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Philosophy of the Precinct Concept

The Precinct is the smallest civic division within our form of government. It is how the political parties govern themselves. If you want to change the party, you have to start at the precinct level. The term Precinct is interpreted differently in different locations and could mean Precinct, Ward, Township, Voting District, or even Census Block

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- Leaders throughout history, starting with the Anglo-Saxon Kings meeting at Runnymede (meeting meadow) or under a tree, have established and promoted for people at the local level to meet and decide how they wish to be governed.
- As an outgrowth of those meetings, King John had to agree to the Magna Carta in 1215 that limits the power of the King, which eventually inspired our American Constitution.
- Our republican form of government is based on the notion that the smallest political subdivision -the Precinct- forms the basis for individuals to get involved in the governance at the local level.

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- If you don't like the way you are being governed, you must elect individuals that you can count on to represent you.
- To get the proper representation you want, your candidate must be on the ballot – or you run for those positions yourself.
- To get on the ballot, in most cases you have to be nominated by the Party. Candidates endorsed by the Party usually win the election.



- To change things, you must change the laws
- To change the laws, you must change the people who make them
- To get elected, your candidate must be on the ballot
- To get on the November ballot, your candidate must win the Primary in August



- 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 in the Primary. Those people are the Committeemen/women that serve in each Township or Ward.



- Based on the latest research by MOPP, there are still about 15% - 20% unfilled committee positions in Missouri, which translates into about 280-300 open positions statewide
- It needs to be our goal to fill those positions.
- Nationwide and in many states, the level of unfilled committee positions runs as high as 40-50%



- Committeemen/women are the “card-carrying members” of a political party – they elect the party leaders and are in the best position to get out the vote, working with other precinct volunteers in their political neighborhoods.
- If constitutional conservatives fill up all of the committee positions, they would own the party.

GOP Party Structure

A Comparison	Jasper County (number 11 county in size of voting population)	St. Louis County (number 1 county in size of voting population)
Total Population	120,000	998,692
Registered voters	78,290 or 65%	763,982 or 76%
# of Polling Places per SOS website	49	499
# of Precincts	94	658
# of Townships/Wards (note that different jurisdiction might call this township, ward or precinct)	74 <u>Precincts</u> with 148 Comm.positions (1058 citizens per township/ward/precinct)	28 <u>Townships</u> with 56 Comm.positions (27285 citizens per township/ward /precinct)
open committee positions	20	1

This comparison shows the power of the rural counties over the various committees.

GOP Party Structure

A Comparison (contd)

Jasper County

St.Louis County

All elected committeemen/women in any township/ward/precinct are also members of the Legislative District within that County and elect a Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer for that Legislative District.

of Missouri Legislative Districts

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All elected committeemen/women in any township/ward/precinct are also members of the Senatorial District within that County and elect a Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer to that Senatorial District.

of Missouri Senatorial Districts

1 (together with Newton & Dade Counties)

7 (together with Franklin & Jefferson Counties)

All members of a Senatorial Committee elect a Chair/Vice Chair from each Senatorial District to the State Committee.

The State Committee elects the GOP Party Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer. The State Committee also elects two individuals at large as Missouri State Committee Representatives to the RNC.

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Before we go on I would like to make an important observation:

- The goal of the Missouri Precinct Project is to concentrate working at the State level to build a strong constitutional conservative grassroots base of involved and alert citizens.

It is nearly impossible to have much of an effect at the federal level and we should leave that task to those organizations that are specifically designed for efforts at the national level and are equipped to handle issues that affect the whole country.

- But have you noticed lately, that everyone is talking about rebuilding the party from the ground up. Even Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin are promoting that concept now.
- According to Sarah Palin, the grassroots patriots are the Voice of the People



The Goals of the Missouri Precinct Project are to
restore constitutional principles and
conservative values by engaging conservatives in
grassroots politics and

Educate – Motivate - Empower



And we do that through

- Working across the state to build a strong constitutional grassroots base by filling all party committee position
- Encourage citizens to get involved locally, just like one of our mottos says: “ All politics is local”
- Work with True the Vote to clean up the voter rolls

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- Ensure we have strong, energetic and conservative Poll Workers/Judges in all Polling Places across the state, but especially in democratic strongholds
- Establish a statewide database
 - For effective communication on issues that are important to us
 - For effective “Get Out The Vote” efforts during election season.



