

GRASSROOTS TRAINING

GETTING STARTED AND GETTING ORGANIZED



NOTE:

There are many resources available outside those listed in this book. On the back page is a QR code and link to texting me and to the message board where there is a lot of information that will make your precinct organizing much more efficient.

And by all means - HAVE FUN! This book is not only to help you get your precinct going, but let's have fun doing this. There is nothing like meeting a whole new set of friends or getting reacquainted with old friends, to make you feel that you are doing something worthwhile and connecting you with your neighborhood.

INTRODUCTION

You've decided to get involved in your local government to make a difference, or maybe you simply want to see how government works. There's no better place to start than at the precinct or grassroots level.

This is the level that is the closest to the voter and can have the most dramatic and quickest effect. **This doesn't require 24/7 commitment.** Here are some techniques and methods that will make your work the most effective.

WALKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Amazingly, the simplest steps are the first steps. Do NOT discount this step. It's simple but extremely effective and powerful.

Walking your neighborhood means making a walklist.

The best way is to download a list of voters from the **OSEB (Oklahoma State Election Board)**. You can do that by going [here](#), and applying for access.

In about 2 or 3 days you will receive an **email with your user name and password**. This will last for ONE YEAR. Then you simply apply again for another year.

In that email is a link to the [OK Election Data Warehouse](#) Login - remember you must have received a username and password to get a voter list.

DOWNLOADING LIST

Once you have signed in this is the screen you will see.

OK Election Data Warehouse
Official Data from the Oklahoma State Election Board

User: claire
Valid Until: 06/09/2023

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Standard Downloads

The following downloads are currently available for your use:

State-Wide	Counties	Congressional	State Senate	State House	Absentee Requests
Description	Type	Date	Bytes	Records	
Download Congressional District	Voter History	09/05/2022	84.1 MB	24,046,775	
Download Congressional District	Voter Registration	09/05/2022	115.1 MB	2,277,580	
Download County	Voter History	09/05/2022	80.5 MB	24,046,775	
Download County	Voter Registration	09/05/2022	108 MB	2,277,580	
Download State House District	Voter History	09/05/2022	81.7 MB	24,046,775	
Download State House District	Voter Registration	09/05/2022	102.8 MB	2,277,580	
Download State Senate District	Voter History	09/05/2022	81.4 MB	24,046,775	
Download State Senate District	Voter Registration	09/05/2022	105.6 MB	2,277,580	

Here you can choose what to download.

- Upper Right: User name and date of expiration
- Middle Arrow: Different districts to download (and sizes)
- Lower Arrow: Different lists:

The **Voter History** only gives name and how often voter voters.

The **Voter Registration** gives name, address, and this is the information you want.

I recommend you download the smallest district possible. This means your list won't be cumbersome and slow to sort.

SORTING LIST

All lists are in a .csv file. All these files can be opened in any spreadsheet software like Excel, Google Sheets, Open Office Base. Once opened you will notice a lot of column titles on top. These will help you sort your file so that you can make a walklist from your file.

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleNa	Suffix	VoterID	PolitalAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	StreetT
550501	JOHNSON	KAREN	KAY		550239503	IND	A	1238 N		TELA	DR
550513	REBER	JERRY	RICHARD		550254063	IND	A	3301 NW			43 ST
550513	REBER	DARLENE	H		550305937	IND	A	3301 NW			43 ST
550501	JACKSON	KEVIN	DONNELLY		550313462	IND	A	3900 NW			19 ST
550513	PAYNE POPI	MICHELE	ELIZABETH		550614997	IND	A	3504 NW			43 ST
550501	MCFEETERS	PATRICK	JON		550654391	IND	A	3613 NW			18 ST
550513	IRWIN	GARRY	DWAIN		550687583	IND	A	3224 NW			43 ST
550501						IND	A	4400 NW			18 ST
550513						IND	A	3109 NW			46 ST
550513						IND	A	3128 NW			42 ST
550511						IND	A	3201 NW			61 TER
550525						IND	A	4912 N		MILLER	AVE
550525						IND	A	2032 NW			44 ST
550511						IND	A	2829 NW			43 ST
550525						IND	A	3324 NW			61 ST
550511						IND	A	2505 NW			42 ST
550506						IND	A	4316 NW			48 ST
550584						IND	A	4437 NW			18 ST
550506						IND	A	5013 N		BRUNSON	ST
550506						IND	A	4404 NW			46 ST
550525						IND	A	2036 NW			47 ST
550511						IND	A	3045 NW			61 TER
550506						IND	A	4100 NW			43 ST
550506						IND	A	4401 NW			39 ST
550506						IND	A	4200 N		MERIDIAN	AVE
550525						IND	A	2524 NW			42 ST
550525						IND	A	2640 NW			46 ST

