



Republican Party of Arizona

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN

HANDBOOK

2019



## Chairman's Letter

Thank you very much for your willingness to serve the Republican Party of Arizona as a Precinct Committeeman!

As a Precinct Committeeman, you are the backbone of our party. We are committed to your success; because when you succeed, the party succeeds. That is why I am committed to serving you and providing you with all the resources you will need to be successful. Our staff are here to support and empower you with data, resources, and training.

It should come as no surprise when I tell you that Arizona will play a critical role in the 2020 general election. The radical progressive Left, which has overtaken the Democrat Party, is out for blood. After tasting some measure of success in 2018, Democrats are energized and fired up to flip our state blue and, in the process, deny President Trump Arizona's 11 electoral votes. We cannot allow that to happen.

Despite the challenges ahead, Arizona's future is bright! Our state has a unique opportunity to make a statement that the rest of the country simply cannot ignore. We have a chance to settle, once and for all, the question of whether we are going to be a red or blue state.

Our mission is clear: We must focus on keeping our Republican-held U.S. Senate seat red, we must reclaim our strong GOP legislative majorities, and we must ensure that Arizona delivers its 11 electoral votes to President Trump.

It's time to get to work to win big in 2020!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelli Ward', with a stylized, cursive script.

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# Republican Party of Arizona

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**National Committeewoman**

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# Republican Party of Arizona

## How We Are Structured

### **The 12 elected officers of the State Executive Committee include:**

State Chairman	Assistant Secretary
First Vice-Chairman	Assistant Treasurer
Second Vice-Chairman	Sergeant-at-Arms
Third Vice-Chairman	Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Secretary	National Committeeman
Treasurer	National Committeewoman

### **The State Executive Committee includes:**

- 12 elected officers of the State Committee (*see list above*)
- 15 County Republican chairmen
- 15 County 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chairmen & 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chairmen
- 27 Members-At-Large (3 from each Congressional District)
- 23 Legislative District chairmen (non-voting)

### **The State Committee is comprised of:**

- 15 County Republican chairmen
- One member for each three elected Republican PCs
- Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer elected at the biennial Statutory meeting and Non-Statutory elected officers at the biennial Mandatory meeting
- The national committeeman and committeewoman elected at the quadrennial State Convention

## **County Committees**

Officers are elected at Organizational meetings after the primary election, including a chairman, vice chairs (as determined in district bylaws), a secretary, and a treasurer.

## **Precinct Committeemen**

Each are elected, one per precinct, plus one additional for each 125 registered Republican voters in the precinct as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the general election year. There are over 1,495 precincts statewide.

### **The Basic Principles of our Republican Party**

#### **Include:**

- Reducing the size of government
- Streamlining and eliminating bureaucracies
- Returning power to the states (AKA: The People)

These are all stances of the Republican Party in opposition to the Democratic Party; they were adopted early in our history. Since its inception, the Republican Party has been at the forefront for individual rights against a large, overreaching government.

We fight important battles and champion freedom. By expanding liberty, we make our nation more secure. These are values worthy of a great nation, and values worth defending.

**Republicans have always been the party of fresh ideas and new ways of thinking.**  
**As Republicans, we believe in:**

- Ensuring that **Americans remain safe**, terrorists are defeated, and democracy flourishes throughout the world.
- Ushering in an **Ownership Era** – Because a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit will keep our economy strong and provide more opportunities for workers and their families.
- Building an **Innovative Economy** to compete in the world with anyone, anywhere, thanks to our entrepreneurs and risk-takers who keep us on the cutting-edge of technology and commerce.
- **Strengthening our Communities** – Because our children deserve to grow up in an America in which all their hopes and dreams can come true.