One of the key positions within MOPP is the State Coordinator. Right now that is Judy Sofka. Judy works with people across the state to recruit County Coordinators. She has been able to sign up patriots willing to work with us in 34 counties

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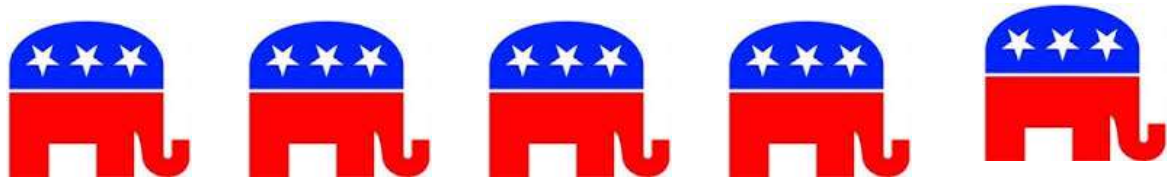
- A key goal is to have a key individual or County Coordinator in each of Missouri's 114 counties.
- Our County Coordinators encourage and motivate all volunteers in the county
- Serve as a key coordinator for various initiatives
- Help and work with MOPP volunteers in the county
- Understand the Committeemen/women structure in their county

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- Every County Coordinator needs to understand and communicate to all volunteers in that county the key functions
 - Number of committee positions
 - Help in recruiting individuals to fill any open committee positions
 - Help to identify the key elected local officials, i.e. County Commissioners, County Clerks, School Board Superintendents, Sheriffs, municipal elected officials, etc. and
 - understand the various terms for elections and knows the meeting schedules of the different elective offices.



Republican Party in Cole County

Cole County has a total of 22 Townships (6) and Wards(5)

18 of these positions are filled

4 of these positions remain unfilled

Cole County has a total of 38 Polling Places

Next election for all Committee positions is August 5, 2014 (Primary

Elections) - Filing Dates: February 25, 2014 – March 25, 2014

Central Committee monthly meeting 1. Tuesday of each month in Training

Room at County Court House – contact Penelope Quigg, Vice Chair at 1573-680-3231 or email:p.quigg@mchsi.com

County Clerk: Marvin O. Register ®

Presiding Commissioner: Marc H. Ellinger ®

County Commissioner (1): Jeff Hoelscher ®

County Commissioner (2): Chris Wrigley ®

All county officials are on a 4 year election cycle/alternating every 2 years

Missouri Legislative Districts:

District 59 – Mike Bernskoetter ® - first elected in 2010 - in 2nd term

District 60 - Jason Barnes ® - first elected in 2010 – in 2nd term

Missouri Senate District: 6

Senator Mike Kehoe ® - first elected 2010 – 1st term

US Congressional District: 4

US Congressman Vicki Hartzler – first elected in 2010 – 2nd term

Cole County has a population of 75,900

Cole County has 4 School District (Jefferson City is the largest)

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- One of the other priorities of the Missouri Precinct Project is the importance of local involvement
- It is important that people start attending the various meetings, pay attention and speak out.
- We need to encourage people to become their own citizen lobbyists

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- One of our County Coordinators, Brian Bollmann in Cape Girardau started a new group that teaches citizens to become lobbyists at the local level. You should look into it and attend their classes.
- It is called the “Center for Self Governance”. The goal of this initiative is to teach useful and effective methods to the average citizen to become empowered to influence legislators and other elected officials.policy.

