



What Is a Precinct Committee Person?

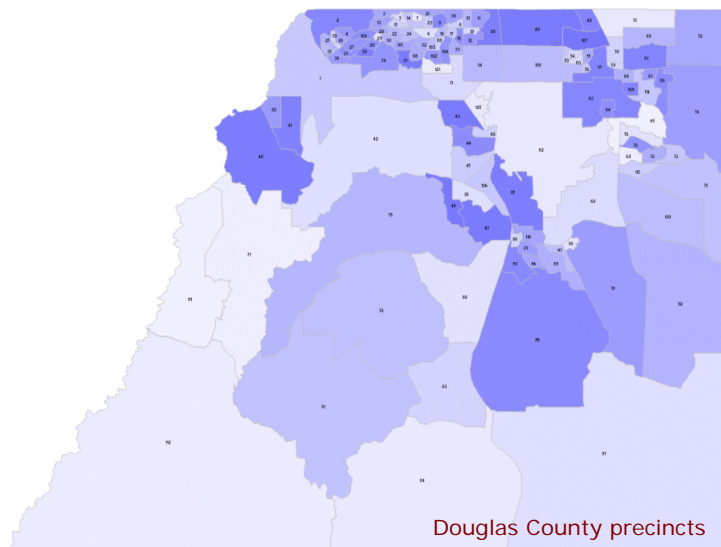
"All politics is local", so *this* is where Democracy really happens.

The Precinct Committee Person (PCP) is the most important person in the Democratic Party. They are the eyes, ears, arms, and voices of the Party. Nothing significant can happen at the local level without the involvement of the PCPs. They are the very embodiment of grassroots democracy.

As a PCP, your official duties are 1) to represent the Party to the voters in your precinct (typically about 200-400 Democrats), and 2) as a member of the County Central Committee, to represent the interests of your precinct to the Democratic Party.

There are typically two PCPs in each precinct. There is also a small group of volunteer leaders: the County Chair, House District Chairs, and Commissioner District Captains -- all of whom are generally also PCPs.

Of all the people in your precinct, **you** have the greatest influence on the results of elections. **You** have the power to change the direction of local, state, and national government, and to better represent Democratic ideals.



Douglas County precincts

Typical PCP Activities

Precinct Caucus

(2nd Tuesday of April in even-numbered years)

This is where you are elected by your neighborhood Democrats to be a PCP for a two-year term.

You might chair your own precinct's caucus (typically one table of people) and help facilitate as needed.

Get to know your precinct

(all year)

This is very important, and there are lots of ways to encourage others in your neighborhood to join our cause. In order to become familiar with both the voters and the issues of concern in your precinct, you can send out literature and organize social events. This activity also helps them get to know *you*, which will be important when elections roll around.

Quarterly meetings

(usually 2nd Tuesday of 2nd month each quarter)

PCPs countywide meet each quarter at the Central Committee Meeting. Please be sure to send a proxy if you're unable to attend.

Help our candidates' campaigns

(election cycle, even-numbered years)

There are lots of ways you need to be involved, from helping to organize outreach events, to research, and to posting signs and flyers.

You're the expert on your neighborhood.

Help get out the vote

(significant elections, usually even-numbered years but also including Nov 2005)

Prior to the election, contact your voters to ask whom they plan to support. Offer to supply candidate information when needed, to help people decide. Locate volunteers to help you.

On Election Day, take the day off and help get our supporters to the polls. Help us keep track of who has voted and contact those who have not yet voted.