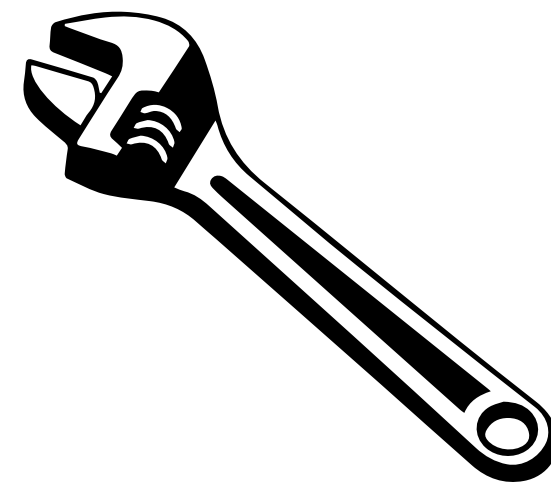
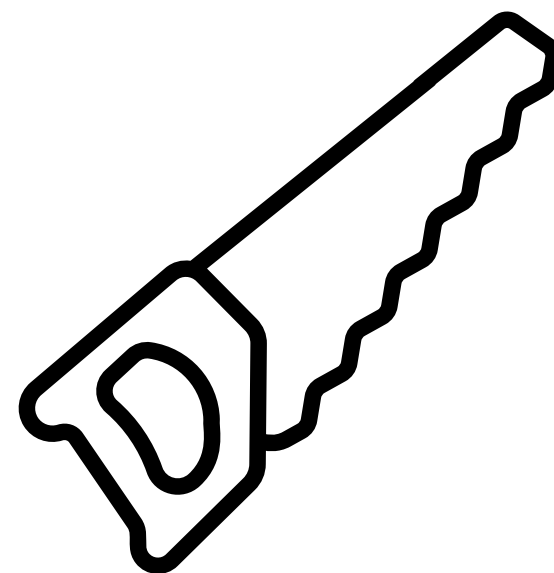
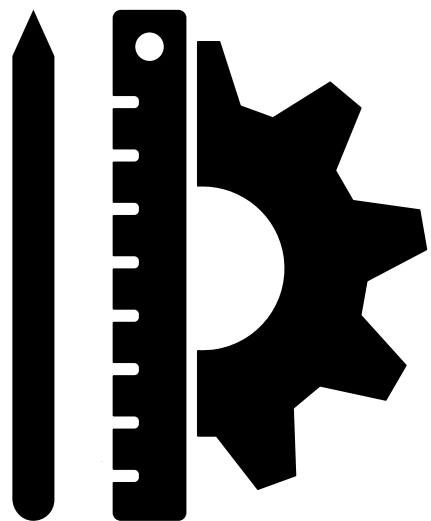
More tools of the Precinct Chairman

Canvassing Sheets: Use these to keep notes when you meet new people or walk your neighborhood. A sample canvass sheet is found in this handbook.

Sample Ballot: Get acquainted early with the races on your ballot. It will surprise you how many people do not know the offices for which they can vote.

Poll Locations list: Voters frequently do not know where they can go vote (and it is common for locations to change). You can also find voting locations on the Fulton County Elections website at <https://www.fultoncountyga.gov/inside-fulton-county/fulton-county-departments/registration-and-elections/find-my-polling-site>

Applications for Absentee Ballot by Mail: You will encounter people who say they will support Republican candidates but will be away on Election Day and during the early voting period. By providing these people with a mail-in application, you will gain a vote that likely would not otherwise be cast. You can get these from your local elections office.



