

What is a Democratic Committee Member?

For those interested in getting involved in local politics, becoming a Democratic Committee Member would be a good entry point. It may sound like a big title, but Committee Members are just people who live in that neighborhood and want to be involved in the Party.

Committee Members are the grassroots of the Party and provide a voice for the concerns and opinions of their neighbors and establish local connections and trust.

The Democratic voters in each voting district or ward elect two candidates to serve on the County Democratic Committee for a four-year term. Each County Committee Member serves as a representative of his voting district to the County Committee. Election of Committee Members takes place at the Primary Election in the same year as the Presidential election.

What is the Democratic Committee?

The Democratic County Committee is led by the Executive Committee consisting of the County Chair, Vice-Chair, and the two State Committee representatives. Officers of the County Committee are the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms who are responsible for the activities of the organization. Beneath the Executive Committee are Municipal Leaders who are elected by the Committee Members in the respective municipalities. The Municipal Leaders serve as a liaison between the County organization and

the Committee Members who each represent a voting district/ward in their municipality. Two Democratic State Committee Members are also elected to represent the County Committee at the NJ State Party level. (See a list of all members of the Democratic CMC Executive Committee, Officers, Municipal Leaders and Committee Members at www.cmc Dems.com.)



What is Expected of a Committee Member?

The fundamental job of a Committee Member is to carry out the mission of the party to elect Democrats to public offices and to communicate to the Democrats in the district/ward the activities of the party and information about its candidates.

Working to “Get Out the Vote” is a very important duty for the CMC Committee Member. Individuals are encouraged to canvass the neighborhood, watch for new residents and make sure people are registered to vote.

Committee Members perform some or all the following work:

- Recruit new Democrats and register Democrats who move into the neighborhood.
- Sign up registered Democrats for Vote by Mail and early voting.
- Help Democrats on Election Day by making sure they know where their polling place is and have a way to get to the polls.
- Support and attend meetings and events held by the Democratic Party.
- Elect the officers of the Party and attend the annual CMC Democratic Organization meeting (held in June following the elections) and other meetings as defined in the by-laws.
- Be informed about the issues and represent the Party to friends and neighbors.
- Help with fundraising activities.
- Support Democratic candidates and Democratic values.
- Volunteer and support the various Committees of the Democratic organization.
- Recruit additional Committee Members and volunteers.
- Attend and support the local Democratic Clubs

How Do I Become a Committee Member?

You must be a registered Democrat live in the district/ward you want to represent. As with all elected offices, a candidate must qualify to be put on the ballot by circulating and submitting a nominating petition signed by a specific number of voters. Candidate petition instructions are found on www.capemaycountyvotes.com.

Voters in Cape May County elect two Committee Members by either voting for the candidates who are officially on the ballot or by writing in a candidate of their choice. Elections are held every four years at the Primary Election coinciding with the Presidential election year.

Vacancies for an unexpired term are filled by the municipal committee of the municipality where the vacancy occurs if there is such a committee; and if not, then vacancies are filled by the remaining Committee members of the district/ward where the vacancy occurs.

In conclusion, being a Democratic Committee Member means you are committed to taking action towards creating a strong and vibrant Party that supports and embraces your vision of good politics.



For more information

Cape May County Regular Democratic Organization: www.cmcdeems.com

Cape May County Regular Democratic Executive Committee and Committee Members:

www.cmcdeems.com/executive-committee

Cape May County Election Departments:

<https://www.capemaycountyvotes.com/>

New Jersey Voter Information:

<https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

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