

PRECINCT DELEGATE BASICS

WHAT IS A REPUBLICAN PRECINCT DELEGATE?

The role of a Precinct Delegate is extremely important and is as “grassroots” as you can get. A Precinct Delegate is an elected representative to the local Republican Party from the precinct where you reside. Every precinct has a least one delegate.

WHEN ARE PRECINCT DELEGATES ELECTED AND HOW LONG IS THE TERM?

Precinct Delegates are elected in the August primary election of even-numbered years. The term of the elected delegate is two years.

HOW DO I BECOME A PRECINCT DELEGATE?

An Affidavit of Identity form for Precinct Delegate is required to be filed no later than 4:00 pm, May 7, 2024 with the Mason County Clerk. This filing will place your name in the Republican Party Section on the primary ballot in August under the heading Delegate, Delegate to County Convention.

However, if you did not make the required deadline for filing an Affidavit of Identity form for Precinct Delegate and you were not on the primary ballot, you may still be considered to fill a vacant precinct where you reside at any one of our County Conventions. We have 90 Precinct Delegate positions and only have 37 Precinct Delegates.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF A REPUBLICAN PRECINCT DELGATE?

As a grassroots leader for the Republican Party in your precinct, a Precinct Delegate assists people in their precinct to get registered to vote, provides information on issues and candidates to the voters, identifies and recruits others interested in your party, and informs party leaders about issues that concern voters. Precinct Delegates also attend all Republican County Conventions (3-4 per yr.), during the two-year term, to represent the Republican voters in your precinct. At County Conventions, Precinct Delegates elect delegates and alternates to represent Mason County at the State Republican Conventions.

WHAT ELSE CAN PRECINCT DELEGATES DO?

Precinct Delegates are encouraged to participate and be active with the local Republican Party year-round. So much can be achieved if we all participate in local Republican Party activities and initiatives.

- Attend local city, county, township or school board meetings and share the information with others.
- Represent your precinct by attending regular Mason County GOP monthly meetings and events.
- Volunteer, attend, and contribute to local party and state events.
- Recruit strong Conservatives who put America first to become members of the Mason County GOP as well as encourage those to become precinct delegates.
- Join your local Republican Party. While this is not required, you are representing the Republican Party and becoming an active member, for only \$25, significantly helps support our Mason County GOP's endeavors and ability to host candidate forums, secure a local Republican Headquarters for six months, purchase yard signs, have available candidate handout information and much more.
- Attend your State Representative's coffee hour or Town Hall events and share information with others.
- Bring awareness to others as to political issues and actions taken by local Republican Party leadership and elected officials.
- Communicate with local Republican Party leaders regarding voter issues and concerns from your precinct.
- Promote Republican Party candidates (volunteer at Headquarters May 8th thru November 8th, sign up for door knocking, deliver yard signs, volunteer and attend local Republican Party events.
- Encourage political action (voting, lobbying, attending political events)
- Sign up with the City Clerk to become an Election Inspector. Training will be provided by the City & County Clerks.
- Sign up with the Michigan Republican Party to become an Election Challenger. Training will be provided by the MIGOP Elections Security Operations Team.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A PRECINCT DELEGATE?

Precinct Delegates serve as a liaison between voters and their party in your neighborhood. Politics begins at the local level. When you become a Precinct Delegate and get involved, you have the opportunity to share issues and concerns that are important to you, with family, friends, and neighbors. You also have the opportunity to be elected to attend State Republican Conventions and to be elected to serve on the County Republican Executive Committee.

CALLING FOR PRECINCT DELEGATES

There will be 90 Precinct Delegate apportionments/positions for City Precincts and Mason County Townships for 2024-2026. We have to get INVOLVED!! We can do BETTER!! Complete the Affidavit of Identity form for Precinct Delegate from the precinct where you reside, and file with the Mason County Clerk as soon as you can, but no later than 4:00pm, May 7, 2024 and your name will be put on the ballot for the August Primary as long as you have completed the Affidavit of Identity form correctly.

Precinct Delegate Filing Form

An "Affidavit of Identity" form must be filed to become a candidate for precinct delegate. Please fill out the form completely and make sure you sign in front of a notary before filing at the Mason County Clerk's office. It is up to you to ensure you complete the form properly. The County Clerk cannot help you fill out the form. The County Clerk can notarize the form as long as you sign it in front of the Clerk, if you are not able to find a notary. **Deadline to file is May 7, 2024 at 4:00pm.**

The Affidavit of Identity form can be printed from either the Mason County Clerk website at:

<https://www.masoncounty.net/departments/clerk/elections>

Or

The Mason County Republicans website at: <http://masoncountygop.org>

Click on the Precinct Delegate Info tab.