

PRECINCT CAUCUSES



Going to a caucus is a great way to support a candidate, raise an issue you care about, influence who the party will endorse for many offices, and meet people in your community.

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

Precinct caucuses are the first of a series of meetings run by Minnesota's political parties to endorse candidates and set goals and values (called the party platform).

While political parties are only required to hold caucuses during state election years, some local political party units can and do hold caucuses during local election years.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

To participate, you must be eligible to vote in the Fall election, live in the precinct and agree with the principles of the political party hosting the caucus.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Each political party runs caucus meetings differently. Check with your political party if you have specific questions.

Generally, there are four main activities at a caucus:

1. Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct, such as maintaining contact lists.

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2. Vote for the candidates you want the party to support. The results determine how many delegates each candidate gets at their party's state convention.
3. Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support. You can present an issue or idea for the party to support, called a resolution. Eventually, your resolution could become part of the official party platform.
4. Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions. Political parties have different ways of choosing delegates at the precinct level caucus—contact your party for more information.

CAUCUS ACCESSIBILITY

Major political parties must provide you an interpreter by request, if you are deaf, deafblind, or hard-of-hearing. If you are visually impaired, you also have the right to get written caucus materials ahead of time, by request (see Minnesota Statutes Sec. 202A.155).

TIME OFF WORK TO ATTEND CAUCUSES

You have the right to take time off work to be at a precinct caucus or political party convention (if you're a delegate or alternate). You must give your employer ten days' written notice.



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