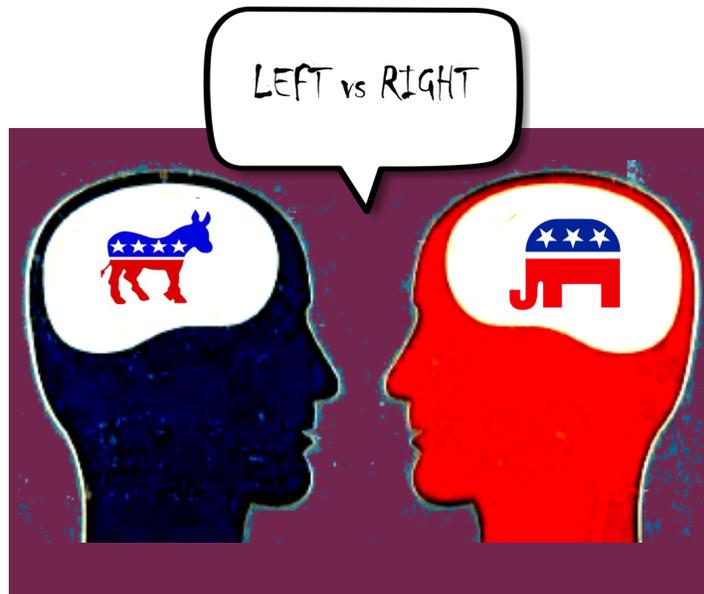


## Republican vs Democrats: Is there a difference?

A voter may say, "There's not a dime's worth of difference; both parties are exactly alike."

Believe it or not, as a precinct committeeman registering new voters, you're likely to discover that a lot of Arizonans feel this way. Increasingly, voters are feeling a bit more independent, and are claiming to "vote for the candidate, and not the party."

However, ignoring a candidate's party affiliation risks missing out on one of the great advantages of our nation's political system: the very reason that a candidate is listed as Republican or Democrat is that he or she subscribes to the basic political philosophy for where their party stands.



## **Key Principles**

The cornerstone of the Republican philosophy is the belief that each person is responsible for his or her own place in society. Individuals are encouraged by the Republican Party to work to secure the benefits of society for themselves, their families, and those who are unable to care for themselves. In short we believe in our fellow citizens' ability, their competence, and their freedom to succeed to their greatest capacity on their own merit.

Democrats are more willing to subordinate individual rights to the assumed needs of the group. They assume that society is collectively responsible for each of its members. They place less emphasis on individual enterprise and initiative. Democrats do not believe in the individual citizen but feel they must take the responsibility of freedom away from all for their own good.

## **Government and the Governed**

Republicans believe that government should be limited to doing those things which people cannot do for themselves. The right to determine individual destiny should lie in the hands of the individual. Similarly, Republicans believe governmental power and resources should be kept close to the people, through their state and community leaders, rather than centralized in big government.

Recent Democrat administrations have pushed for more and more centralized power in Washington, with secondary consideration for the rights of individual citizens and communities. This has led to increasingly more federal controls and regulations, often in the hands of unelected bureaucrats unaware of the concerns and needs of local citizens, causing a severe erosion of local government across the country.

More recently, Democrat office-holders and candidates have been advocating for socialist policies such as single-payer healthcare. As Republicans, we know the result of socialism is a disaster to the economy and the well-being of individuals.

### **Economic Policy**

Republicans believe in the competitive free enterprise system. Individuals must be free to use their talents. This is the key to personal and national prosperity. Republicans believe that the only limits to an individual's opportunity to succeed are the limits of his or her own initiative and enterprise. Republicans believe that less regulation and lower taxes fuel the economic engine that results in more and higher paying jobs that benefit every citizen.

Democrats say that the economy is too complicated to be left to free enterprise alone, and therefore must be subjected to ever-increasing controls by the federal government. They say that we are "entering an era of limitations" and, therefore, must lower our individual economic expectations. Increasingly, the Democrat Party has been advocating for socialist policies that would lead to high unemployment, kill economic growth, and weaken our great country.

### **Foreign Policy**

Republicans believe that peace and freedom can be protected only if America maintains a defense force strong enough to deter any aggressor. Republicans shun away from the paternalism of the 1950s, and encourage other nations to shoulder responsibility for their own problems. Republicans oppose unnecessary intervention in the internal affairs of other nations and stress helping our friends around the globe to develop the skills and strengths necessary to protect themselves.

The Democrat Party has vacillated between extreme isolationism, intervention, and confrontation tactics in cases like Vietnam, Cuba, and Korea. This inconsistent foreign policy has confused our allies and encouraged our enemies.