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- Local elected officials should not be allowed to get away with
 - Raising taxes without objections or explanations
 - Raise their pay and/or pensions beyond any reasonable expectations
 - Bully parents and students with all kind of rules that no one ever heard of
- Citizens need to attend meetings and understand the rules
- Start speaking out and get others to come along to support their position

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- And it does pay off - over the past several months there have been occasions where politicians have backed down right in front of us.
- And I am sure many of you have heard Brian Nieves talk about that we need to make them do it in the light of day and in front of us. Well, we need to be there always or as often as possible

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- We need to get serious and stop the insults and name calling amongst ourselves and stop using terms like rinos or sellouts or the surrender caucus – inability to work with other does not inspire. **We should not be perceived as the enemy.**
- We must build coalitions along common goals and must begin to work together, tactically and in the field
- We all need to work for the same goals and forget about competing agendas
- Various groups working together and for the common goal increases our effectiveness, hence the term

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- Together with the County Coordinator, or people with a good political compass, figure out what questions to ask when you go door to door or when you talk to your friends and neighbors to get the results you want and ask yourself these questions:
- How can you determine what their hot button issues are
- How many positive responses do you need to reach your goal. Remember, it only takes one vote above 50% of the voting public to win.
- America can only be restored if enough Americans get involved.
- Research the area and determine who is not registered to vote – utilize “Champion the Vote.org”

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We think it is important to do what we can to enhance the political climate in our state and to support groups that do that on a regular basis;

- John Putnam with Putnam Patriots in the SW area of Missouri (www.PutnamsPatriots.com)
- Brian Bollman and his Center for Self Governance out of Cape Girardeau
- Connie Eller working with the Black Churches of North St.Louis (www.MissouriBlacksforlife.org)
- Hood Conservatives working in the African American areas of Metro KC (FB Hood Conservatives, Twitter: @HoodCons)

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- Conservatives Care, St.Louis County Central Committee supporting various initiatives helping the poor (FB Show Me U Care)
- Ike Skelton energizing people across the state to fight the efforts of Agenda 21 (www.moagainst21.com)
- Gretchen Logue and Ann Gassel fighting the evil of Common Core in Missouri (Moagainstcommoncore.webs.com)
- Ron Calzone and his Liberty Tools fighting for 2nd Amendment and State's rights (www.mofirst.org)
- Missouri Grassroots Radio with Lisa Payne-Naeger
<http://www.missourigrassrootscoalition.org>



There are so many groups working on important issues and they all deserve our support. Pick an issue or a group and work with them. Most importantly

SPEAK OUT & GET INVOLVED



Lets talk about our main Goal for 2014 and a
successful Election Outcome

Adopt a Precinct

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- What does “Adopt a Precinct” mean?
- We want people to pick an area that they would want to work in. It does not have to be a full precinct. It could be one or two streets or your immediate neighbors.
- It should be an area that you would feel comfortable to cover.

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- Everyone needs to become a “Community Organizer”
- It is critical that as many patriots as possible commit to adopting a precinct, a neighborhood, or a street and make it their “Political Community” or “Neighborhood”
- It does not have to be your neighborhood but you can work with your local committeeman/woman to find out which precincts are important.
- The goal is to know everything there is to know about the citizens in your political neighborhood
- SunTsu in the Art of War tells us that in order to defeat the enemy, you need to know your opposition better than they know themselves

- **Functions of Precinct Captain/Neighborhood Volunteer**
- Find out your Township and Precinct and Contact your Committeeman and woman
- Find out what State Legislative, State Senate District and US Congressional District your Township/Precinct is in
- Start attending the monthly local Township/Precinct meetings
- Start attending the monthly Central Committee meetings in your County
- Walk your neighborhood and make every attempt to contact every household in your Political neighborhood
 - Try to determine political orientation of the person you are talking to
 - Determine if the voter is registered and offer voter registration card (for conservative individuals only – and offer voter registration cards for anyone in the household
 - Always offer to answer any questions they have and offer to find out if you don't know
- Review our website www.moprecinctproject.org for various material that you can print and use as hand out when you walk door-to-door
 - Go to: Training Tools and click on “Handouts” or “Tools & Templates”
 - A special flier for use as Welcome Wagon information
 - Click on Training material and read the various training documents
- Leave Doorhanger or other canvassing material with your business card
- Call back and make reference to material left in previous attempt
- Continue this effort until all household have been contacted or to distribute campaign material for the next election/candidate
- If canvassing with paper walklists, periodically turn in canvassing results to County Coordinator
- Upload canvassing results if using a Smart device
- Continually canvass your political neighborhood to see if new people are moving in
- Welcome them to the neighborhood, introduce yourself and provide a Township/Precinct “Important Facts”
- Determine the political affiliation of the new residents and if appropriate provide them with Voter Registration cards
- Your goal should be to know everything there is to know about the citizens in your Political Neighborhood and become the “GO TO” resource for them.
- Share your canvassing results with your County Coordinator and potentially with Committeeman/woman. 31