The best order to sort is:

1. **Precinct** column
2. **Street Name** column
3. **Street Direction** column
4. **Street Type** column
5. **Street Number** column

This will sort your file so that all the precinct voters are in one group, then sort the names of streets and then the numbers in numerical order to make it easier to walk.

THE WALKING LIST

Here's the walking list all sorted beautifully for walking.

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleNa	Suffix	VoterID	PolitalAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	StreetT
550301	MATHIAS	WANDA	CATHERINE		550284542	IND	A	6601	NW		11 ST
550301	HARRIS	HOLLIE	ANN		802106438	IND	A	6300	NW		16 ST
550301	WAGNER	THEODORE	W		550412740	IND	A	6502	NW		19 ST
550301	SHINN	VICKIE	RENEE'		801598786	IND	A	1116	N	CAROL	LN
550301	SANCHEZ	RIGOBERTO			550824725	IND	A	1605		KAVEL	ST
550301	HORNER	JOANNA	MARIE		800700856	IND	A	1617		KAVEL	ST
550301	CHANDLER	ANGELIQUE	QUENETTE		800655991	IND	A	1624		KAVEL	ST
550301	DOWNING	SHELBY	DALTON		801238192	IND	A	1613	N	MACARTHUR	BLVD
550301	SHOLER	MICHAEL	DEWAYNE		802073559	IND	A	1621		OAK	LN
550301	RUTLEDGE	GARY	MICHAEL		550768977	IND	A	1215	N	PENIEL	ST
550301	DIAZ	ANGIE			802614092	IND	A	1230	N	PENIEL	ST
550301	BLASING	ROBERT	K		550673602	IND	A	1116	N	ST CHARLE	AVE
550301	JOHNSON	KAREN	KAY		550239503	IND	A	1218	N	TELA	DR
550499	MILES	ANDREW	DANIEL		801534255	IND	A	5201	NW		16 ST
550499	MILES	BRANDON	TYLOR		801968754	IND	A	5201	NW		16 ST
550499	LOPEZ	NEYDA			800943763	IND	A	5109	NW		18 ST
550499	CIFUENTES	LINDA	LIZETTE		801832095	IND	A	5128	NW		18 TER
550499	GIULIANO	NICOLE	LYNNE		803001791	IND	A	4701	NW		19 ST
550499	GIULIANO	DONALD	JAY		802996446	IND	A	4701	NW		19 ST
550499	TRAN	QUANG	QUANG		550963713	IND	A	5112	NW		19 ST
550499	TRAN	PHAT	QUANGMINH		550997025	IND	A	5112	NW		19 ST
550499	BLACK	NATHANIEL	AHIEZER		802258827	IND	A	5131	NW		19 ST
550499	MOCK	BARBARA	ALLIN		550823523	IND	A	5400	NW		23 ST
550499	HUDGINS	DANIEL	EUGENE		550583313	IND	A	1115	N	ANN ARBOFAVE	
550499	HUDGINS	DAVID	ERWIN		550872036	IND	A	1115	N	ANN ARBOFAVE	
550499	MORALES G	ALBERTO	ANTONIO		802646541	IND	A	1912	N	ANN ARBOFPL	
550499	THOM	KENNA	RAYE		550831286	IND	A	1800	N	AUSTIN	ST
550499	SHELTON	KEVIN	KENT	SR	550553181	IND	A	2100	E	HARLOW	PL

Notice:

All **precincts** are together. I recommend you put one precinct per page so that you don't have a page with 2 or 3 precincts on the page.

