What is a Republican or Democrat Precinct Committeeman (PC)?

A PC is the closest structured political office holder to the registered voter.

The PC is not a paid employee. The PC is an elected or appointed volunteer for his political party.

The AZ Election Code allows 1 PC for every 125 Party-registered voters in a precinct.

Typically, a precinct covers a two to four mile geographic area within a legislative district .

For example, 42 voting precincts exist within the political jurisdiction of Legislative District (LD) 18. The Republican registered voter population of LD 18 allows for a quota of 414 PCs.

The State of AZ is divided into 30 LDs. We are allowed 1 Senator and 2 Representatives from each LD.

20 of the LDs are within Maricopa County. Every 2 y ears each LD elects officers & State Committeemen.

1 State Committeeman is elected from within the PC ranks for every 3 elected PCs in their LD.

The PCs of the County Party meet every year and elect County Party officers and *5* Members-at-Large.

State Committeemen meet every year to elect State Officers and Exec. Comm. members.

In presidential election years PCs elect the delegates to the Nominating Convention who elect delegates to the national convention and the national committeewoman and committeeman.

AZ has 9 U.S. House Congressional Districts (CDs)*.* LDs may overlap several CDs.

Why be a Precinct Committeeman?

A registered voter has no vote in internal Party policy; a precinct committeeman does.

A PC elects district, county, & state officers, delegates to the Presidential Convention & RNC members.

PCs sent to the Pres. Convention vote on what policies the party platform will advocate in the next 4 years. Through a monthly meeting, PCs interact with their elected Party officials to influence legislation.

PCs also assist candidates by helping in their campaigns. ($5 forms, signatures, distribution.)

There are many more opportunities for you to influence policy should you desire to become more active.

IMPORTANT: We have the individuals who are willing totake positions of Party leadership, .but they

cannot be elected unless you vote for them, and you cannot vote for them unless you are a PC. You can

devote as little or as much time as you desire, but you must be a PC in order to do the minimum by voting (in person or by proxy) for candidateswho will advocate for your beliefs.

If you are an active PC, neighbors will call you and ask who or what to vote for or against in elections.

If there is a mid-term LD vacancy in the State Legislature, Party PCs from the LD elect the replacement.

You become a PC to obtain a better bully pulpit from which to affect political action.

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