

NCDEMOCRATS

2026 PRECINCT ORGANIZING

Guide for Precinct Leaders

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THE PLAN

POLITICS IS FOR POWER. WE ORGANIZE TO BUILD POWER.

In 2026, North Carolina Democrats have three statewide goals:

1. Re-elect Justice Anita Earls to the State Supreme Court.
2. Elect Roy Cooper as our next US Senator, flipping this seat from red to blue.
3. Hold the three Democratic seats on the Court of Appeals.

Democrats are also ready to compete aggressively and win more seats in the North Carolina House and Senate, loosening the GOP's grip on the General Assembly. Voters will choose their representatives in Congress and elect sheriffs, county commissioners, school board members, and others down the ballot.

YOUR ROLE

As Precinct officers and volunteers, your job is to increase the number of votes for Democrats in your precinct. Here's how:

- 1) Participate in County Party meetings and election activities. Make sure the County Party has a good email and phone number for you, so you can stay informed about events that educate voters and support our Democratic candidates.
- 2) Become an Anytime Canvasser with Field Team Justice. Get the tools to talk to voters near you about the judges on our ballot. Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month to learn more: www.ncdp.org/justice.
- 3) Find folks who will join you. This job is all about forming relationships with your neighbors! Set a goal to build a relationship with 10 new Democrats in your precinct in 2026.
- 4) Get trained. NCDP will offer Zoom training for precinct leaders on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 pm: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncdems/event/885834/>

MEETING AGENDA

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Below is an agenda for a countywide or individual precinct organizing meeting! This meeting is led by the precinct chair or another precinct member in the chair's absence.

1. Circulate Sign-in Form (**Form A**, pages 4-6).
2. Quick introductions (30 seconds each!). *Who are you? Where do you live? What's your political experience? Why are you here today?*
3. Confirm quorum (five registered Democrats who live in the precinct).
4. Review this agenda with attendees. Read aloud the precinct roles & responsibilities overview (page 3).
 - a. If needed, hold elections to fill vacancies for precinct chair, vice chair, and secretary.
5. Elect Delegates to the County Convention.
6. Complete the precinct certification form (**Form B**, page 7). If applicable, also complete the precinct cluster form (**Form C**, page 8).
7. Announcements (page 10-11). *Ask everyone to take out their calendars/phones.*
 - a. Precinct trainings: March 10 at 6 pm (sign up on **Form A**)
 - b. Join Field Team Justice: February 25 and March 25 (www.ncdp.org/justice)
 - c. County Convention date and location
8. Call for donations to support the county party (see goal on **Form B**).
9. Call for resolutions to be considered at the County Convention.
10. Double-check **Forms A, B, and C**. Take a picture of each of the forms and return each of the forms to your County Chair.
11. Adjourn.

PRECINCT OFFICERS

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Each organized precinct must have a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who serve two-year terms. The Vice Chair should, where possible, be of a different gender identity from the Chair and should, where possible, be of a race other than that of the Chair. No officers of the precinct committee shall be from the same immediate family residing in the same household. Precinct officers may not also work for the Board of Elections. Unaffiliated individuals are warmly welcome to organize with us; however, only registered Democrats may serve as precinct officers or Convention Delegates.

In 2026, elections are only required to fill vacancies on the Precinct Officer Leadership Team. If your precinct holds elections, the results should be recorded on the Sign-In Sheets (page 4-6). Please review the Plan of Organization for more details (www.ncdp.org/plan).

CHAIR

The duties of the Precinct Chair shall include:

- Preside at Precinct Meetings.
- Inform precinct members about all Democratic Party events and activities.
- Establish reasonable political goals for the precinct.
- Organize and execute a voter organizing plan.
- Attend meetings of the County Executive Committee.
- Recommend names of persons to serve as precinct elections officials.

VICE CHAIR

The duties of the Precinct Vice Chair shall include:

- Serve as the publicity chair for the precinct.
- Preside at precinct meetings in the absence of the Chair.

SECRETARY

The duties of the Precinct Secretary shall include:

- Keep all records, including minutes, of the precinct committee.
- Issue meeting notices within the timeframe outlined in the Plan of Organization.
- Preside at precinct meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

PRECINCT SIGN-IN SHEETS

[FORM A]

Please collect all information below for every precinct meeting attendee. Return sign-in sheets to your County Chair.

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Phone	Email						
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PRECINCT MEETING CERTIFICATION

[FORM B]

How to use this form: County Chairs should complete the box at the top before the precinct meeting. Precinct Chairs must return this form along with the Sign-In Sheets to the County Chair in order for the precinct to be considered organized.

