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Choose Your Precinct's Strategy

Precinct Self-Evaluation Worksheet

This Precinct Self-Evaluation Worksheet can help you determine where your precinct stands and the pages following suggest a best strategy you should then follow. There are 5 categories that allow you to scale your precinct from zero to high performance. You can assess, check your progress, and look for ideas on how to build your precinct by following the strategy explained under "Choosing Your Precinct's Strategy—Pro Tips for All Levels." As you work through the strategy, you'll determine what are the three things you can accomplish in the next two months 1) to reach the next level before the election and 2) to improve your precinct's organizational readiness.

To have the data you need to complete the first four questions in this evaluation, download the Voter Database for your precinct. (Precinct Leaders will have access to this database after the first PL training.)

- Total number of precinct households._____
- What does your precinct's voter registration numbers look like?
 - How many Republican voters? _____
 - How many Unaffiliated voters?______
 - How many Democrat voters? _____
- Do you have a Co-Leader? _____
- How many committed team members? ______

- How many Block Captains? ______
- Do you hold regular meetings? ______
- Trainings? _____
- Is canvassing occurring? ______
- Any Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts? _______

Now review the 5 categories of precincts and determine where your precinct stands. Then begin to assess your best strategy going forward. To add focus to this process, ask yourself:

What are 3 things you can accomplish in the next two months to reach the next level before the election and to improve your precinct's organizational readiness? Write your precinct's strategy (# volunteers, Block Captains, Canvassers, Phone Callers) and your Voter Contact Plan.

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If you don't set goals for yourself,

you are doomed to work to achieve the goals of someone else.

Choosing Your Precinct's Strategy

Pro Tips for All Levels

At All Levels: The following activities are good for all precincts.

- Assemble and keep up-to-date the information you need: voter lists, precinct maps, and contacts.
- Continue recruiting new block captains and volunteers. Plan for natural attrition – it happens! We're all volunteers.
- All new and existing team members should review the voter rolls in the precinct and see whom they know who <u>might be potential team members</u>. Having a buddy makes this easier and more fun!
- Review support materials and maintain contact with your House District Captain or Training Chair.
- Review and disseminate to your team the appropriate communications from the County, State and National parties.
- Walk with local candidates, especially on the county-wide lit drop days. Encourage others to walk, too! It's lots more fun together.
- Actively participate in Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts. It's one of the most critical steps to ensure victory.

Check Your Progress

What's Your Precinct Strategy?

Level 0:

Precinct has no committed team members, no one willing to be Co-Precinct Leader, no Block Captains, no meetings, no canvassing, no GOTV. In practical terms, none of us is at Level 0 because simply by having one person committed to making a difference in their precinct, the precinct is already onto Level 1!

Try this to reach the next level:

- Find at least one committed person in the precinct willing to be a point of contact.
- Schedule a house party to drum up interest expand to quarterly. Keep meetings informative, but fun. Don't be discouraged your first meeting may not be well attended... that's normal!
- Have everyone willing go through the precinct list of Republicans to see if there is anyone known who can be called upon to help.
- Introduce any committed team members to the materials and resources available.
- Have any committed team members walk/drive the precinct to become familiar with the boundaries.

Check Your Progress

What's Your Precinct Strategy?

Level 1:

1-2 committed team members, one person willing to be Co-Precinct Leader, no Block Captains, no regular meetings, no regular canvassing. Voter turnout is improved by GOTV efforts.

Try this to reach the next level:

- Attend your House District meeting to meet and share ideas with other Precinct Leaders and keep up on current Republican events. You can also find out about Precinct Leader training there.
- Schedule a precinct meeting. Find a place that is cheap or free, preferably adjacent to refreshments or have someone bring them. Local coffee shops are a good option, rotate between them and someone's home. Don't be discouraged – your first meeting may not be well attended... that's normal!
- Go find some friends who can be your team members. You can call Republicans from your Voters List who have voted the last 2-3 elections or walk your precinct, targeting houses of active Republicans, or just hit all Republican households.
- Find a Republican community event to promote and use it to get the word out so you can find team members.

- Have the team familiarize themselves with the precinct and the support materials and resources available. Schedule training for any that have not had it.
- Plan a basic GOTV strategy in conjunction with your HD based upon your precincts resources and what it can handle. Push the limits and inspire the team members to reach your goals, be aware that you may not reach all of them. It's OK to work with what is available—we are all volunteers!

A successful person is one who went ahead and did the thing the rest of us never quite got around to.

Check Your Progress

What's Your Precinct Strategy

Level 2:

3-5 committed team members, including co-precinct leader, a possible Block Captain, some meetings, improving GOTV efforts.

Try this to reach the next level:

- Create a newsletter or regular e-mailing from the Precinct Leaders to team members and interested people in the precinct.
- Canvass for team members and meetings. Strive to reach at least 75% of the Republicans in the precinct.
- Look for Block Captains to commit to keeping 30 or so Republican households informed and to hit the same households regularly, especially for GOTV.
- All team members have received canvassing training and experience.
- Improved GOTV-lit drop to all Republican households using sample ballots/doorhangers from the county party. Bonus for literature drops with local candidates to reach unaffiliated household.

