

# WHAT IS CAUCUS?

1. A caucus is simply a closed meeting. The membership is determined by your political affiliation and where you live - “residing location”.
2. Your residing location is referred to as Your Precinct.
3. Park County is divided into 13 Precincts.



# WHEN IS CAUCUS?

**THURADAY, March 7, 2024**

6:15 PM Registration

7:00PM Meeting Starts

Where is my Caucus? [www.pcrcc.org](http://www.pcrcc.org)

The Caucus is the first step in the four-step political process in Colorado.



Caucus



Primary Election



State Assembly



General Election



# TWO PARTY SYSTEM

- The Political Party System is used to put forth candidates to Represent the people in government decisions.
- Structure to place candidates on the Primary Ballot.
- After the Primary Election, the Party structure exists to support candidates during the Election Process.
- A Patriot's Duty.



# WHY ATTEND CAUCUS?

**THIS is where your influence as a voter is strongest!**

- There are about 14,275 registered voters in Park County per Clerk Kassel's 2023 Election Result Report.

2023 Election as of November 8<sup>th</sup>

<b>GOP</b>	<b>3253</b>	<b>xx.x%</b>
DEM	1924	xx.x%
Unaffiliated	3352	39.3%
Total		

- Approximately 2% attend the GOP Caucus – 260 people

**Your strongest influence is to be one of the 2%**



# To Vote in Colorado Caucus you:

- **Must be affiliated with the party at least 22 days before the Caucus date.**
- **Must be a Registered Republican by at least February 16, 2024**
- **Must have resided in your precinct for at least 30 days.**
- **Must have registered to vote at least 29 days prior to the Caucus date.**



# How Do I Find My Precinct?

Visit: [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) -> Find my registration Fill-in your Information

Resulting information example:

