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PRECINCT CAUCUSES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5th

Precinct caucuses are the first step used by Minnesota's major political parties to select the candidates and issues they will support in the 2008 elections. Minnesota's three major political parties are the Democratic-Farmer-Labor, Independence, and Republican parties. The 2008 precinct caucuses are open to the public. The Democratic-Farmer-Labor, Independence, and Republican parties will hold their precinct caucuses on **February 5 at 7 p.m.**

What's happening at the caucuses?

1. Election of delegates and alternates

Delegates are the individuals who will go to the party conventions later in the spring and summer to determine which candidates will receive the party endorsement. At the precinct caucus you will have an opportunity to elect delegates and alternate delegates.

Become a delegate if you want to influence which candidates your party will support.

2. Discussion of issues

Caucuses also provide a forum for you to voice your views on a wide range of important political issues. You can submit and vote on resolutions that the party conventions may make a part of their platform.

3. Election of local party leadership

The political parties use the precinct caucuses to elect their precinct officers.

4. Straw Ballot

Political parties may use the precinct caucuses to conduct preference polls for presidential candidates. The caucuses are also a great place for other candidates for elected office to build support.

Where will my caucus be held?

The parties are required to notify county auditors' offices in advance of where their precinct caucuses will be held. You can call your county auditor or one of the major political parties for precinct caucus location information. The major political parties traditionally publish their caucus location information in the newspapers during the week before their caucus date.

Who can attend the caucuses?

Precinct caucuses are open to the public. To actively participate at a caucus you must be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2008 state general election and support or be likely to support the candidates of the political party whose caucus you attend.

Would you like to receive caucus training?

For those interested in attending caucus training in order to be as informed as possible call us at 612-623-0677 where we can provide you with details of when and where this training will be conducted.

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