

CC GOP District 1 Brainstorm Session

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Agenda – Start 0900 hrs

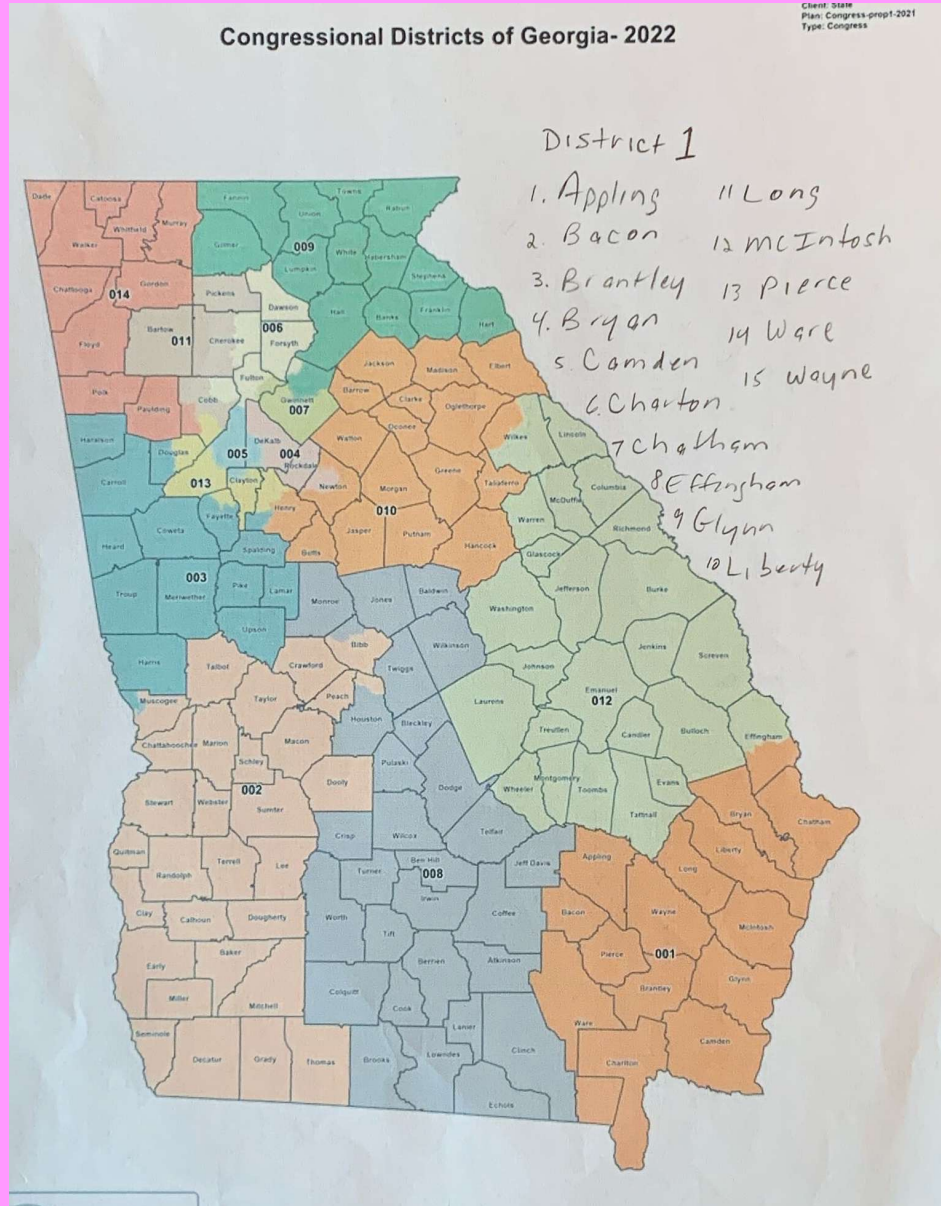
- **What am I doing here?**
- **What is the role of a District Chair?**
- **What is the role of the Precinct Chair?**

- **Post it Note exercise**
- **Consolidation**
- **Vision / Mission / Direction Statement**
- **Setting of 3-5 Goals**
- **Action List**
- **Assignment of Roles**

