

# PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETINGS

## THE PRECINCT GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL CAUCUS

### WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

"Caucus" is a fancy word for a political meeting of a group of like-minded people. Every two years, Republican Precinct Committee members host meetings for voters living in their respective voting precinct or neighborhood. At the Caucus, they put into words issues and concerns they have for our county, state and nation.

\* **Platform Planks.** Timeless Statements that are enduring issues. See our website for Local, State and National Platforms.

\* **Resolutions.** Statements addressing particular situations in the short term as direction to our elected officials are considered.

\* Caucus attendees also choose who will attend the County Republican Convention as **delegates and alternates** representing that Precinct.

**WHERE** your Caucus is held is determined by the Precinct Committee members who were elected to be in that position. However in precincts where there is no representation, one may be appointed to fill a term by the County Party Chairman until the next election.

### WHEN DOES MY PRECINCT CAUCUS MEET?

When your Caucus is held is determined by the County Convention which is determined by the State Convention. The State Republican Leadership along with the leaders of your county party follow the guidance written in the State Statutes to establish the timing of the Precinct Caucus meetings and the County Convention. (Usually in March even years.)

The date, time and place will be advertised the local paper of wide distribution. Also your Precinct Committee members will be notified by mail of the timing.

**LOCATION:** As Precinct Committee member it is your choice where you to hold your Precinct meeting. It is important that you notify Republicans in your precinct where your meeting will be held.

### WHO CAN ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The only qualifications for attending your precinct's Caucus are...

- You must be 18 years of age by the November Election this year
- You must reside in the precinct
- You must be registered as a Republican by the Call for Meeting in order to participate.

It's easy to register, just go to the County Clerk's office and ask to Register...as a Republican of course!

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The precinct caucus is grassroots of the government in action. Too many times Americans feel they have no input into how their government works. This is partly because our great country is spread over such a large area with so many different communities and points of view. That is why precincts are so important. Many times issues that concern you also concern your neighbors. When you put your voices together and express your opinion a ripple effect is sent up throughout the entire system. Your voice won't be heard if you don't express it and the best place to begin is your precinct caucus.

## Precinct Caucus Sample Agenda

- I. Call to Order by Precinct Committee member
- II. Welcome, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Announcements:  
Directions or other correspondence from County Central Committee etc. are read
- IV. Election of Chairman of the Precinct Caucus  
Either a Precinct Committee member in attendance at the Precinct Caucus shall be elected Caucus Chairman or any registered Republican attending the Caucus who resides in the precinct in the absence of a PC
- V. Review precinct registration list for any necessary corrections etc. "All Republicans who have registered within the precinct at the dates of the call of the Precinct Caucus shall be entitled to participate and vote at the Precinct Caucus. Proof of such residence and registration shall be either by the most recent County Clerk's voter list or by the signing of a sworn statement presented to the Caucus Chairman."
- VI. Election of Delegates to attend County Convention Date, Place, Time to be arranged Each Precinct shall elect a certain number of delegates and alternates to attend the County Convention in March of even years. The exact number will be given to the Precinct prior to the caucus. (this is a mathematical calculation that is made each year of caucus meetings)
- VII. Consideration of Resolutions & Platforms  
Please be sure to write down your Resolutions & Platforms and email or send the hard copy to Platform Committee Chairman.
- VIII. Adjournment: If there is no more business ask for a motion to adjourn. With a motion the meeting can be adjourned.

Be sure to give a copy of your notes, delegates, alternatives, and copy of your platform and resolution suggestions if any to the Executive committee.

Congratulations! You have completed your Precinct Caucus!

Have on hand a copy of our current Platform and Resolutions. This can be downloaded and printed from the internet at;  
[www.ParkCountyRepublicans.org](http://www.ParkCountyRepublicans.org)

**It is not necessary to change the platforms if you are in agreement with them.** A Platform Plank is a "timeless truth" that has broad applicability. There is no set format for a Platform, however many times in the past people have used as an intro:

"The Republican Party believes...."

An example of a Plank would be as follows:

Under Jobs and Economy:

**The Republican Party believes** we must pro-actively develop, maintain, and improve a supportive climate for private enterprise.

An example of a Resolution would be as follows (use the attached form):

Under Energy:

**Where as The Republican Party** understands secure energy sources are best that are local and under our own jurisdiction;

**Be it resolved that** the abolition of restrictive regulations should occur so that all sources of energy can be developed responsibly thereby eliminating the department of energy and the EPA.

All suggestions for Resolutions and Platform planks will be organized in the following categories for easy reference and to be delivered to the State Republican Party for further consideration at the State Convention:

- Jobs and the Economy
- Crime and Law
- Land, Agriculture, and Environment
- Government and Budgets
- Education
- Health and Society
- Immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants
- Energy
- Foreign Policy and Defense

Form to Propose a Resolution

Section Heading: \_\_\_\_\_ (see reference sheet)

**Where as The Republican Party** (state the condition or problem that exists)

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**Be it resolved that** (state the proposed solution)

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