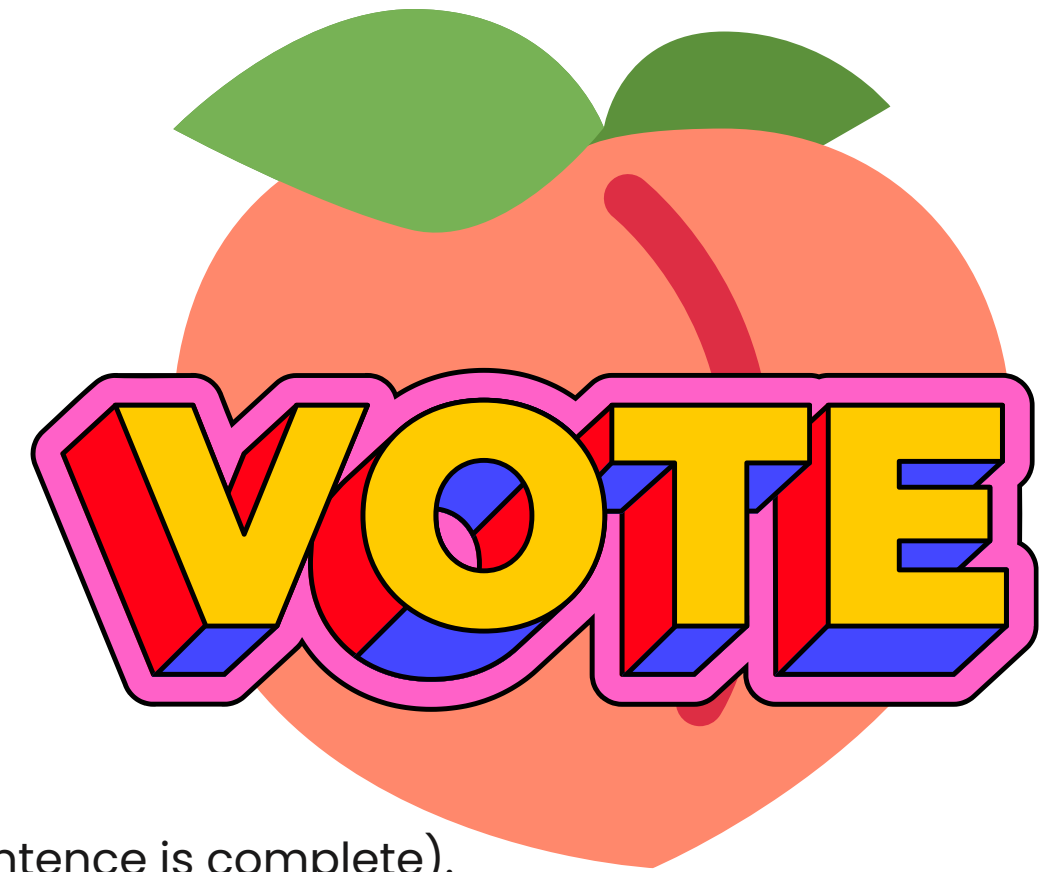
Party Structure

Now you know the best practices for organizing and working your precinct, it is important to have a general understanding of where the precinct fits in the Republican Party at the county, state, and national levels, as well as to understand the convention process, the Georgia election cycle and to know what documents govern the party.

Below is a graphic that shows how the foundation of everything in the Republican Party is the Grassroots Volunteers. There is no Republican Party without the local volunteer, there are no conventions, or anything else.



Voter Qualifications in GA



Keep this information in mind or on hand when encouraging voter registration.

Qualifications for voting (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §21-2-216):

- You must be a citizen of the state and of the United States.
- You must be at 18 years of age in Election Day.
- You must be a resident of this state and the county.
- You must not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude (unless the sentence is complete).
- You must not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.
- You must be registered to vote.

How to Register to Vote (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §21-2-220):

- Complete a voter registration application available at any government office and mail or present it in person to your county Voter Registrar's office.
 - Complete a voter registration application and give it to a Deputy Voter Registrar to deliver to your county Voter Registrar's office.
 - Complete a voter registration application online at <http://registertovote.sos.ga.gov>.
 - A person may register to vote at any time, but the application must be received by the Voter Registrar at least 30 days before an election in order to vote in that election.
 - A person may register to vote at 17 years and 6 months of age but may not vote until age 18.
- How to Vote Early by Mail (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §21-2-381):
- Send a request for an absentee mail-in ballot to your county Elections Office by mail. An application form can be found on the County Elections website
 - *The application must be in writing and signed by the applicant. It must have the name of the applicant, the address at which the applicant is registered to vote, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, and the date of the election the application is being made. Using an official form is not required.*
 - *An application for absentee ballot can be submitted online through the Secretary of State's website <https://securevote.ga.com>.*
 - *Upon approval, a ballot will be mailed to you with instructions on how to mail the completed ballot back.*



Please do not hesitate to utilize the many GAGOP resources that are available to you!

Local County Elections Office – Local Precinct Maps and Voter Lists

Your local county election office can provide you with detailed maps of your precinct and the most recent list of registered voters for your county.

Republican Party of Georgia Staff– If you have questions regarding statewide issues, RPG staff is available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. You can contact the GAGOP Headquarters at 404-257-5559.

www.GAGOP.org is the web address

The GAGOP website hosts a wealth of information on party news and activities, as well as contact information for elected officials and party leadership organizations. Other resources include RPG Rules, RPG Platform, the Party Structure and the Convention Process. Visiting and directing others to our website is a great way to stay informed.

GOP Data Center

GOP Data Center is a system that was developed by a private vendor on contract with the RNC, and the RNC is the national administrator. The data is updated by the RPG to assist grassroots leaders and candidates in contacting voters. The system allows you to access information about registered voters in your area and also to identify voters you have met by Party and issue affiliations. See more information under “Maintaining Records” section.