



Democratic Precinct Committee Person Qualifications and Duties

OVERVIEW

A Precinct Committee Person (PCP) is an **elected official** of the Democratic Party. They actively work with the Democratic Party to win elections at the local, state, and national levels. The job of a Democratic committee person is extremely important because they represent the Democratic party in their neighborhood or precinct. Committee persons know the neighborhood, schools, and community. They know and understand the problems and concerns because they live in the precinct with their families. The Precinct Committee Person is the **most important grassroots level volunteer** in the Democratic party structure. Each precinct can elect 2 precinct committee persons. Cumberland County has 118 precincts.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a registered Democrat
- Must reside in the precinct in which elected or appointed
- One man/one woman in each precinct (CCDC's current bylaws waive this rule)
- 4-year terms elected in gubernatorial election years on the Primary ballot
 - Need 10 signatures from Democrats living in your precinct
 - The petitioning period is 3 weeks typically beginning mid-Feb
- Vacancies are appointed by the County Chair

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Precinct Committee Persons' main job is to communicate with voters throughout the year, work to get Democrats elected, and promote the principles of the Democratic Party.

- Get to know your precinct and introduce yourself to Democratic households and voters (maps and voter lists are available) - year-round
- Increase Democratic voters by registering new Dems in your precinct - year-round
- Circulate candidate nomination petitions - mid-February to mid-March
- Recruit volunteers (block captains, poll greeters, and poll watchers) to help in your precinct - year-round
- Knock doors and/or distribute election/campaign materials with the help of block captains - March/April/May and Aug/Sept/Oct
- Cover the polls on Election Day with help from volunteers - May and November
- Identify, recruit, select and support Democratic candidates - year round
- Attend meetings with Area Leader (Area Leaders coordinate and promote Democratic voter registration and campaign activities in their area. They work with PCPs in their area and keep them informed of the actions of the CCDC Executive Committee. - typically once a month Jan - May and August-Oct
- Attend at least 2 meetings/year with the entire Cumberland County Democratic Committee
- Be accountable to the voters in your precinct, your Area Leader, and the Cumberland County Democratic Committee