DELEGATE ALLOCATION AND FUNDRAISING GOAL

Precinct: _____

Number of County Convention votes allotted: _____

Your precinct has this many votes at the County Convention. County Convention Delegates are entitled to their full voting strength if the precinct has elected a minimum of 5 delegates, or at least 1 delegate for each vote to which it was entitled, whichever number is smaller. You may also elect up to twice as many delegates who will share these votes.

Fundraising goal: \$ _____

MEETING DETAILS

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Meeting Organizer Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

2025-2027 PRECINCT LEADERSHIP

Precinct Chair: _____ ☐ Continuing ☐ Newly elected

Precinct Vice Chair: _____ ☐ Continuing ☐ Newly elected

Precinct Secretary: _____ ☐ Continuing ☐ Newly elected

SIGNATURE

2025-2027 Precinct Chair

PRECINCT CLUSTER REPORTING

[FORM C]

How to use this form: Before organizing as a cluster, precinct leaders should seek approval from the County Executive Committee and confirm their eligibility to cluster with their County Chair. After the meeting, complete this form and submit it to the County Chair along with the Meeting Certification Form (Form B).

County Officers should forward this form to NCDP (rods@ncdp.org) to report their cluster. NCDP will use this information to build reports that accurately reflect precinct clusters.

CLUSTER DETAILS

County: _____

Cluster Name: _____

PRECINCTS IN THE CLUSTER	# ATTENDEES

Have the conditions for clustering been met?

- ☐ The County Executive Committee has approved clustering.
- ☐ Each of the precincts has been unorganized for the past 2 years.
- ☐ Each precinct in the cluster shares a border with at least one other precinct in the cluster.
- ☐ There are at least 2 and no more than 5 precincts in the cluster.
- ☐ At least 1 Democrat is present from each precinct in the proposed cluster.
- ☐ There are fewer than 5 Democrats present from any precinct in the proposed cluster. (A precinct with 5+ Democrats in attendance should organize on its own.)

WHAT'S NEXT?

YOU'RE ORGANIZED. NOW, MAKE A PLAN TO TAKE ACTION.

As a Precinct Chair, your job is to increase the number of votes for Democrats in your precinct. It's about forming relationships with your neighbors—and there are many different ways to go about it!

PLAN THE NEXT ACTION

The best place to begin is to plan an event, and then start inviting people! Here are some ideas:

- Host a precinct social
- Knock doors
- Do a service project
- Make calls
- Attend a rally together
- Register voters

Want a ready-made, self-scheduled event? Become an “Anytime Canvasser” with Field Team Justice. The NC Democratic Party provides the tools you need to talk with voters about the Democratic judges on the ballot this year—and you provide the team. Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month to learn more: www.ncdp.org/justice.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Staff help. In 2023, NCDP launched its year-round, statewide organizing program, called Project 100. Paid staff are available to help you connect with Democrats in your precinct, for example, by providing you with a list of reliable Democratic voters in your precinct. You can reach your Regional Organizing Director at rods@ncdp.org or by joining office hours on Thursdays at 3 pm at www.ncdp.org/organizing-office-hours.

Training. NCDP's Training Director offers weekly Zoom trainings for volunteers who want to learn how to canvass, register voters, use Votebuilder, and more! You can find upcoming training opportunities on www.mobilize.us. Browse recorded trainings on the NCDP Training Library on YouTube.

Messaging Guidance. NCDP's weekly content package includes graphics and messaging that you can use on social media and in emails to your precinct members. Sign up to receive it at www.ncdp.org/support.

KEY DATES

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PLAN A PRECINCT EVENT

Event: _____

Date and Location: _____

Next Step: _____

ATTEND PRECINCT LEADER ONBOARDING

NCDP Training Director Kristy Boer is offering training for new and returning precinct leaders! You will learn how to use our organizing tools and what it really takes to get your neighbors to the polls. This training is open to all new and returning precinct officers and committee members.

- **Date:** March 10 at 6 pm
- **Register:** <https://www.mobilize.us/ncdems/event/885834/>
**Please be sure that sign-ups from the paper sign-in sheets also get registered in Mobilize. This task can be done by one data-entry volunteer; email rods@ncdp.org if you have questions.*

SAVE THE DATES! COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

At the County Convention in March, you will have a chance to elect committee leaders and representatives to the Congressional District Convention.

Date and time: _____

Location: _____

Save the date for the Congressional District Conventions in May!

Date and time: _____

Location: _____