Check Your Progress

What's Your Precinct Strategy

Level 3:

5-7 committed team members, Co-Precinct Leader, several Block Captains, regular meetings and trainings, some canvassing and great GOTV efforts. Not all areas covered by Block Captains.

Try this to reach the next level:

- Set plan for 100% Block Captain coverage, and go out and find them
- Regular attendance by representatives at relevant club and GOP meetings with reports back to the precinct.
- Plan a precinct-wide social event and invite candidates to attend; canvass to get Republicans to the event.
- GOTV has 100% canvass for all Republican households canvassing with sample ballots/doorhangers from the county party. Plus literature drops with local candidates to reach unaffiliated households.

Choosing Your Precinct's Strategy

Levels of Precinct Organization

Level 4:

7-10 committed team members, Co-Precinct Leader, several Block Captains, regular meetings and trainings, consistent canvassing that supports candidates and good GOTV efforts.

Try this to stay in top form:

- Mentor a neighboring precinct or adopt a Level 0 precinct to help the county party grow!
- Regular attendance by representatives at relevant club and GOP meetings with reports back to the precinct(s).
- Host a multi-precinct social event and invite candidates to attend. Organize multi-precinct canvass activities to get Republicans to the event.

Set a goal to improve GOTV from the last election using all Republican and right-leaning unaffiliated households canvassing with sample ballots/doorhangers from the county party. Plus literature drops with local candidates to reach unaffiliates.

Your Precinct's Strategy

Sample Annual Plan

Building Your Team:

- November Precinct debrief session about the election. Review the precinct's data/stats from the election. Based on this year's experiences, write your plan for success for next year including goals for the upcoming year's elections. Review job descriptions.
- December -- Break
- January Organize your precinct calendar. Plan your annual precinct meeting . . . make it interesting, fun, and social.
- February -- Annual Precinct Meeting. Make recruiting a topic (especially if it's a caucus year). If it's an even-numbered year, send post card invites for caucus.
- March -- Caucuses one of best places to recruit volunteers. Have a list of tasks prepared to suggest ways in which they might help. Get them involved immediately.

Serving Your Neighborhood:

- April/May Canvass your neighborhood with GOAL: of canvassing EVERY Republican in the precinct and recording their info in the precinct's database.
- June -- Participate in a Republican event, plan a neighborhood event, community service project or participate in a festival booth.
- June/July Find all Reps that have moved into the neighborhood in the past year. Welcome them to the neighborhood.
- July -- Hold a cookout/social for all Republicans in the precinct. Invite local candidates to join the event. Canvass with a Candidate.

Prepare for Elections:

- August/September -- Solidify precinct's physical organization e.g. which area is considered Sam's block and which is Liz's block. Recruit new volunteers for the election. Canvass the precinct. Conduct a Lit Drop for candidates if you haven't already.
- October As ballots drop into mailboxes begin your GOTV Canvass of "low hanging fruit" and plan for day-of-election phone calls and visits to chase voters who haven't cast their ballot.

72 Hours to Go until Election Day:

- Contact every Republican voter who has not turned in a ballot to make sure they know where their local ballot drop box is located and know it is due by 7 pm for their vote to be counted!
- Remind Voters that they can also go in person on election day to a Voter Service & Polling Center to vote in person. Locations and hours are available online at Denvergov.org, Denver Voting Maps, Denver Maps Where to vote, 2023.
- Post-Election: In the 8 days after the election, help any close races with the ballot chase process to ensure any ballots that were not accepted for processing are cured so their vote will be counted. The county party will coordinate efforts should there be any local races in this category.

FUN ACTIVITY: One of the most powerful words I the English language is "HOW." How can I make 25 calls/week? How can I get 40% of the doors/calls actually answered? This can be a fun challenge for you and others. There's a huge chasm between "I want that" and "I'm committed to that" and the difference is often small, often repetitive actions every day.

Your Precinct's Strategy

HOW TO REGISTER REPUBLICAN VOTERS

GOAL: to increase Republican vote registrations inyour precinct and in Denver County

HOW:

The easiest and quickest way to register voters (they may do this themselves or change their voter registration) is by going to <u>www.GOVOTECOLORADO.com</u>. If you wish to register a voter while you are walking your precinct, bring this site up on your cell phone and let the person register online that way.

You must be certified to do traditional paper voter registration, but it is NOT NOW AVAILABLE. If interested, you will be notified about how to do traditional voter registration when the training becomes available.

TIPS:

- Watch for "'For Sale" signs in your precinct. When new people move in, introduce yourself as the Republican Precinct Leader. If they indicate interest in Republicans, ask if you can help them with voter registration.
- Help out at the Republican booths at Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, Dragon Boat Festival, Fiestas Patrias or other local festivals that you think will be friendly to our GOP. Contact your church to see if they will allow voter registration.
- Ask if there's anyone in the household who will turn 18 by the Election Day (November 5, 2024). If so, offer to register them.

Sample Script: Introduce Yourself, Gather Information & Recruit Team Members

STEP I: Ask for the Republican voter(s) by name. Introduce yourself as a neighbor and volunteer for the Republicans.