### **Taxes and Spending**

Republicans consistently strive to cut government spending and to eliminate costly, burdensome, and unnecessary government programs. Republicans believe the individual should control their own pocketbook and that tax increases should be voted on by the people.

The Democrat view is that the federal government knows how and where to spend money for local needs better than elected community leaders, and federal bureaucrats should continue to control funds to the states and localities and dictate how the taxpayers' money will be spent.

***YES, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!***

## **I am a Republican because...**

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability, and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth, and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible, and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom, and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, I BELIEVE the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

## The Successful Precinct Committeeman

### MISSION STATEMENT

To Deliver the Maximum Number of Republican Votes  
from Your Precinct

In Arizona, the precinct committeeman is the most important elected official to our Republican Party – the dedicated men and women who hold this position constitute the foundation of our party in all 15 counties.

A precinct committeeman is a party worker at the grassroots level. Precinct committeemen are elected by voters in their precinct during general election years. If there is not an elected committeeman, the GOP district or county chairman can appoint a committeeman to fill a vacancy. He or she must still register to run at the next primary election.

**Qualifications** – To be appointed as a Republican Precinct Committeeman, a person must be:

- A registered Republican entitled to continued representation on the primary election ballot
- Reside in their precinct

**Election** – PCs are elected at the primary election. Candidates for the office must file with the County Elections Department between 105 and 75 days prior to the election:

- A Nomination Petition signed by a small number of voters registered in the same party and residing in the same precinct
- A Nomination Paper declaring candidacy and stating the candidate's name as it is to appear on the ballot
- An Affidavit of Qualification stating that the candidate meets the qualifications of the office he/she seeks

**Appointment** – Registered Republicans can be appointed by the County Chairman. Only PCs who have been elected at the primary election may vote at county and state committee organizing meetings.

**Legislative District Committee** – After each general election, elected PCs may meet to organize their legislative district committee. The meeting is held not earlier than the second Saturday after the general election and no later than the first Saturday in the following December.

**County Committee** – Following the legislative district meeting, elected PCs shall meet to organize the county committee and elect members to the state committee not earlier than ten days after the last legislative district meeting nor later than the second Saturday in January of the year following a General election.

**State Committees** – After the county committee meetings, State Committeemen shall meet to organize the state committee not earlier than 10 days after the last county meeting and not later than the fourth Saturday in January following a general election.

The state committee consists of the County Chairmen from each county and one county committee member elected to the state committee for every three district or county precinct committeemen.

**Proxies** – Arizona law allows parties through their bylaws to use proxies at organizing meetings. See A.R.S. 16-828.

## **Ways to connect with the voters in your Precinct**

### **Non-Election Year Activities**

- Build relationships with Republican, Independent, and Democrat voters
- Dividing up the precinct into smaller areas of focus (“sub precincts”)
- Engaging in social activities with your neighbors, such as barbeques, homeowner association meetings, book clubs, block parties, school events, etc.
- Know your “sub precincts”, greet people who move in
- Identify possible Republican voters and register them
- Develop an email list of voters in your precinct
- Connect with neighbors on social media
- Learn what issues are important to your neighbors
- Invite your friends and neighbors to Republican events