All the **streets** are together. See Kavel Street addresses are all together. And then the Kavel streets are numerically arranged, so you can easily travel from one address to another in order.

Also note that when you have **two addresses the same** it's usually a family or couple living there, so you don't have to worry about calling on both of those entries.

Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleName	PolitialAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	StreetTyp	YrdSgn-Donate-Volunteer-Info
550301	MATHIAS	WANDA	CATHERINE	IND	A	6601	NW	11 ST		
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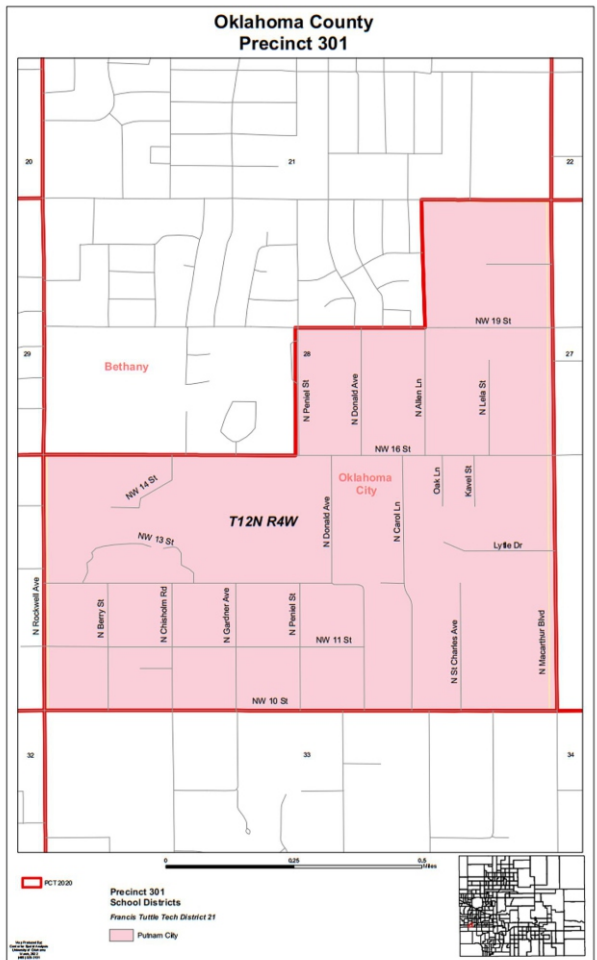
I've turned this page sideways to see it better. **All of precinct 301 is on one page.** There's an "information" box on the right side of each name. Print this page out with all the voters in 301 on one page. Why so few voters? Because these are only the Independents in Precinct 301. Democrats and Republicans will be a couple of pages long. But even at a couple of pages, this breaks down your walking list into very manageable parts. It's not so overwhelming now. You also have room to write notes like yard sign, volunteer, donate or this voter requires more information.

Hopefully now you are beginning to see the sheer power of working a precinct. There are more useful tools like detailed precinct maps. **Oklahoma County precinct maps** are [here](#).

Other county maps are located [here](#). The most useful maps are the **County Wide Precinct Maps** which show the whole county with maps of the precincts, and the **Precinct Map Books** which have nice detailed maps of all the precincts within a county.

These maps are all PDF files. Sort, then print out what you need. Here's Precinct 301.

With this map you can easily lay out how to walk your district. You can also mark out what you have done and what's left to be done.



