

# TOP 10 ACTIVITIES OF A PCP

*“Elections are won or lost in the precincts.”*

## **A PCP is a Precinct Committee Person.**

**PCPs serve for two years as a Republican Party representative in their own neighborhood.**

State law specifies in ORS 248.015 (6) *The term of office of a precinct committee person is from the 24th day after the date of the primary election until the 24th day after the date of the next following primary election.* There is a PCP position for every 250 voters registered in your precinct.

**PCPs support Republican candidates after the Primary Election.**

You are the eyes, ears, and legs for candidates in your precinct. You play a critical role in selecting and electing Republican candidates for a wide range of positions from the local school board to US Congress. You'll be asked to volunteer on various campaigns in your area.

**PCPs are the “grass roots base” of the Republican Party.**

You are the liaison to the County Party organization. This is a year-round commitment, which entails certain responsibilities; the most important is to keep in touch with your Republican neighbors. Recruit and train volunteers whenever possible. Maintain and update a database of the Republican voters in your precinct with phone numbers and e-mail addresses when possible.

**PCPs canvass their precinct going door-to-door**

PCPs pass out literature for candidates and the Party, as well as talking to voters. Walking lists can be obtained from your County Party or the local county elections department.

**PCPs register voters.**

This can be done at events or just handing out voter registration cards in your neighborhood.

**PCPs identify voters.**

Lots of voters consider themselves Republicans but are not registered with the Party. Phone calls and personal contacts are good ways to identify which issues are hot buttons for them and whether they are likely to vote Republican. This information can be put in a database and used later for special mailings and other projects.

### **PCPs help Get Out the Vote.**

Without votes, even the best Republican candidates can't win. Making sure voters turn in their ballots by Election Day is the most crucial job you have as a PCP. GOTV drives include phone banks and door-to-door. These efforts are especially urgent in the final days before the ballots are due.

### **PCPs participate in fundraising activities.**

They are often asked to volunteer at events sponsored by the local or state parties. Money is the mother's milk of politics.

### **PCPs attend meetings of the county Republican Central Committee.**

You need to attend the county party's organizational meeting (held in November of even-numbered years) to elect party leadership. Other county meetings are also held throughout the year to formulate policy and develop strategies.

### **PCPs need to be flexible.**

There is no magic formula for success. Use your best judgement to inform voters and get them to cast a favorable ballot for Republicans.

*"You don't win elections on Election Day. You win them by what you do all year around, by the day-to-day goodwill you generate in each precinct."*

*—Jake Avery, Chicago political boss*