### **Election Year Activities**

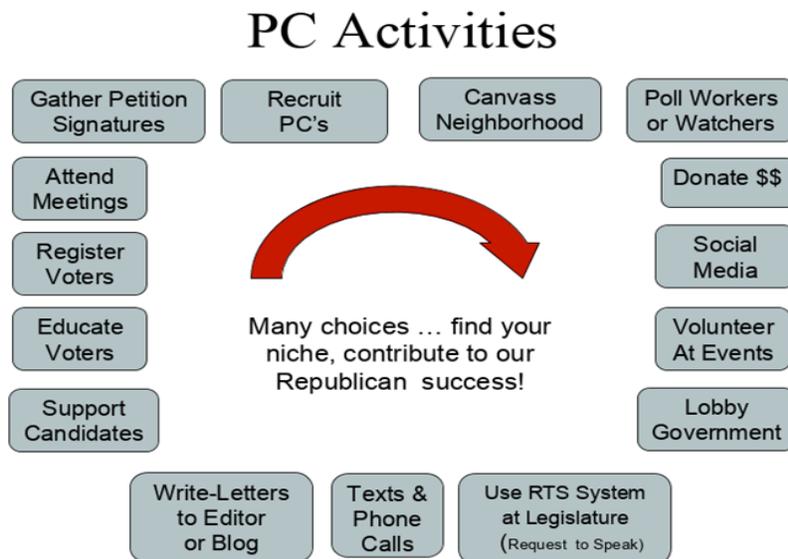
- Distribute campaign literature in your precinct
- Walk door-to-door with candidates
- Find yard sign locations within your precinct
- Assist your local candidates with petition signature gathering, mailings, and phone calls
- Hold events in your precinct for neighbors to meet candidates, such as coffee meetings, social meet and greets, or cottage meetings

- Help recruit volunteers to work with you in your precinct or work for local candidates
- Inform voters of our positions on issues and candidates
- Motivate voters to go to the polls and give them reasons to vote for Republican candidates
- Participate in meetings, special events, and fundraisers
- Get our informed voters to the polls!

This list is just a start. As every precinct is different, so is every campaign, which means how each campaign may rely on PCs for help is likely to vary from race to race.

A Precinct Committeeman's primary responsibility is to work in their precinct with their voters; however, they are often involved with issues and help in other ways. Working in some of these roles helps them to build strong networking relationships in their Legislative Districts and draw voters into political work by working on issues of shared interest.

This diagram shows some of the different types of ways Precinct Committeemen can contribute to the political work in their areas:



## **GOP Data Center**

As a Precinct Committeeman, you will have access to the GOP Data Center either directly, through your LD or County Chairman, or PC Captain. GOP Data Center provides tools that enhance understanding of voter history, enables creation of call lists and walking lists, and helps connect you with voters in your precinct.

## **PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN DUTIES**

Precinct Committeemen assist with voter registration efforts for their political party and participate in “get out the vote” activities on Election Day. Additional duties may be outlined in their party's state, county, or district committee bylaws, such as distribution of party information and campaign literature for their candidates.

**Voter Registration** – Precinct Committeemen can identify unregistered persons in the neighborhood and ask them to register. By explaining to non-voters the importance of voting for the selection of public officials, PCs can encourage greater participation in the political process and strengthen their political party.

**Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV)** – The Precinct's committeemen may maintain a file of all their party's registered voters in the precinct. This information is provided to the parties by the county recorders. PCs may add specific information to the file about the special needs of voters such as absentee voting information and the availability of transportation to the polls and babysitting services on Election Day. PCs may also organize party members willing to make calls to remind voters to go to the polls on Election Day.

**Distribution of Literature** – Precinct committeemen may distribute election information about their party and its candidates during campaigns. These activities enable PCs to be of real service to their party and to the electors of their precinct.

**Recruit Additional PCs** - Be enthusiastic about your experience as a PC and invite others to become a PC too! Carry a blank form and brief information on the role of a PC. Personal relationships yield the best results for finding PCs who become long term PCs. The gold standard is to first fill your own PC slots and then branch out to close-by precincts in your legislative district. This allows you to mentor these new recruits and help them become successful.

**Other Duties** – The legislative district, county, or state party committee may request PCs to participate in the political process as it is important, essential, and appreciated.

### **Acronyms:**

PC	Precinct Committeeman
LD	Legislative District
CD	Congressional District
SC	State Committeeman
ARS	Arizona Revised Statutes
HB	House Bill
SB	Senate Bill
GOTV	Get Out the Vote
EGC	Executive Guidance Council
MCRC	Maricopa County Republican Committee
RNC	Republican National Committee
RPAZ	Republican Party of Arizona
AZGOP	Republican Party of Arizona

## Voter Registration

Voter registration is the first critical battle of the election cycle. With many elections decided by less than two percent, registering more voters is a priority for the Republican Party of Arizona. For PCs, it is the first step in a victory plan that will not just protect our majorities in the legislature, but will lay the foundation for critical victories in top-of-the-ticket races.