- Say you're checking voter registration and say, "I have these people registered at this address." The person will usually immediately correct or verify.
- Then confirm that the rest of the information you have for them is correct and *be sure to get their email address.*
- Ask: "Is there anyone in the house who will turn 18 by election day or anyone else who would like to register Republican?" If so, you can offer to call GOVOTECOLORADO.COM, hand them your phone and they can register on the spot.
- If they seem comfortable talking, go to **Step 2.**
- If seem undecided: Ask, "Would it be all right if I left you some information to look over and then if you decide you would like to get involved, you can contact me at this number? [point to number]
- If say, I'm voting **Democratic**, say, "In that case, I won't take up any of your time. Thank you."
- STEP 2: If you could talk with the candidates, what would you tell them you'd like to see?
 - LISTEN. If the person shows interest in Republican issues, then Step 3
 - If UNDECIDED, "I haven't decided whom I'll vote for."
 - Get the person talking. "Many of the people I've talked with in this neighborhood have expressed a concern about . . . (e.g., crime in our neighborhood or education.) Do you think that . . . (we need to enforce laws or tighten laws to bring this under control?)
 - If the person seems to be talking themselves into voting Republican, remind them to get their
 - ballots turned in by 7 pm on Election Day or information on getting involved.
 - Go to Step 4.

STEP 3: "Have you thought about getting involved?"

- If YES, talk with them about how they could help and jot down their information to follow up.
- Once survey is complete, "Thank you! Together, we can make a difference!"

STEP 4: "Do you know of any other neighbors we might want to contact?

- If YES: "Would you be willing to talk with them?"
 - If YES, offer to go over with them to meet the neighbor
 - If NO, go visit the neighbor yourself.

STEP 5 (IF APPLICABLE): "Do you know about your voting options like the nearest polling centers and ballot drop off boxes?"

STEP 6: "Spread the word that OVER 1/3 OF DENVER REPUBLICAN VOTERS LEFT THEIR BALLOTS ON THE KITCHEN TABLE LAST YEAR."

No vote is a vote!

Thank them for their time.

If you can speak, you can influence.

If you can influence, you can change lives.

Sample Script: GOTV First 36 Hrs – Door or Phone

GOAL: Turn every potential Republican vote into a vote cast!

GOTV (Get Out The Vote) Steps: KEEP IT QUICK!

- 1. Introduce yourself as a neighbor and Republican volunteer.
- **2. Inquire** if the person will vote Republican (if no, thank them and leave/hang up).
- **3. Remind** of Election Day and educate about importance of early voting. Offer ride to polls. Offer to take ballot to poll. Can leave literature.
- 4. Gain commitment to vote.
- 5. Thank.

SAMPLE SCRIPT

YOU: Hi, I'm [Jane Doe], a neighbor and GOP volunteer for our precinct. I'm out/calling today with other Republicans from our neighborhood, and we're talking with voters. Do you plan to vote for the Republicans this year?

If "NO," thank them for their time and leave.

- If "YES," say: Great! I want to remind you to vote and to let you know about the voting options available this year. Do you know where your local polling center or ballot drop box are located? (If 'No,' tell locations.). I'll be happy to deliver it there for you if you wish.
 - Do you have any **questions** about the election or about voting?
 - **Thank** you so much for talking with me today.
 - Over 1/3 OF DENVER REPUBLICAN VOTERS LEFT THEIR BALLOTS ON THE KITCHEN TABLE LAST YEAR. We need to change this defeatist attitude or we'll never change the outcome. Can we count on you to commit to voting this year? Great! Please make sure your ballot is turned in by 7 pm on Election Day. Voter intensity wins elections!

Sample Script: GOTV Last 36 Hrs Door or Phone

Hi, _____, this is _____, the GOP Precinct Leader for our neighborhood. I noticed that the Denver Election Division has not recorded receipt of your ballot. Have you had a chance to vote yet?

[IF YES] Thank you so much for voting!

[IF NO] This is such a pivotal year and it will be voter intensity that wins this election.
Last year over 1/3 of Denver Republican voters left their ballots on the kitchen table.
Don't let the media diminish your right to vote by claiming we don't have a chance.

Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:00 PM is the deadline to get your ballot in. At last check only ____% of Republican ballots have been returned. To vote in person, you must be in line at the Voting Center **by 7 PM** on Election Day. Your closest Election Center and drop box is at ______. It's safest to turn your ballot in to a drop box or an Election Center instead of relying on the mail.

May I provide a ride to the polls or pick up and deliver your ballot to the drop box?

Please remember that **not to act is to act.** A vote <u>not</u> cast for a Republican is a vote for the Democrat including leaving the ballot space blank, so we would urge you to vote for ALL of our Republican candidates. We have some great people running!

Thank you for voting!

VOTER INTENSITY WINS ELECTIONS!

Template: Written Note of Introduction To Those Not Home

Hi! Sorry I missed you. I'm the Republican Precinct Leader for our precinct (give number) and wanted to introduce myself. I'm a neighbor and am volunteering for the candidates in this year's election. There are (number) candidates in particular I want to call to your attention:

- Candidate #1
- Candidate #2
- Candidate #3

I'm just trying to make sure people are aware of them and the stances they represent. It will be voter intensity that wins this election. Please don't let the media saying Republicans don't have a chance and steal your right to vote on November 5th.