Precinct **7** **0** **4** **1** **3** **4** **7** **0** **0** **5**

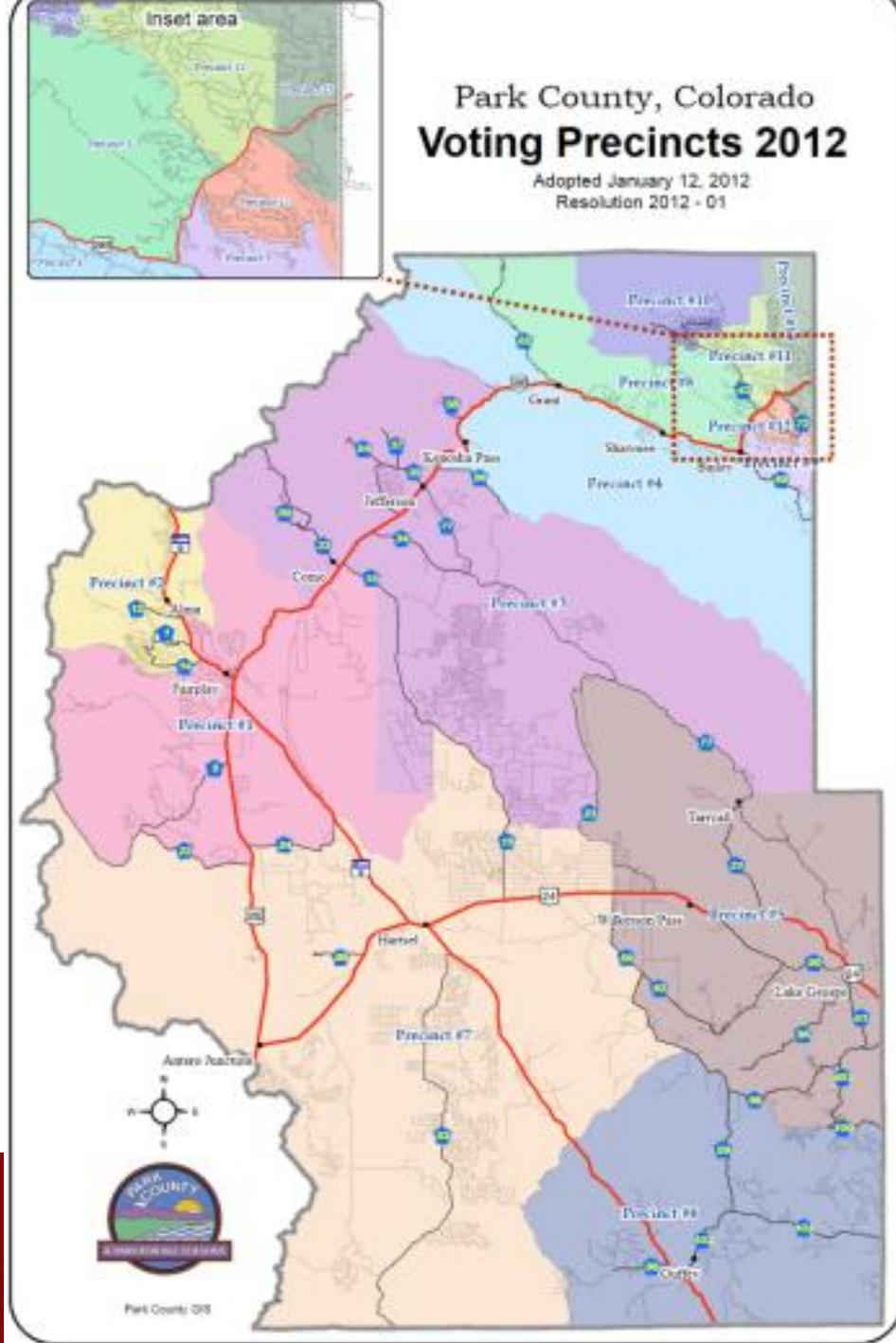
7 – congressional district

04 – senate district

13 – house district

47 – county code

005 - Precinct





# Republican Caucus Purpose

## **Elect Precinct Committee Persons (PCP) – Precinct Leaders**

- Duty – Member of the Park County Republican Central Committee
- Leadership for the County & influence the direction of the Party.  
Park County Republican Central committee (PCRCC) Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Recruit Delegates to Caucus
- Recruit volunteers to reach out to the community (Canvass)
- Support & work with candidates to distribute information within the Precinct and County.

**PCRCC meets monthly, excluding December.**



# Republican Caucus Purpose (cont.)

**Elect Delegates and Alternates to represent and vote for your preferred primary candidates.**

- County Assembly – March xx, alternate date if inclement weather, March xx
- State Assembly – April xx at xyz mega-church in Pueblo, CO
- Congressional District Assembly -
- District Attorney Assembly
- House District Assembly

**PCRCC meets monthly, excluding December**



# 2024 County Assembly Delegates

## Elect Primary candidates for:

-  County Commissioner, District 1
-  County Commissioner, District 2
-  District Attorney
-  Congressional District Representatives
-  House District Representatives
-  Senate District Representatives

Candidate search information: <https://tracer.sos.Colorado.gov>



# 2024 Assembly Delegates

**Only County Delegates are allowed to vote at State Assembly.**

-  Elect National Delegates to the National GOP Committee Meeting
-  Vote for Resolutions to appear on the ballot at county state level
-  Elect State Board of Education Delegates At-Large
-  District Attorney Assembly
-  House District Assembly

Candidate search information: <https://tracer.sos.Colorado.gov>



# 2024 Assembly Delegates

## Assemblies held in conjunction with the State Assembly:

-  Congressional Assembly – Congressional District X
-  State Senate Assembly – State Senate District x
-  State Senate Assembly – State Senate District x
-  Judicial Assembly – Elect District Attorney JD11
-  Straw Poll for President?

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# Prepare for Caucus

- Research and know the candidates running for each and be prepared to state how you will vote at assembly.
- Recruit like-minded people in your precinct to attend caucus and vote for you if you want to run for a PCP position
- Know the number of Delegates needed at each level of your precinct, County, and State.

Precincts		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
County Delegates	125	12	6	10	4	8	9	11	8	7	12	10	16	13
State Delegates	21	5 Exec committee, plus 21 delegates to be voted on at County Assembly by the delegation												
Congressional		5 Exec committee, plus 21 delegates to be voted on at County Assembly by the delegation												
House District 13														



# 2024 Caucus Meeting Prep

**Sign-In starts at 2:15pm, Meeting starts at 3:00PM**

- Commence Caucus Process  
(Caucus packet with script provided)  
Packets given to each PCP at the February PCRCC meeting
- Attendees crosschecked for eligibility (Registered Republican/Residence)
- Supplies that may not be in your packet:
  - Chalk or White board markers
  - Large format paper to write down nominees.
  - Colored note card or paper cut in small size for ballots.
  - Different color per election.

**Take a photos of vote results for county records.**



# Caucus Meeting

March 9, 2024

**3:00PM – Caucus meeting is called to order**



Prayer

Dear Lord our heavenly father, Thank You for your divine intervention in the formation of this great nation. We ask for your guidance of our efforts today in the preservation of our Constitutional Republic. May our decisions and actions be according to you will. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Pledge of Allegiance



# Caucus Meeting

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- **Caucus Information sheet is read.**
- **Credentialing Report is read by Sign-in leader**  
This report confirms the number of verified, eligible, registered Republicans in attendance.
- **Elect a Caucus Chair to run the meeting**  
Normally this is whomever started the meeting, but anyone can be nominated and elected to run the meeting.
- **Elect a Caucus Secretary**  
The Secretary will have the same script as the Caucus Chair to follow along and fill in the form which becomes the meeting minutes.



# Caucus Meeting

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- **Assign a 2-person volunteer Teller Committee should a ballot vote be needed.**  
Hand out ballots for each ballot vote.
- **Elect new Precinct Committee People (PCP Leaders)**  
Each precinct has 2 PCPs  
People can self nominate or be nominated by others.
- **Write PCP nominees names on the board or large format white paper**  
Each nominee has 1-2 minutes to speak about their desire to serve.
- **Call for a vote.**  
Hand out ballots for the election. Each person votes for 2 PCPs. The Teller Committee tallies the votes and provides totals to the Chair. The Chair writes the results on the board beside each nominee's name. Nominees are ranked by votes and the 2 nominees with the highest vote counts win the PCP positions.