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- Please note, one the most important things you need is relevant and timely talking points.
- That will help you to determine the political leanings of the people you talk to
- If someone does not want to talk you simply say “thank you” and walk away – do not get angry
- Leave behind some information about what you think is important – it might just be your business card

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- If new people move into your area, you are now the Welcome Wagon and you can inform them about
 - The Township/Precinct
 - Various meetings/times
 - Who are the elected Republican officials for that Legislative District, the Senate District, other elected officials at the county and/or municipal level
 - Who are the people that run the school district
 - Explain how to find details

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- In your sphere of influence, big or small, you need to become the person that people look to for information and advice
- Do not be afraid to speak about what is important to you.
- And always be on the lookout for good people to run for elected office – at the local or the state level or run yourself.
- We need to re-awaken the spirit of civic responsibility and local governance from the ground up

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- It is important to analyze past voting patterns of the specific area you want to work in and determine what needs to be done to have positive results.

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- For illustrative purposes, I am using a number of 1000 residents in any given area:
- Generally 70% of eligible citizens are registered to vote (65% is 650)
- Historically, voter turnout results are
 - In a Presidential election between 60-75% or 45-56% of the population (50%=500)
 - In a Congressional election about 50%, or 35% of the population (35%=350)
 - Municipal Elections between 15-20%, or 10-15% of the population (12%=120)
 - Special Elections, i.e. Bond Issues, between 10- 15%, or 7-11% of the population (8%-80)
- To win, it only takes one extra vote above 50% of the voting public or in a Congressional Election it takes 123-125 votes to win or 175 to avoid a recount.

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- Other information about specific voter data in your Political Neighborhood?
- We hope to have a database available that will allow you
 - Have access/view voter data for your precinct or neighborhood
 - That allows you to either print walklists for a specific area or download the data to your smart device
 - Add questions you want to ask citizens and upload the answers back into the database

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- Get familiar with what others are saying:
- Go to www.rVotes.com
- Missouri Concord Project
www.concordproject.org/wiki/missouri
- www.votergravity.com
- <http://www.votermapping.com/>
- [www. http://championthevote.com/](http://championthevote.com/)
- <http://archive.oa.mo.gov/bp/redistricting/newlegislatedistricts/>
- Read: Taking Back your government – the precinct committeeman strategy book

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- <http://nationbuilder.com/>
- [http://techbrunch.com2012/09/12 important-study-facebook-quadruples-the-power-of-campaign-messages/](http://techbrunch.com2012/09/12-important-study-facebook-quadruples-the-power-of-campaign-messages/)
- <http://constitutionclub.ning.com/group/missouri-precinct-project-mopp-c>
- <http://www.scribd.com/doc/122444459/Unite-or-Perish-How-to-become-a-force-multiplier-2-0>

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- In the meantime, if you need a walklist or access to a voter database, contact your Committeeman/woman and ask them to get voter data from <https://www.gopdatacenter.com/rnc/Login/Login.aspx>
- Contact your local Election authority for precinct maps
- For St.Louis County go to <http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections/Mapping/2011TownshipMaps>
- Your County Clerk should be able to provide Township/Ward/Precinct maps for your particular county

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- Before I let you go, let me remind you to
Join us and visit our website
 - www.moprecinctproject.org
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Freedom Connector
 - Constitution Club
 - Email us at Missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com
 - Call us at 314-717-1411

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- Thank you all for coming – we certainly hope this presentation was helpful and will encourage you to get involved, to speak out and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.
- Remember, to remain quiet sends a message just as speaking out does.
- The survival of our Republic depends on all of us speaking out and getting involved.
- Silence is not an option.
- Ever since I lived in this country I have gotten the question why Germany allowed Facism to take over and I felt guilty because I was not able to answer that question.
- I hope you are not in that same boat when your grandkids start asking what you did when this beautiful country was in peril.