### Voter Registration Statistics - January 1, 2019

Republican	1,313,023	34.7%
Other	1,257,995	33.3%
Democrat	1,172,216	31.0%
Libertarian	32,374	0.8%
<u>Green</u>	<u>6,610</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,782,218</b>	<b>100%</b>

When we turn out our Republican base, we need that base to be as broad and strong as possible. That is why registration is an important part of our victory program.

### VOTER REGISTRATION GOAL

We need to register every likely voter we find in each of our precincts. Believe it or not, only 70% of Arizona's eligible voting-age population is registered to vote today. Not only do we have new individuals and families moving to our state every day, we have hundreds of potential voters to reach out to in our very own neighborhoods right now. These are the people we know as friends, people we know in our clubs, and the people we see and chat with at the grocery store. But for whatever reason, they are not voting. We must change this!

### **What qualifies someone to vote in Arizona?**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Arizona, and the county listed on your registration
- Be 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next regular **General Election**
- Not be a convicted felon, unless your civil rights have been restored
- Not be adjudicated incompetent
- See [www.azgop.com](http://www.azgop.com) for more details.

### **Voter Registration Requirements**

When registering people to vote, they'll need to provide identification to prove citizenship.

#### **List No. 1 – Sufficient photo ID including name and address (one required)**

- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification card
- Tribal enrollment card, or other form of tribal identification

#### **List No. 2 – Sufficient ID without a photograph that bear the name and address (two required)**

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Arizona vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Any mailing to the elector marked "Official Election Material"
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the County Recorder

**List No. 3 – Mix & Match from Lists 1 and 2 (two required)**

- Any valid photo identification from List 1 in which the address does not reasonably match the precinct register accompanied by a non-photo identification from List 2 in which the address does reasonably match the precinct register
- US passport without address and one valid item from List 2
- US military identification without address and one valid item from List 2

If this is your first time registering to vote in Arizona, or you have moved to another county in Arizona, your voter registration form must also include a copy of proof of citizenship or the form will be rejected by the county recorder. If you have an Arizona driver license or non-operating identification issued after October 1, 1996, write the number in Box 13 on the front of the Arizona Voter Registration form. Completed registration forms must be turned in to your county recorder office no more than five days after the date signed.

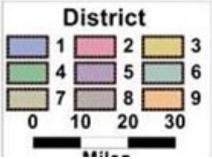
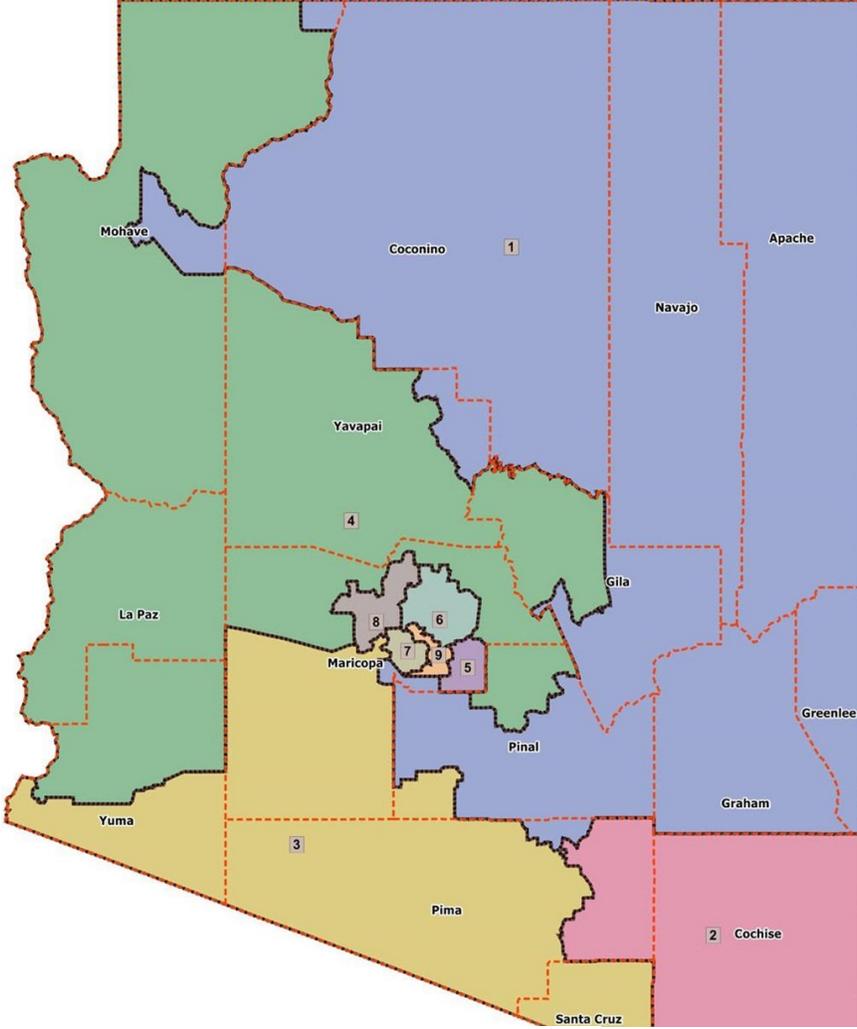


