



TO: all candidates for precinct delegate of the Kalamazoo County Republican Committee ("KGOP")

Thank you for making the commitment to run for a party position as a precinct delegate on August 6, 2024. If you submitted a valid affidavit of candidacy, then you should have received a ballot proof from the Kalamazoo County Clerk by now. If you have not, then you should contact the Clerk directly to inquire if there is a problem with your affidavit of candidacy.

This letter is to advise you that in recent years, including this election cycle, some people have spread disinformation regarding the actual roles of precinct delegates. This letter is to give you some information about precinct delegates and their actual delegated powers.

1. Delegated powers

First, precinct delegates are not "elected officials." Rather, they are party positions. County clerks place precinct delegate races on the primary ballot as a convenience to the political parties. Second, precinct delegates have only four delegated powers:

1) to convene at a properly called county convention¹ in to elect "state delegates" to attend state party conventions; typically, one winter convention in odd-numbered years and one summer convention in even-numbered years. The next county convention will be in August 2024 for a state party convention presently scheduled for August 24, 2024.²

2) to convene at a properly called county convention within 90 days of the November general election to nominate and elect the executive committee of the county party.

3) to fill open precinct delegate spots at the end of a properly called county convention.

4) to vote on other matters properly place on the agenda for a properly called county convention.

Beyond these four delegated powers, precinct delegates are conferred no other rights, duties, or privileges under state law.

2. Voting privileges

The KGOP bylaws state that to vote at a county convention as outlined above, a precinct delegate or alternate must be a member of the KGOP in good standing.

To become a member, please complete the application [here](#).³ Your application must be approved by the KGOP executive committee before membership is granted.

¹ Only the chairman of the county executive committee can call a county convention. No other conventions are legal or authorized.

² Only a precinct delegate with voting privileges can vote at a county convention.

³ <https://secure.winred.com/kalamazoo-county-republican-committee/membership>