

HOW TO HELP

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

An easy first step to get involved! It doesn't have to be a formal pitch. Just make it known in casual conversation that you're involved with the Berrien Dems and what you support. Tell us what people are saying in response!

CANVASS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We'll show you how and pair you up. Canvassing is not as intimidating as you think!

Studies show door-to-door canvassing is the MOST effective means of connecting with voters and getting out the vote (3x more than phoning, 34x more than email, 130x more than dropping flyers).

MORE OPTIONS!

We get it—everyone is different. Maybe you're a worker bee who likes to do hands-on tasks. Maybe you're more the listen-and-learn type who takes good notes. We've got something for everyone!

PHONE BANKING

We provide an easy-to-follow online system that includes scripts and everything you need. Do it at home in your spare time—or in groups at the Berrien Dems office.

LOCAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Pick a public meeting in your neighborhood, such as school board, library board, or city/village/township board. You don't have to say a word. Gather the agenda and minutes, and take notes. Your presence creates accountability. Learn who the players are and gain a base of knowledge that you can relate back to the party and candidates.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers gather regularly at the Berrien Dems office (more so closer to elections) to help with various crucial tasks. Meet people who share your values—and have fun!

VOTER PROTECTION TEAM

Fight voter suppression and ensure that voters can access a ballot and have their vote counted. Volunteer as a challenger or observer in polling places and absentee vote counting boards. Training is provided.



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OUTREACH





JOIN US!

You can help the Berrien Dems right where you are—in your neighborhood. Represent the Democratic Party in your neighborhood and your neighborhood in the Democratic Party. There are a variety of ways to represent: Help Democrats get registered to vote. Take information on issues and candidates to the voters. Recruit new party members and candidates. Help turn out the Democratic vote in your neighborhood on Election Day. Monitor local government meetings. Keep Democratic leaders informed about developments and the issues that concern voters. These are just a few important ways!

Precinct captains & precinct delegates are the foundation of the Berrien Dems Neighborhood Outreach program. You can choose to be a captain or a delegate—or neither, and help us anyway.

The choice is yours.



WHAT'S A PRECINCT?

A precinct is basically a neighborhood. Cities, townships, and counties are subdivided into precincts and each address is assigned to a precinct. The precinct is the smallest political unit in the country and all voters in a precinct vote at the same location.

The precinct is where elections are won.



PRECINCT CAPTAINS & DELEGATES

Precinct captains and delegates do exactly the same things. They are both the local representatives of the Democratic Party, working within their neighborhood to engage and inform voters and to turn out the vote for Democratic candidates. **The only difference is that delegates are elected by the public; captains are not.** Delegates put their names on the primary ballot every two years.

THE BEST WAY TO SAVE DEMOCRACY IS TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

Come to the Neighborhood Outreach meetings via Zoom at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. You are welcome!

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