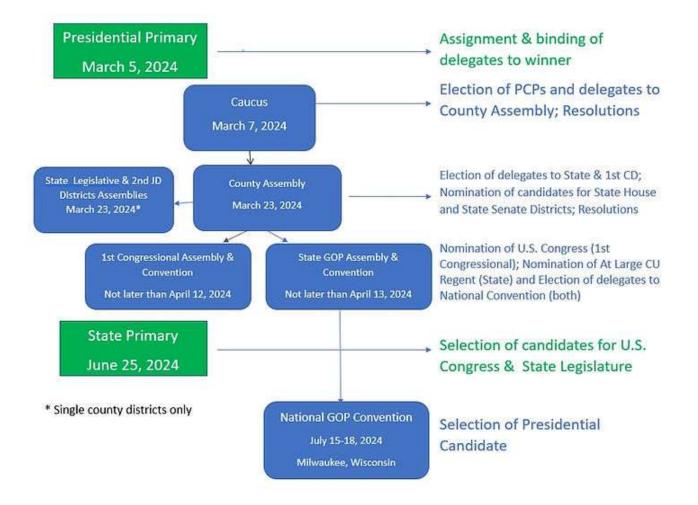
If you need a ride to the polls, someone to pick up your ballot to deliver it to our precinct Voting Center at (address), or if you have any questions about the election, please don't hesitate to call.

Thanks, (Name) (Phone #)

Who wants an . . . Open border? High interest rates? Lousy education? Woke military?

How the Caucus/Assembly/Convention System works in DenverCounty

(Presidential / Convention Election Years)



Caucus

Please note: This description of caucus applies to Denver County. There may be variations of what occurs at caucus depending on which county you live in.

What is a caucus?

Caucus is the first step in the process of party organization, leadership elections, and candidate nominations. They occur every two years during the even numbered years.

Several items of business occur at caucus. Two people are elected to fill the position of "Precinct Committee Person", often known as a "PCP". These are the leaders for the precinct. They are sometimes also as precinct chairs. These two PCPs serve a term of two years, up to and through the next caucus. PCPs also serve as members of the county's Central Committee, which elects all county party leaders, and is the main political governing body for the party for the county. Election judges are recruited at caucus.

At the caucus, delegates and alternates are elected to the County Assembly. These delegates and alternates will represent your precinct at the County Assembly, state legislative assemblies, and will elect delegates and alternates for the State Assembly and/or Conventions. Caucus participants can also submit and vote on resolutions for consideration at the County and State Assemblies.

When are the 2024 caucuses?

The next Republican caucus for the County of Denver will occur on Thursday, March 7, 2024. There may be other counties that will hold their caucus on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Who may participate?

Registered voters who have been affiliated with the Republican party for at least 22 days prior to the caucus, and who have resided in their precinct for at least 22 days.

Anyone is welcome to attend the caucus but must be registered with the Republican Party in their precinct in order to vote in the caucus.

If you turn 18 or become a U.S. citizen during the two-month period prior to the caucuses and registered to vote prior to the day of the caucuses, you may participate in the caucus.

What precinct do I live in?

Look it up at <u>www.govotecolorado.com</u>. Click on the "Find my registration" link and then click "County & District Information" to see your precinct and political districts. To access your voter information, you must enter your name, date of birth and zip code. The last three numbers of the ten-digit precinct number indicate your county precinct number.

Where is my precinct caucus?

Locations of the precinct caucus will be announced in the late fall.

What time do the caucuses start?

Caucus meetings start at 7:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to show up about thirty minutes early for check in.

County and District Assemblies

Please Note: This description of county assembly and district assemblies applies to Denver County. There may be variations of what occurs depending on which county you live in.

County Assembly

The county assembly is convened to designate county candidates for the primary election and to select delegates and alternates to higher district assemblies and the state assembly. A candidate needs at least 30% of the assembly votes cast to be placed on the primary election ballot.

Denver is a combined City and County. Denver does not elect county commissioners. The County Sheriff and Assessor are appointed by the mayor. Denver does not have a Treasurer. The Manager of Revenue is appointed by the mayor. The Clerk and Auditor are non-partisan elected positions.

The following committees are appointed for the county assembly: credentials, rules, and resolutions.

The following activities occur at the county assembly:

Adoption of Credential Committee Report Adoption of the Rules Ratification of the election of precinct committee persons. Ratification of delegates and alternates to higher legislative district assemblies. Delegates and alternates to the County assembly are the same for single county State House and Senate districts within the county. Election of First Congressional Assembly Delegates and Alternates Election of State Assembly Delegates and Alternates Denver elects their state delegates and alternates by district which are ratified by the county assembly. Adoption of Resolutions

The Denver County assembly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The assembly will start at 9:00 am with check in beginning at 8:30 am. The location will be announced when it has been confirmed.

District Assemblies

District assemblies designate candidates to the primary election ballot. Single County legislative district assemblies are held the same day as the county assembly. The following single county assemblies are associated with Denver County.

Second Judicial District

State House Districts (Single County) – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8.