# Caucus Meeting

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## **Elect County Delegates and Alternates**

This number varies by Precinct.



## **People can self nominate or be nominated by others**

### **Write the names on the board or large format white paper**

Each nominee has 1-2 minutes to speak about their desire to serve.



## **Call for a vote.**

Hand out ballots for the election. Each person votes for the specified number of delegates and alternates assigned to their precinct. The Teller Committee tallies the votes and provides totals to the Chair. The Chair writes the results on the board beside each nominee's name. Nominees are ranked by votes. Nominees with the highest vote counts win the Delegate positions, those next highest fill in alternate spots.

A tie is determined by the flip of a coin.



# Caucus Meeting

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## Examples of Ranking Delegate Votes

4 Delegates / 4 Alternates

### 35 Credentialed Attendees

Attendees receive a ballot and vote for 8 people. You can “undervote” and vote for less than 8 if there are not 8 people you believe will best represent you.

Nominees		Nominees	
George Washington	35	Patrick Henry	25
Thomas Jefferson	34	Samuel Adams	25
John Adams	28	Abigail Adams	18
Betsy Ross	16	Thomas Paine	27
Benjamin Franklin	20	Benjamin Rush	28
Alexander Hamilton	12	John Dickinson	15
James Monroe	10	Richard Henry Lee	12



# Caucus Meeting

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You must be a county delegate or alternate to be eligible to run for delegate to the State and higher assemblies.

***Note:*** Delegates for State, CD7, SD4 and HD13 and Alternates are elected at the County Assembly, Once elected for County Delegate, provide notification to the County Chair Amy Mitchell of your intent to run for delegate to the state and higher assemblies.

Come prepared to very briefly – 30 seconds – state why you should be elected to attend the higher assemblies. Ask for help from your precinct committee person.



# Caucus Meeting

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- Ask for resolutions
- Ask for volunteers, have them fill-out a sheet - (you can hand this sheet out early in the process)
- Ask for election Judges - have them complete the form, poll watchers are very important
- Adjourn Caucus - (ask those elected as delegates to stick around to confirm information)
- Record (take picture) of results – record results
- Delegate fees – County Assembly is free; If you plan to run for a State Delegate position, State Assembly will cost approximately \$65.00 +-
- Complete paperwork and return Packet to County Chair - (There may be a different point of contact for this)



# Candidate Info

## Assemblies

### **Election Judges must meet the following qualifications:**

- ★ Registered electors who are willing to serve - knowing that Election Day runs from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
- ★ Be U.S. citizens by the date of the election at which they are scheduled to work;
- ★ Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of an Election Judge;
- ★ Attend a mandatory Election Judge class prior to each election at which they work;
- ★ Never been convicted of election fraud, any other election offense, or fraud; and
- ★ Neither a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct that they are appointed to serve nor a member of the immediate family, related by blood or marriage to the second degree, of a candidate whose name appears on the ballot in the precinct that they are appointed to serve.
- ★ Get involved and assist voters on Election Day.
- ★ Earn extra money\*\* (stipend varies by county).
- ★ Contact your county elections official for more information



# What's Next?

## The Assemblies and After

### **You are now ready for step two, the assemblies**

- ★ Do your homework! Know the candidates.
- ★ Colorado Liberty Caucus Scorecard
- ★ Primary election effort
- ★ Work to support your candidate, hand out literature, make phone calls, hold meet and greets
- ★ Get out the vote effort.
- ★ In Park County it has been the norm – the Republican Candidate that wins the Primary most often wins the general Election. Republican primary winners can have Democrat and minority party opponents so we cannot yield until the general election.



# Candidate Research

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Candidates/CandidateHome.html>

**Candidates must register with TRACER no later than 10 days from formal announcement.**

<https://tracer.sos.colorado.gov/PublicSite/homepage.aspx>

Candidates may:

Go through County Assembly

- Candidates can commit to the County Assembly Process
- If they receive at least 10% of the votes, but not more than 30% they can Petition on via the county signature requirement and meeting prescribed deadlines.

Petition on to the Primary ballot.

- Signature requirements include 1000 signatures or 10% of the ballots cast in the last primary election for that office, whichever is less.
- <https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/Resources/ElectionCalendars.html>

**Primary Election, June xx, 2024**



# Closing Thoughts

*“In any compromise  
between good and evil, it  
is only evil that can  
profit” ~Ayn Rand*

“Those who are too smart  
to engage in politics are  
punished by those who are  
dumber”– Plato

“If you do not take an  
interest in the affairs of your  
government, then you are  
doomed to live under the  
rule of fools.”

Sun Tsu wrote that  
“supreme excellence  
consists of breaking the  
enemy’s resistance without  
fighting.”

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