## 2019 - 2020 Consolidated Election Dates

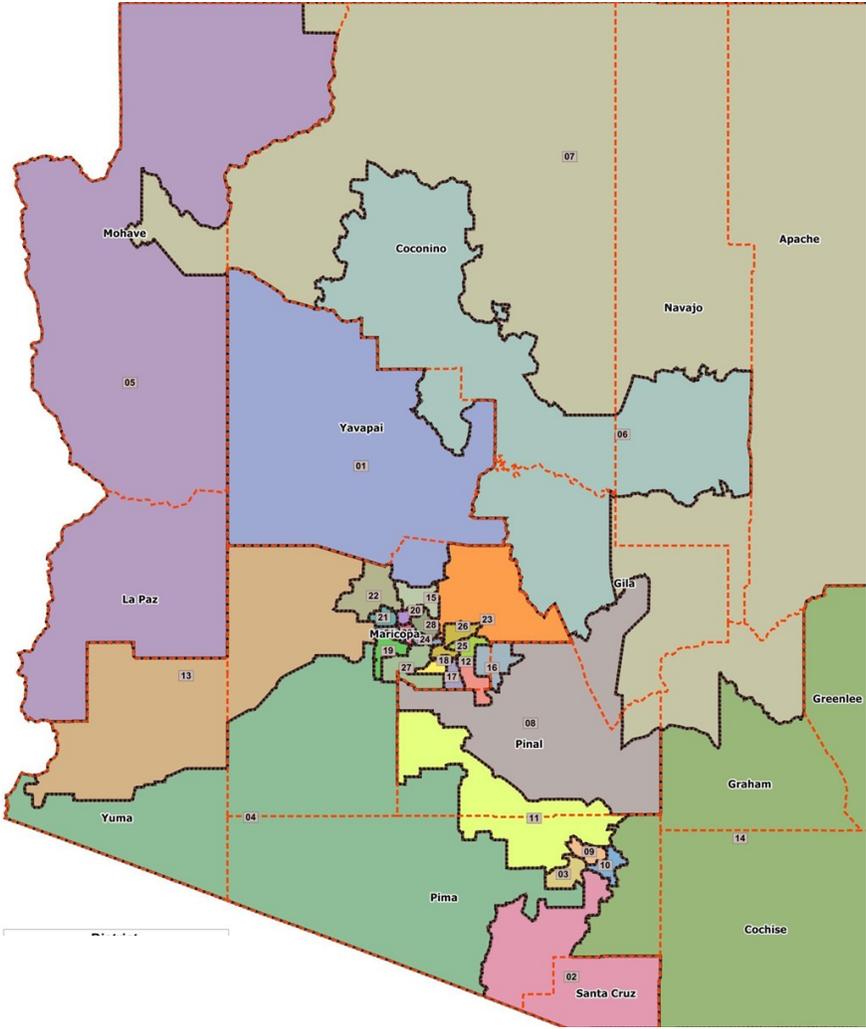
<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Voter Registration Deadline</u>
March 12, 2019	February 11, 2019
May 21, 2019	April 22, 2019
August 27, 2019	July 29, 2019
November 5, 2019	October 7, 2019
March 10, 2020	February 10, 2020
March 17, 2020	February 18, 2020
May 19, 2020	April 20, 2020
August 4, 2020	July 6, 2020
November 3, 2020	October 5, 2020