State Senate Districts (2024) - 31 & 33

Multi County State House Districts - 3 and 9 meet at a separate time and location.

Multi County State Senate District - 26 will meet at a separate time and location.

First Congressional District Assembly and Convention. The date (not later than April 12, 2024) and location of this assembly and convention has not yet been determined.

State Assembly and Convention

The state assembly is held every two years on the even years.

The state assembly meets after the district and county assemblies and is held in April. The purpose of the state assembly is to nominate candidates for statewide offices to the primary election ballot.

A candidate needs at least 30% of the assembly votes cast to be placed on the primary election ballot.

In 2024 the assembly will designate candidates for At-Large Regent of the University of Colorado.

The assembly will also approve resolutions to constitute the platform of the Colorado Republican Party. It will also consider and adopt rules and conduct all other business of the Republican Party that may properly and lawfully come before such assembly.

In 2024 (Presidential Election Year), the state assembly and convention will be held. The state convention will select delegates and alternates to the national convention.

The date (not later than April 13, 2024) and location of the state assembly and convention have not yet been determined.

The national convention will select the party candidate for President and adopt a national platform. The selected Presidential candidate will nominate their Vice President running mate. The national convention in 2024 will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and will be held on July 15 – 18, 2024.

Republican Principles

Freedom—Freedom is given by God to all people and is the basis of our nation as established by our Founders. Freedom from tyranny is the cornerstone of our <u>Declaration of Independence</u> and is protected by our Constitution. As a nation, we continually and fervently guard our many guaranteed freedoms to ensure that they will last forever. The Republican Party was founded in 1854 to defeat slavery throughout our nation.

Limited Government—Our national government, and all state and local governments, were originally designed to be limited in scope by decentralizing authority. Our national and state Constitutions spell out the powers and limitations of government. They are specifically designed to prevent the abuse of power and corruption by all governmental representatives and officials and to ensure that all laws at every level are applied equally to all members of our society. This type of government allows businesses to thrive in a competitive and innovative environment, where taxes are kept low, and where individual potential and economic growth can be achieved. Limited governments protect individual rights while enacting only regulations and laws, and adding new departments and programs, which are limited, carefully-considered, and necessary to further protections and goals for the entire community.

Common Sense Fiscal Policies—Conservative governmental fiscal policies provide the most stable economy, curb inflationary prices, keep tax *rates* and *taxes* as low as possible, increase employment in all sectors, provide affordable and abundant energy, and reduce market interest rates. Limiting government spending to necessary services, balancing government budgets at all levels, encouraging a free and less regulated economy in which businesses of all sizes are able to thrive, and steadily paying off our astronomical \$32 Trillion+ national debt, lead to a welcoming and robust economy that benefits everyone.

Peace through Strength—A strong military and national defense are the best deterrents against foreign aggression, and strong border security is the best defense against the illegal trafficking of drugs, children, and persons who intend to do harm. Our national, state, and local governments have a responsibility to properly fund and manage our military defense, protection, and law enforcement officers and resources. All such measures aid in the domestic protection of all Americans and their guaranteed life, liberty, and right to pursue happiness. The great ability of our US military to protect Americans, and many others throughout the world, is due to our belief in the importance of peace through strength.

Strong Families—A foundational value of our nation is to provide a safe and strong culture that allows families to nurture, educate, and rear their children, and care for aging family

members, in a secure, strong, and non-threatening local, state, and national society and government. Families are the all-important basic unit of our nation.

Individualism—The spirit of the individual is the foundation of the United States as a world economic power. Each individual is important and has the right to be treated in that way. The success of the United States in almost every facet of human endeavor, invention, medicine, economic powerhouse, art, reduction of poverty, space, and education results from focusing on the individual and the tremendous opportunities and liberties available to all.

Personal Responsibility—Our tremendous freedoms in the United States are not free. For freedoms to survive, each individual must take personal responsibility for their own actions, decisions, and goals. It is the responsibility of our government officials and public policy to create and maintain communities in which individual efforts can and will be successful. Many achieve success, comfortable lives and futures, and financial security through exercising their freedoms to acquire education, work diligently, and remain accountable.

Education Rights —The success and future of our nation depend on rearing children with the best possible education. Children have the right to attend safe and drug-free schools. Every parent has the right and the primary responsibility to arrange for the most effective education for their children. Pre-K through 12 must focus primarily on providing quality basic education, including math, reading, writing, science, history, civics, the arts, and sports. To ensure that each child has the opportunity for the best possible education, each family should have the right to choose which school or other type of education will be best for each child. Payment vouchers equal to the public school total per-student cost for each child should be given annually to each family for use in paying for all or part of any form of Pre-K-12 education chosen by the family. The ability for parents to select schools for their children using a voucher system helps the United States stay competetive and strong, and helps individuals realize their dreams.

Opportunity for All—Only in the United States does everyone have the opportunity, through hard work, education, and determination, to chart one's own course, start a business, chase a dream, and build their own life, regardless of their gender, race, or religion. Throughout its history and primarily because of its free market economic system and the strong work ethic of Americans, the United States has provided many more opportunities for more individuals than any other country in the world. It is the responsibility of limited government to support these goals of the individuals and to not place legal or policy obstacles in their way without a valid and understandably important societal reason.