THE WALKING SCRIPT

It's best to write down your script before you take off, and practice 2 or 3 times to make sure you include the following key points:

1. You are a **Volunteer**
2. Name of the **Candidate or Cause**
3. Would like to **pass on information.**

Information like **political events** (speakers and events), **legislation** that is pending at the state capital (using the useful OAEC 59th App for [Apple](#) or [Google](#) for current legislators in office), **policies** before city council (like Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission), or **general information.**

Or you may be doing a **literature drop** and handing off information on a **candidate** - asking if that home-owner would like more **information**, a **yard sign** or **donation.**

My script goes something like this:

Hi, I'm Claire, I live just around the block (usually pointing in the direction of my home) and I'm walking the neighborhood to give information on Gloria Banister running for HD 87. Can we count on your vote? Would you like a yard sign? Would you like to donate? If no, That's OK your vote is what counts!

DOOR-KNOCKING TECHNIQUES

These are the best techniques to use:

- **Ring** the door bell
- **Step away** from the door 3 - 6 feet
- **Take off hat** or sunglasses
- Give them **your spiel** (don't worry if you mess up - that makes you authentic) Be natural
- If they respond **yes**, mark down their info
- if they respond **no**, say thank you politely and mark them on your list as "no" and go on to the next house.

When you and take off your hat, immediately they see who you are. You can also wear a button or pin to identify you as volunteering for a candidate. When you step away from the door, that invites them to come outside, where you now have their full attention.

You may like to go in pairs, which helps keep track of all the information. It's also fun to take your grandchild or school-age kids along with you. This is an excellent opportunity to teach civics by example.

CITY CODES AND HOAs

Oklahoma City allows solicitors with political information to call on home-owners, even if they have a no-solicitation sign on their door. Code [§39-19](#) exempts political volunteers from the “No solicitation” sign.

Check with other cities for their codes, but most of the other metro cities follow Oklahoma City’s lead and allow political literature drops.

HOAs (Home Owners Associations) may have separate rules and the best way to get material to these residences is to recruit someone who lives in these HOAs to walk their neighborhood. If this isn’t possible, the most effective way is to mail to these home-owners.

NOTE: It is a **federal crime** to place anything that is not U. S. Mail in a mailbox for a \$10,000 fine per mailbox. So if you have something you want to leave, take some tape and tape to glass or other surface that won’t be damaged by the tape. I don’t like to tape on wood or stained surfaces.

WORKING YOUR PRECINCT

After the first run through your precinct you will begin to know a lot more about your area. You will find that you become a neighborhood center of information and what's going on in the neighborhood. The next question you will get is:

Who do I vote for?

I get this all the time, and I prefer to send folks to various information that they can look up and check out their candidates.

- [Oklahoma Supreme Court Network](#) - contains all the legal court records for all courts in the state of Oklahoma
- [The Guardian](#) - the reporting site where all candidates must report their income and expenses
- [The Oklahoma Secretary of State](#) which gives information on entities that you find in the financial reports.
- [Oklahoma Voter Portal](#) where voters can download and study their ballot before they cast their ballot.
- Doing basic web searches can also reveal leads on where else to look for information.

But when all else fails, I usually show them who I'm voting for and why.

STAYING IN CONTACT

Now that you are establishing your neighborhood, staying in contact is vital to nurture your precinct power.

Ways to stay in touch:

- **Email** - send out emails once a month is a vital way to stay in touch. It lets your voters know you are still around and active.
- **Facebook** group, private group, pages all work well to bring folks into your group, and then you can lead them into more secure and safer places to post.
- **Truth Social** is a great place to post without fear of being censored
- **Signal** - Excellent end-to-end encryption messaging app for your phone and PC. Handles large files (larger than email) and graphics. Get phone first, then sync with PC.
- **Twitter** has become amazingly fair, and some of my friends and I have tried to get kicked off, and haven't yet!
- Weather permitting, your group can **gather at a local park**. Some city parks require [reservations](#). [\(for OKC only\)](#)
- **Block parties** -you can block off part of a street are lots of fun. Be sure to check with the local police and authorities for regulations. Pot luck dishes and the host can supply water and ice, with a local leader or political leader can bring a lot of people out.

