

Precinct Committee Person (PCP) Duties and Responsibilities

What is a Precinct?

A precinct is the smallest political unit in the country, the base unit of each county. Each precinct corresponds to (normally) one polling place where the residents of that precinct will go to vote and it is at the precinct level where elections are won or lost. Most importantly, the precinct is YOUR neighborhood. The precinct is the most important voting and organizational unit within Democratic Party!

A committee person is an elected official of the Democratic Party. Each voting precinct can have up to two committee people elected by the Democratic voters of that precinct every four years. PCPs report to their area leader and/or municipal chair and up the County Party structure.

The Role of Precinct Committee Persons

The precinct committee person is the most important person delivering the Democratic Party message to voters and delivering the concerns of voters to the party. They are also the elected representatives of the Democratic Party to their neighborhoods and the neighborhoods elected representative to the party. For many voters, the precinct committee people are the real presence of the Democratic Party they see and meet.

Getting on the Ballot and Becoming a PCP

Precinct Committee persons are elected in gubernatorial election years (2026) on the Primary election ballot.

In order to become a PCP, you must be elected by getting on the primary election ballot in the spring.

To get on the ballot to become a PCP, please follow these steps:

1. Be a registered Democrat!
2. Reside in the precinct for which you are running.
3. Follow county bylaws for requirements. (Version 2017.1.0 Page 6 Precinct Committee Person Handbook)
4. The Lehigh County Democratic Committee (LCDC) will provide a petition and a walk list for you to obtain signatures.

5. Gather the required number of signatures (10+) on your petition during the petition period. The petition period is February 17 – first day to circulate petitions to March 10th last day to file with the Lehigh County Board of Elections.

The Role of Precinct Committee Persons

Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs) are the most important members of the LCDC team. They deliver the Democratic Party's message directly to voters while also bringing the concerns of their neighbors back to the party. As the elected representatives of the Democratic Party within their precincts—and the elected voice of their neighborhoods within the party—PCPs are, for many voters, the true face of the Democratic Party. Their dedication and hard work have been central to the remarkable electoral successes the Lehigh County Democratic Committee has achieved in recent years.

Duties

1. Support “endorsed” Democratic candidates as the party's nominees at the national, state and local level.
2. Communicate with county committee members and Democratic voters at the local level regarding Democratic issues, qualifications of Democratic candidates, and the agenda of Democratic campaigns.
3. Take a leadership role and participate in field activities (voter registration, absentee ballot initiatives, GOTV efforts, etc.)
4. If possible, assist the County Party in its fundraising efforts.
5. Volunteer for and serve on County Committee Party standing committees and task force efforts.
6. Attend and participate in county party training and regional area meetings and activities.

Responsibilities

1. Introduce yourself to Democratic Households and Voters
2. Register Voters in Your Community
3. Collect petition signatures to get candidates on the ballot
4. Promote the Democratic Party on social media
5. Direct voter contact
6. Participate in election day operations including voter protection
7. Recruit volunteers
8. Be Active in the Community and Party
9. Attend required LCDC meetings