*NOTE: County, city and local jurisdictions are responsible for administering elections on the above dates where applicable. All voter registration deadlines are pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 16-120 & 16-134.*

**Arizona is divided into 9 Congressional Districts**

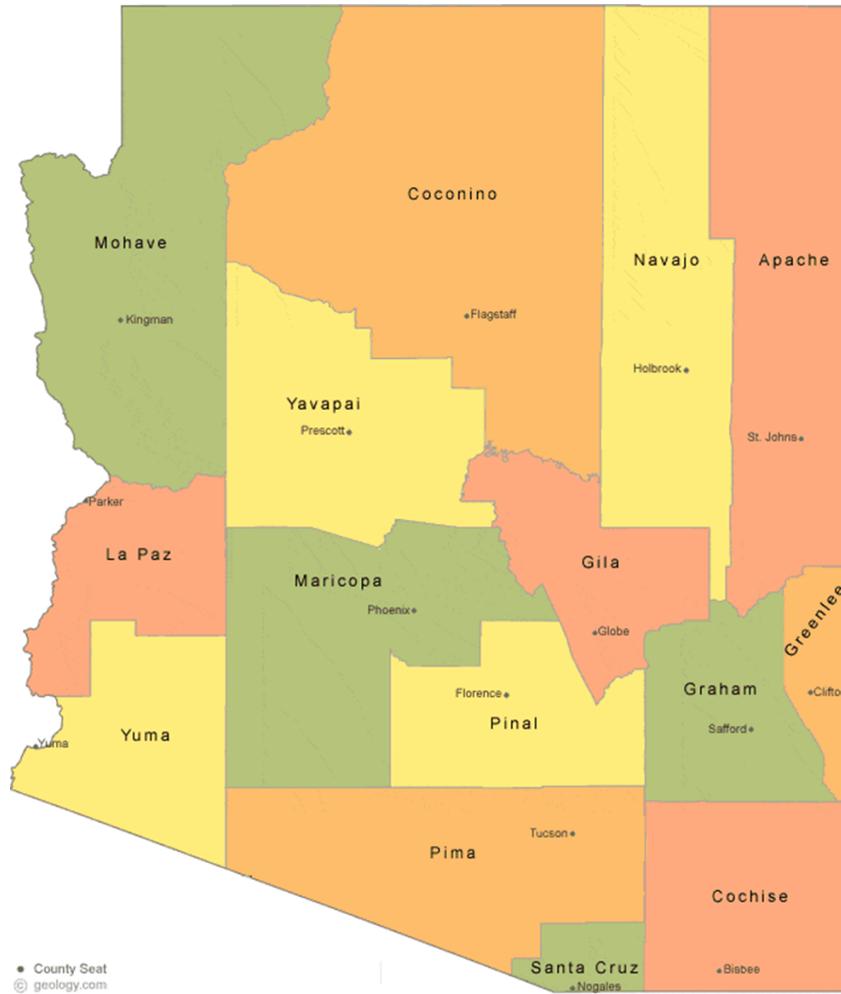


# Arizona is divided into 30 Legislative Districts



District				
01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

## Arizona is divided into 15 Counties



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### **Do I Know My 125 ?**

A Republican PC is elected to represent **125 Republican voters** in their neighborhood. Can you imagine the possibilities if every PC position is filled and we are connecting with **ALL** of these Republican voters on a regular basis?

**How many voters am I in contact with today?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**List out your goals to reach your 125:**

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## Loyalty Oath of Precinct Committeeman

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that, I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Precinct Committeeman according to the best of my ability, so help me God.



### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CD: \_\_\_\_\_ LD: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration No : \_\_\_\_\_

My LD Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info - LD Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

LD Meeting Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_