MORE CONTACT IDEAS

- You can even combine with a couple of precincts and invite a CD candidate - they love these events like this.
- Schedule a weekly, by-weekly, or monthly coffee time on the weekend - the third Saturday of the month to meet at a local coffee shop to discuss issues, events, and news.

BE CONTAGIOUS!

Outside gatherings and block parties and other public “displays” of solidarity, unity and numbers can do wonders for **energizing your precinct voters..**

The liberals have done an excellent job of isolating and disorganizing the conservatives. Getting out, getting active and nurturing conservatives can go a long way toward larger numbers voting, and help make each voter a more informed and energized voter.

Statistics prove this is true, and it still works today. In the most recent Primary and Runoff races, those precincts that were actively informed and contacted, were the precincts that delivered the most voters.

In a world that seems rife with apathy and a “whatever” attitude, walking and working your precinct is still the gold standard for activating and energizing precincts and making conservative voting powerful and effective.

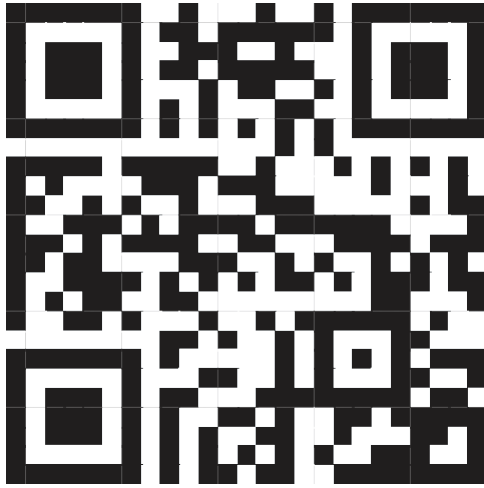
HAVING FUN IS CONTAGIOUS

We are very engaged in making this program pertinent, powerful and effective **for you** the grassroots. Please give us feedback. If there is anything that is too much, too little, confusing, or otherwise needs adjustment, please let us know. There's a QR code on the back with my text number to get in touch with me for answering questions and feedback!

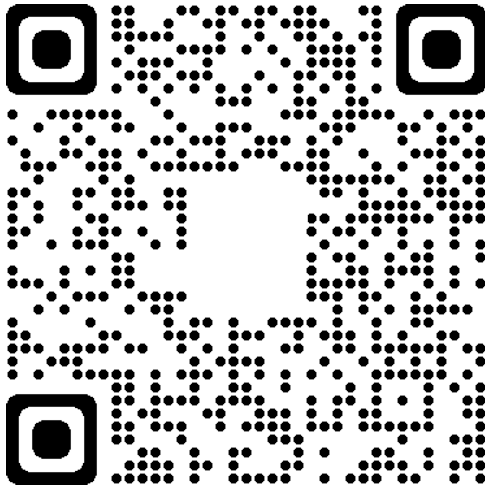
HAVE FUN!!!
LET'S WAKE UP THE **RED VOTE!**

NOTES

RESOURCES



<https://tinyurl.com/45wy7tc5>
District Finder
(for all OK districts)



<https://tinyurl.com/SearchOSCN>



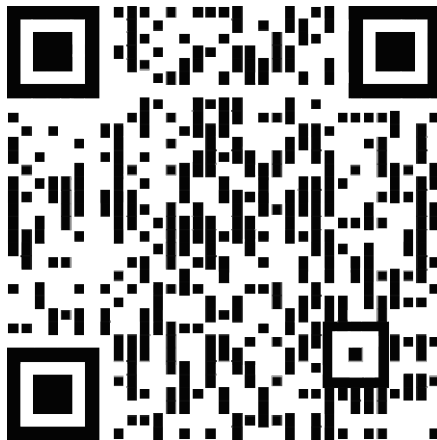
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