

SUGGESTED COUNTY PARTY STANDING COMMITTEES

Vacancy Committee

1. Responsible for interviewing legally qualified persons and recommending candidates to fill vacancies on the County Executive Committee [Election Code sections 162.001-162.012 & 171.024] with the assistance and cooperation of the County Chairman.
2. Responsible to meet at the call of the County Chairman or Vacancy Committee Chairman.

Rules Committee

1. Responsible for periodically reviewing the Party by-laws governing the County Executive Committee to bring them up-to-date with changing needs to the Party.
2. Recommends amendments or revisions to the Party by-laws.
3. Meets as necessary, and at the call of the County Chairman or Rules Committee Chairman.

Candidate Committee

1. Responsible for recruiting and encouraging qualified, electable persons to seek public office on the Republican ticket.
2. Offers practical assistance and advice to the candidates relevant to fundraising, organization, advertising, etc.
3. Meets at the call of the County Chairman or Candidates Committee Chairman.

Finance Committee

1. Responsible for preparing a budget, either annually or biennially, for submission to the County Executive Committee for approval.
2. Responsible for planning and directing county Party fundraising activities.
3. Responsible for recommending county Party PAC Fund donations to specific Republican nominees.
4. Meets as needed at the call of the County Chairman or Finance Committee Chairman.

Leadership and Organization Committee

1. Develops and conducts periodic training programs for Precinct Chairmen, campaign workers, and party supporters.
2. Responsible for developing priority precinct programs for implementation by the Precinct Chairmen.
3. Responsible for continuous upgrading of the precinct organization.
4. Meets at the call of the County Chairman or Leadership and Organization Committee Chairman.

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Volunteer and Headquarters Committee

1. Develops and maintains a list of volunteer workers to support Republican activities in the county.
2. Makes available such lists to all Republican candidates and officeholders, as well as members of the county Republican Party.
3. Maintains and operates county Republican headquarters.
 - A. A milestone in the development of a county Republican Party is the establishment of a county headquarters. This step is attainable when Party finances are sufficient to support the expenses of rent, utilities, office supplies and telephone; and, when sufficient volunteers are available to staff the headquarters on a full- or part-time basis.
 - B. The headquarters serves the purpose of establishing a common meeting place for Party committees; a staging area for campaign activities, such as telephone calling and yard sign, bumper sticker, and literature distribution; and provides a visual presence of the county Republican Party .
 - C. Ideally, space may be donated for Party use, or a below-market rent established. Care should be taken that the headquarters is affordable. Some counties choose to have a headquarters only during election season.
 - D. Choice of location is, likewise, important. A convenient, visible location in the county seat, or a central location in the county, is desirable so volunteers are able to meet at the headquarters, with travel time minimized. A location in which female volunteers will feel safe at night is also important.
 - E. Finally, the headquarters should be staffed sufficiently during the week so callers or visitors will be able to contact the Party. Reasonable staffing is usually six or more hours per day, for at least three or four days a week, if not full time. An empty headquarters may be less valuable than none at all. There should always be work available for volunteers to do.
 - F. A large red, white, and blue Republican headquarters sign (consistent with local regulations) provides valuable advertising, and is a source of pride for volunteers.
 - G. If a county cannot afford a headquarters, a Party phone number with an answering machine is a good alternative.
4. Meets at the call of the County Chairman or Volunteers and Headquarters Committee Chairman.