

## **When is Caucus?**

Caucus is March 7, 2020.

## **What is Caucus?**

At precinct caucuses, Registered Republicans who live in a precinct elect people for the following positions:

1. Precinct leaders
2. Delegates and alternates to the County and State assemblies and other assemblies

The delegates who are elected then attend the appropriate assemblies at a later date and, at the assembly, are often given the opportunity to vote for political candidates they'd like to see on the primary ballot. For example, delegates to the County Assembly attend the Assembly and listen to speeches from candidates to County offices who are using the Assembly as a way to access the primary ballot. The other avenue for accessing the ballot is by petition, which can be quite an expensive process for candidates. There are specific rules, which will be outlined at the Assembly regarding the percentage of votes a candidate must receive in order to access a ballot through Assembly.

Precinct leaders are part of the County's Central Committee. They help shape the bylaws of our County Party and are eligible to vote for our County Leadership positions.

As you can see, caucus is an important avenue through which grassroots Republicans can have a huge impact on our Party. The El Paso County Republican Party encourages all registered Republicans to not only attend caucus, but to consider running for precinct leader and delegate positions.

## **How Do I Run for Precinct Leader and/or Delegate?**

During your precinct caucus, the person running the caucus will give attendees the opportunity to make a speech about why they would like to be elected. These speeches are often very short and simple. An example speech may be something like, "My name is Sally Smith. My current home is here in the Flying Horse neighborhood and I've lived in Colorado for 30 years. I'm a retired D20 kindergarten teacher and belong to several clubs in the community, including a Republican club. I am well connected with my neighbors and want to be part of the team that gets Republican candidates elected. I have a lot of time to put into being a good precinct leader and promise that I will work hard as a precinct leader. Thank you."

Please note: There is a small fee for being a precinct leader and/or delegate. Please bring your checkbook to your caucus.

## **Who is Eligible to Participate in Precinct Caucuses?**

Registered Republicans who've

1. Lived in the precinct for at least 22 days;
2. Have been registered to vote no later than 22 days before the caucus;
3. Anyone who turns 18 or becomes a naturalized citizen less than 22 days before the caucus may participate;
4. A preregistrant who is 17-years-old at the caucus but will be 18-years-old on the date of the next general election.