

What is a Precinct Chair?

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SD40 DFL Precinct Chair or Vice Chair Job Description

A Precinct Chair and two Precinct Vice Chairs (at least one must be not of the same gender identity as the Chair) are elected by their precinct caucus to a two-year term.

The Precinct Chair or Vice Chair(s) is the face and voice of the DFL party at its grassroots level: the precinct. Precincts are geographic neighborhoods, and the politically likeminded people who live in them. Every other level in the DFL is built on the grass roots organization that happens in precincts. As precinct leaders, you are the point of contact for neighbors interested in the DFL. You can be the change-makers in your neighborhood.

As Precinct Chair, you are a member of the SD40 (Senate District 40) DFL Central Committee, which meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the New Brighton Community Center. Precinct Vice Chairs are Alternates to the SD40 DFL Central Committee.

As precinct leaders, we ask that you reach out to your neighbors, doing things like helping to recruit volunteers, inviting neighbors to events, and building relationships.

Sample activities include helping to:

- Build relationships with local DFLers over the next two years.
 - Communicate via email, phone, a blog, or social media.
 - Let them know about SD40 and other DFL events.
 - Help plan precinct events along with endorsed/elected candidates and SD40 DFL.
- Find more DFLers in your precinct.
- Record and pass along info about others who might help the DFL and campaigns.
- Get people registered to vote and find willing election judges.
- Pass out the DFL sample ballot and campaign literature for endorsed candidates.
- Get your precinct DFLers out to vote at election time.

As it gets closer to caucus time, we also need your help planning the caucus, convening your precinct, and spreading the word.

The SD40 executive committee will work to host ongoing Precinct Chair and Vice Chair trainings and other Precinct Chair/Vice Chair gatherings.

Your attendance at SD40 DFL meetings and work on SD40 projects and events is critical, and will give you lots of ideas about things you can do in, and communicate with, your precinct. Your participation in the Senate District will also allow you to bring your ideas to the SD40 leadership for adoption and implementation.