True Compassion and Assistance—Our successful society and culture help people rise to their potential. Government efforts to assist those in need should be truly helpful to those being assisted, not only caring for their immediate needs, but providing the resources to help them work their way out of their difficulties and back into society, while providing a safety net to those who are unable to do so.

Energy Independence—Dependence on foreign oil and energy threatens our national security and our economy. The United States must continue to develop and pursue our own domestic energy resources including, but not limited to: petroleum, natural gas, coal, hydro-electric, wind, solar, and nuclear.

Sanctity of Human Life—The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. We support the sanctity of human life.

The **United States Constitution** is as relevant today as it was on the day it was ratified. It is *not*, nor was it intended to be, an evolving, ever-changing document. Some of the most basic foundational rights in the Constitution include:

Amendment 1–the Rights of free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and for people to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 2-"...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

For the good of the United States, Republicans support our *Constitutional Republic*, its ideals, its institutions, and our nation's heritage of religious freedom, freedom of speech, and equal rights and equal justice for all–required to be preserved by and for its citizens.

The strength and founding of our nation derive from an adherence to Judeo-Christian values, which are based on the Ten Commandments. Citizens must be proactive in defending freedom at every level while recognizing the debt we owe those who came before us. We gladly acknowledge our duty to pass on the gifts of Liberty and Freedom to our children and grandchildren.

Declaration of Independence

Click on the Declaration of Independence link to read the full document.

Vigilance is a responsibility

Not a luxury!

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GET THE INFORMATION

District and Precinct Information and Maps

District maps can be found at <u>https://www.denvergop.org/organization</u> scroll down to your district and click the map icon. Contact and meeting information is here also. Please join us!

Precinct Leader Handbook and Toolkit

The Precinct Leader Handbook and Toolkit can be found at <u>www.denvergop.org</u>. Click on the 3 horizontal lines to the right and then click on Resources and then Training. You will need a password to gain access to this area and you'll receive that once you've completed the Precinct Leader training.

Precinct Registration

To find information on **your precinct's registration** can be found at <u>https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Clerk-and-Recorder/Elections-Division/Data-and-Maps</u>. Click Voter Date and then, in the horizontal menu under Current Registration, Click on "Current Registration Map" and then click on your precinct on the map for the most current registration information. You can also view the election results for your precinct by following the above link and clicking on Ballot Return Data and Election Results

List of Registered Voters and voting history

Denver County Republicans currently has their own database of registered voters. You will be able to print out your own voter list, specifying walking list or alphabetical and which party or combination of parties. This database will also include voting history (which elections the voter has participated in). This will be updated several times a year. Contact your district captains for instructions and passcode.

Voter registration

You can register to vote, change your address, or party affiliation:

- ...Online at www.denvervotes.org or www.govotecolorado.org
- ...At the Denver Election Commission:
 - 200 West 14th Avenue Suite 100
 - Denver, Colorado 80204 Open Weekdays 8am 5pm
 - Phone: 311 (within City and County of Denver) or 720-913-VOTE (8683)

If you wish to help a potential voter to register to vote, instruct them to go to www.govotecolorado.org or bring the site up on your phone and hand it to the voter to complete his/her registration.

The Colorado State Republican Party will be providing training on traditional voter registration and you will be notified when that is available. You must be certified to register voters in the traditional paper method.

Map of Polling Places

You can find a map of Denver polling places at <u>www.Denvergov.org</u>, voting maps, and Denver maps, where to vote, 2023.

CALENDAR

Below is the 2023 Fall Schedule and the 2024 Calendar which provide currently known dates. Your Captains will provide an update when the information becomes available.

2023	
October 16, 2023	Fall Coordinated Election Ballots begin to be mailed out
November 7, 2023	Fall Coordinated Election (School Board and ballot issues)
2024	
March 5, 2024	Colorado Presidential Primary
March 7, 2024	Precinct Caucuses
March 23, 2024	Denver County Republican Assembly
By April 12, 2024	Congressional District 1 Republican Assembly/Convention (Usually takes place in week before the State Assembly/Convention)
By April 13, 2024	Colorado State Republican Assembly/Convention (Date TBD)
June 3, 2024	Primary Ballots begin to be mailed out
June 25, 2024	Primary Election
October 14, 2024	General Election Ballots begin to be mailed out
November 5, 2024	General Election
February 2025:	Denver County Party Organization Meeting – Election of Party Officers

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Glossary of Terms & Acronyms

ASSEMBLIES: County, congressional, state, and other non-presidential Republican meetings held in even-numbered years for the purpose of nominating one or more candidates to the ballot.

CAUCUS: A precinct-level meeting of registered Republican voters held in even-numbered years. It's a meeting of neighbors who together elect precinct leaders, propose platform planks, determine which candidates they will support to run on the Republican ballot, and elect delegates to the county assembly. Colorado no longer caucuses for President.

CHAIR, COLORADO REPUBLICAN PARTY: The chief executive officer of the state party, and a member of the Republican National Committee.

