

Democratic Neighbors of the 38th A.D.

Sign Up Sheet: Yes, I will be (circle) a Governor (6000 Dem Voters), a Neighborhood President (600 Dem Voters) or a Block Captain (at least 20 Dem Voters)

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail (print carefully) _____

Telephone number(s) _____

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What's a precinct?**

The smallest geographical unit in politics; typically, a neighborhood, but based on a number of voters

- ***Why do we walk them?***

To identify supporters and to bring the message to those who are not supporters: by ringing the doorbell & talking to them, answering questions, leaving literature. If they're strong supporters, we invite them to join as volunteers, take yard sign, etc.

- ***Do we knock on every door?***

Usually just registered voters, & which ones depends on the election. Sometimes only Democrats, sometimes Decline to State (independent). We may also want to knock on doors with no registered voters in order to try to register additional voters.

- ***How do we know which houses?***

You get a list showing name, address, phone, age, party, whether they voted in the last 5 elections (P=went to polls, A=voted absentee). All this is public record. You also get a map of the precinct, a script that you can follow if/as you like, copies of a flyer on Dean, voter reg forms & absentee applications for people who want them.

- ***What if they're not home or the precinct is not walkable?***

We can also phone them, usually with a script from the campaign, to ID voters, answer questions, send stuff to them if they want.

- ***Do I have to do my own neighborhood if I don't want to?***

No, you can choose to do a different one. However, it is convenient to do one's own, and contact from a neighbor has been shown to be the most effective way to connect with voters.

- ***What happens with the info we gather?***

It's coordinated for the next step: try to convince people who are leaning, recruit volunteers from the strong supporters, finalize the ID process for getting out the vote. We might walk again, or phone.

- ***What is "Get-Out-the-Vote"?***

GOTV is reminding the ID'd supporters before the election to go to vote (or vote absentee), supplying rides/babysitters if necessary. On election day, precinct captains will keep track of who has voted on the list posted outside the polling place door, and contacting those who have not voted yet to get every identified supporter to the polls.