What is a Precinct Chair?

Precinct Chairs are at the heart of local organizing. They are ordinary people representing a small group of people and doing the *real* work: identifying and turning out democratic voters for elections. Chairs serve a 2-year term, elected on the even year primary ballots, or appointed if vacancies arise.

Precinct Chairs are given access to resources and tools like the database used by all of the Democratic Party which compiles publicly available voter registration data with other information sources to give you a good idea of who we know to be Democrats, or not, and who we still need to talk to in order to figure out their status. From there, a Precinct Chair gets to know their neighborhood. Knocking on doors and making phone calls: Precinct Chairs find out what issues matter to their neighbors and help relay voting information like polling locations and times, resources to get involved, and so much more.

As a precinct chair, you also would be a member of the County Executive Committee (CEC) which is comprised of all county precinct chairs and all county party officials. CEC members are active advocates for their communities and shape the Hill County Democratic Party (HCDP's) identity, positions, structure, operations, direction, activities, and more. The CEC is the voting body of the HCDP, and all CEC members are also in a position to introduce new resolutions before the CEC.

With its 22 of precinct chairs from across Hill County the CEC is also the source of a wealth of diverse knowledge, experience, wisdom, expertise, and community contacts.

At meetings, you can expect to be updated on the latest party news, learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at HCDP, hear from allied community leaders, and generally get more plugged in to the rest of your county.

Along with the large impact you can make on voter turnout in your area, your CEC membership gives you the opportunity to more strongly advocate for your precinct's best interests and increase your effectiveness as a force for positive change within your community.

Precinct Chairs must:

- o be 18 or older
- o be a registered voter
- o reside in that precinct
- have voted in the most recent Democratic primary election or sign an oath of affiliation to the Democratic Party.
- o Precinct Chairs can't be elected officials or candidates for county, state or federal office. See more about the rules that govern Democratic Precinct Chairs in the <u>Texas Democratic Party rules</u>. Questions? Contact admin@hillcountydemocrats.com