COLORADO REPUBLICAN PARTY ("CRP"/"COLORADO REPS"):

The CRP is the statewide Republican Party. The state is divided into various election districts: 64 Counties, seven U.S. Congressional Districts, 22 Judicial Districts, 35 State Senatorial and 65 State Representative Districts, over 3,100 precincts, and other election districts. The CRP's governing bodies are the State Central Committee and the State Executive Committee.

The CRP is led by the chair, the first and second vice chairs, secretary, treasurer, and any other statewide officer positions.

COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY: The state legislature of Colorado. It consists of the Senate and House of Representatives — the upper and lower houses of the Colorado legislature respectively. Of its 100 members, 35 are senators, 65 are representatives. Members may not serve more than eight consecutive years — four two-year house terms, two four-year senate terms. The session convenes annually for 120 days beginning in January.

COLORADO HOUSE DISTRICT ("HD"): Colorado has 65 state house districts. With 64 counties, 65 HDs, 35 senate districts and seven congressional districts, geographic boundaries cross. HD boundaries are adjusted every 10 years based on the Federal Census.

House districts are supported by district officers such as chair, vicechair, secretary, and precinct leaders although titles may vary by area. Some house districts are divided into sub-districts that have a Captain and Co-Captain. A precinct leader can be elected to any of these positions.

The house district's responsibilities include managing the house district assembly at the county assembly in even-numbered years to nominate candidates for the state house, running the district meeting at the reorganization meeting held in odd-numbered years, and filling office vacancies. Some house districts hold monthly meetings, others hold county level meetings.

COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ("HD"): The lower house of the Colorado General Assembly consisting of 65 members elected to a maximum of four consecutive two-year terms. House district boundaries are adjusted every 10 years based on the Federal Census.

COLORADO SENATE DISTRICT, ("SD"): Colorado has 35 state senate districts. With 65 house districts, 35 SDs and seven CDs, geographic boundaries cross. SD boundaries are adjusted every 10 years based on the Federal Census. The central committee's responsibilities include managing the SD Assembly at the county assembly held in even-numbered years to nominate candidates for the state senate, filling office vacancies, and running the SD meeting at reorganization meetings.

CONVENTIONS: County, congressional, state and national meetings held every four years during presidential election years and in conjunction with the corresponding assembly for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES: Congressional district-level meetings held in even-numbered years to designate candidates for the district's U.S. House of Representatives, State Board of Education, and University of Colorado Board of Regents.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION: Congressional district-level meetings to select delegates to national conventions, and to nominate presidential electors.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, U.S. ("CD"): One of seven Colorado geographic divisions represented by an elected official in the U.S. Congress. Since there are 65 house districts, 35 senate districts and seven CDs, geographic boundaries cross. CD boundaries are adjusted every 10 years based on the Federal Census.

The CD's central committee's responsibilities include managing the CD assembly in even-numbered years to nominate candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and running the CD meeting at reorganization meeting.

COUNTY ASSEMBLIES: County-level meetings held in even-numbered years to designate candidates as needed for the Board of County Commissioners, County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, Treasurer, Surveyor, and Assessor, and conduct other business. Candidates receiving the threshold percent of votes will run in the general election. Delegates to the county assembly are elected at the precinct caucus.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The county-wide governing body of the party. Precinct leader belong to the county central committee as do house district captains and co-captains, if any, eligible elected officials, and others. Central committee members are eligible to participate in all county central committee elections.

The county central committee is led by officers such as chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and others. Officers are elected at county reorganization meetings held in odd-numbered years.

The central committee's responsibilities include supporting all party nominees, electing county officers, adopting party rules and passing resolutions.

COUNTY CHAIR: The chief executive of the county party. The chair's responsibilities include overseeing all county central and executive committee meetings and overseeing financial and business affairs. They are the public spokesperson of the party, and responsible for turning out the Republican vote in all elections.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: An advisory committee to the county chair. The county executive committee consists of county central committee officers, and others. Precinct leaders may serve on the county executive committee if they serve in one of the above roles.

Responsibilities include party organization, registration of voters and assisting the county chair with political campaigns of the party in the county.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS: County-level meetings held in presidential years to select delegates to national conventions. They may be held in association with assemblies. Delegates to the county convention are elected at the precinct caucus.

COUNTY PARTY: The party organization within each of Colorado's 64 counties. The county includes house districts, senate districts and others that fall within or partially within the county. With 64 counties, 65 house districts and 35 senate districts, there isn't a 1:1 district correspondence (see "multi-district counties"). Its governing body is the County Central Committee. Counties may also have committees such as rules, health care, education. Any registered Republican residing in the county is eligible to serve on committees.

DELEGATE: A party member elected at a caucus, assembly or convention to attend upcoming assemblies or conventions where they put their support behind particular candidates. They vote for candidates for all offices at the event, thus are influential in determining which candidates ultimately appear on the ballot.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

("RCCC"): The official campaign arm of the elected Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Their principal mission is to support Republican house candidates.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ("RNC"): The governing body of the U.S. Republican Party. The RNC plans the Party's presidential nominating convention, and promotes the Republican Platform. It also raises money, hires staff, and coordinates strategy to support candidates for local, state, and national office.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION: The Republican National Convention nominates the Republican candidates for president and vice president of the United States and approves the national party platform.

