## The Precinct Project

How to Leverage Your Influence: Become a member on your Local Republican Committee!

If you *really* want to change the country, *start* by becoming a **Republican Party Committeeman** in your county. It's the most powerful office in the world because the local committees determine who gets the chance to be elected to office at every level of government.

- 1. To change things, we must **change the laws**.
- 2. To change the laws, we must **change the people who make the laws**.
- 3. To get elected, your candidate must be **on the ballot**.
- 4. To get on the November ballot you **must win the Primary**.
- 5. To win the Primary, you **must get the support of people who make endorsements in the Primary**, who reliably vote in the Primary, and who get out the vote of others in the Primary. Those people are the local committees.

Making phone calls and writing letters from the outside is not enough! Get inside to make a real difference!

As a local committee person, part of your responsibility is electing party leadership. In many states, you also select electors who elect state and national party leaders. In Utah in 2010, it was the delegates at the state Republican convention who ousted incumbent U.S. Senator Bob Bennett. In 2008, Ron Paul supporters out-organized and disrupted the party establishment's plans of electing a McCain slate of delegates at their state convention.

These actions are done before the voting public ever gets to the ballot box on Election Day! They determine who is on the ballot, and of course, who is likely to be elected.

Approximately 1/3 of county committee seats are vacant across the country. That means that anyone can walk right in and have a say in the party's decisions.

## **How to Become a Local Committee Member:**

Find out when your committee is up for election by calling your local GOP office or your Elections Office. There is a simple petition-circulating process to get your name on the Primary Election ballot in your county.

Find out if anyone is currently serving on the committee in your precinct. If there is a vacancy, you can ask your party chairman to appoint you to fill the remainder of the term until the next election.

Here are some web sites where you can get further information or network with others in your state:

http://theprecinctproject.wordpress.com/ http://party.procinct.net/ http://www.precinctproject.net (Pennsylvania) http://www.nationalprecinctalliance.org/ http://wagthedog2010.com/ (great intro video) http://undercurrentaffairs.com (NY)

If those who advocate constitutional principles become a majority IN THE PARTY RANKS, those same people will choose leadership that reflects those principles. HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN – YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU.

The election laws, organization rules, and terminology vary slightly from state to state, so it is important that you find out how things work in your state and your local area, and find others you can work with.

While certain details vary from state to state, the principle is the same:

If we cannot take back our local committees, how are we going to move our party in the right direction? If we don't clean up our own backyards, how are we going to make change Washington, D.C.?

If we do not work on change from the ground floor, grassroots level, we are merely reshuffling the chairs on the deck of the Titanic, redecorating the ballroom while the ship is sinking!

You and like-minded citizens can make a difference in participating on your local committee. Please take this important first step to achieving real change in America.

Circulate this flyer to all the patriots you know!

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