ELECTION JUDGE: Electors hired to ensure proper, orderly voting at polling service centers. Efforts are made to have representatives of all political parties at a service center. Judges earn a stipend.

GET OUT THE VOTE ("GOTV"): Organized efforts to get registered voters to vote. Techniques include door knocking, phone calls, emails and texting.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT: One of 22 judicial districts in Colorado served by an elected District Attorney. Depending on overlap between judicial districts and counties, the judicial district central committee may be composed of chairs, vice chairs and other members of the county central committee, the elected Republican district attorney, and others. A precinct leader may run for elected positions.

The district's central committee's responsibilities include overseeing the campaigns of nominees from their districts.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES: Meetings held in even-numbered years to designate district attorney candidates for each of 22 judicial districts.

MULTI-COUNTY DISTRICTS: A legislative district that encompasses more than one county. Examples: senate district 5 encompasses all of Chaffee, Delta, Eagle, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Lake, and Pitkin Counties; house district 13 encompasses all of Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, and Jackson Counties, and part of Boulder County. Other parts of Boulder are in house districts 10, 11, 12, and 33. Delegates to assemblies and conventions are allocated according to representation rules adopted by the district's central committee.

PRECINCT: The smallest political subdivision containing about 1,000 - 1,500 registered voters. In metropolitan areas, a precinct may be a few square blocks; in rural areas, a precinct may be half of the county. There are currently over 3,100 precincts. Boundaries are periodically redrawn based on population growth.

PRECINCT LEADER (FORMERLY "PCP"): A precinct leader is a party officer and grassroots leader responsible for organizing their precinct. Their job is to organize and inform neighbors, get out the vote and participate in key party meetings. Precinct organizers are elected to two-year terms at caucus.

PREFERENCE POLL: A vote taken at a precinct caucus for the highest contested race to determine whether a candidate has viability to run. Unlike a "straw poll", preference poll votes are counted and recorded. If a candidate's votes meet threshold requirements, they advance to the county assembly to determine their viability.

PROXY: A ballot vote cast by one person on behalf of another member unable to attend all or part of a central committee meeting.

REORGANIZATION ("REORG") MEETINGS: Reorganization meetings are held in odd-numbered years to elect all Republican party officers (except precinct leaders). Officers are elected and party business conducted. Any registered Republican may attend, but only members of the district central committee, which includes precinct leaders, may vote at their respective meetings.

STATE ASSEMBLY: State-level meetings held in even-numbered years to designate statewide candidates for the offices of U.S. Senate, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, At-Large members of the University of Colorado Board of Regents, and At-Large State Board of Education. State assembly delegates are elected at county assemblies.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE: The supreme governing body of the party. The committee is led by the Colorado Republican chair, first vice chair, second vice chair, secretary, treasurer, all of whom are elected at the state reorganization meetings. Other committee members include county committee chairs and vice chairs, representatives from Colorado Republican initiatives, eligible state and federal elected officials, and others. Some precinct leaders may also belong to the state central committee if they serve in one of the above roles.

Responsibilities include electing Colorado Republican Party officers, and approval of rules changes, and new initiatives.

STATE CONVENTION: State-level meetings held in presidential years to select delegates to national convention to nominate presidential electors, and to elect the Colorado's Republican national committee persons. State Convention delegates are elected at the county conventions.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ("SEC"): An advisory committee to the state chair. The state executive committee consists of the chair, first vice chair, second vice chair, secretary, the treasurer of the state central committee, chairs and vice chairs of counties, congressional districts, and members from counties and regions. SEC members are not required to be members of the State Central Committee. Some precinct leaders may also belong to the SEC if they serve in one of the above roles.

Responsibilities include approving the State Party's annual budget, advising and assisting county organizations, and coordinating activities between the state and party organizations.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLIES: Meetings held in even-numbered years to designate state representative candidates for each of 65 state representative districts.

STATE SENATE ASSEMBLIES: Meetings held in even-numbered years to designate senatorial candidates for each of 35 state senate districts.

STATEWIDE INITIATIVES: An Initiative is a group of registered Republicans whose members work together to organize their respective communities into the Colorado Republicans for activities, goals and purposes consistent with the overall activities, goals and purposes of the Colorado Republicans. See the Colorado Republican's website for a list of initiatives.

STRAW POLL: A simple show of hands (not counted) at a precinct caucus for a candidate to determine the precinct's level of support for them.

TURF: A turf is a sub-set of precinct residences. Precincts are "cut", i.e., divided into turfs to facilitate door knocking or flyer distribution by precinct leaders and other volunteers.

VOTER DATABASE:

Electronic voter database used by the Republican entities such as the State Party, districts, candidates, and activist groups. It is used for field organizing and tracking voter interactions. Its features allow a user to filter data by district, demographics, voting behavior, and other characteristics to create custom lists for desired activities.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE ("VRD"): A drive to register voters led by an organizer certified by the Secretary of State. The organizer is responsible for training circulators, maintaining custody of forms, and returning them within strict deadlines. They also assume legal liability for rule violations which may carry stiff penalties.

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