- **Open Discussion**

Closing – 1100 hrs

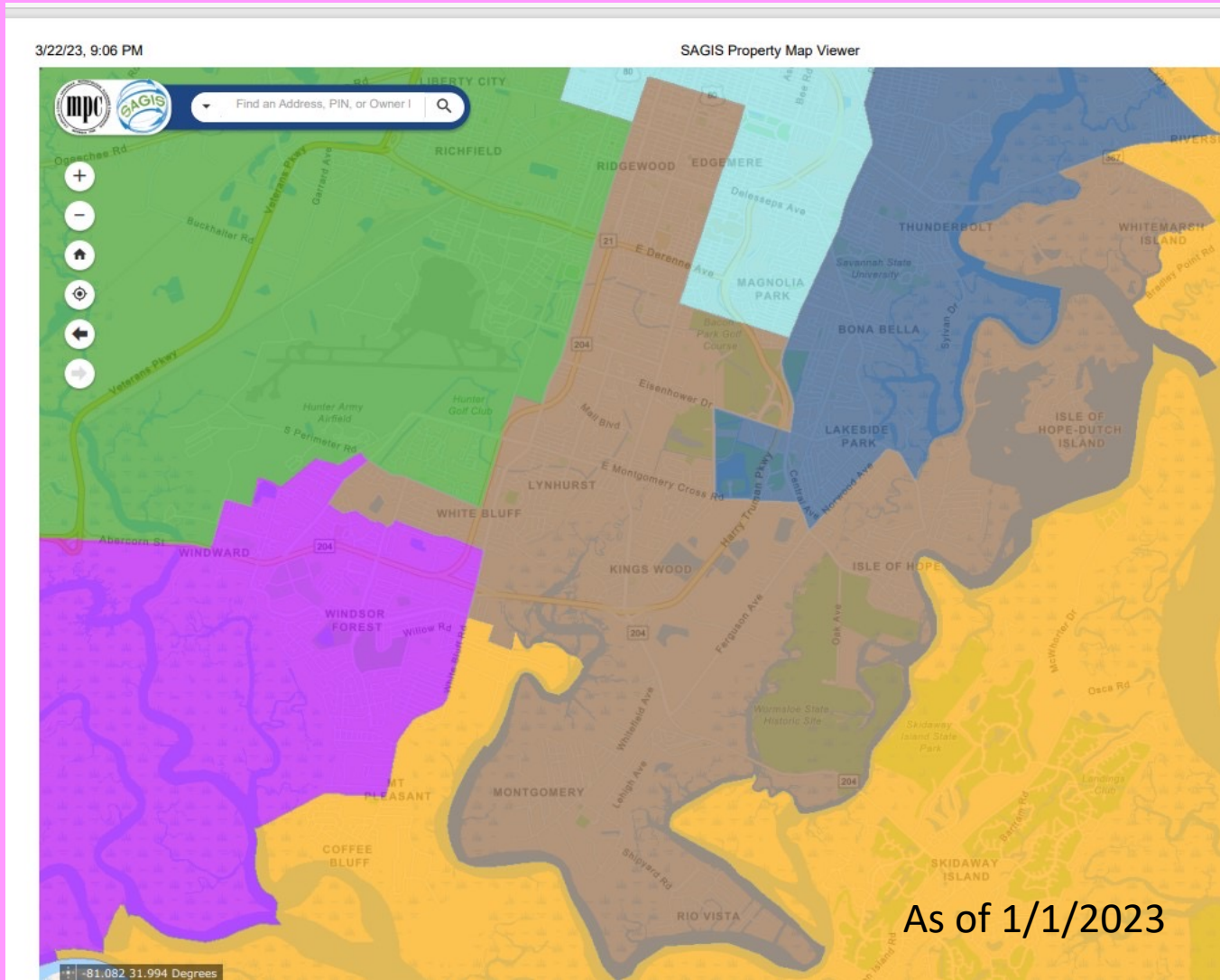
Chatham County, District 1 GOP



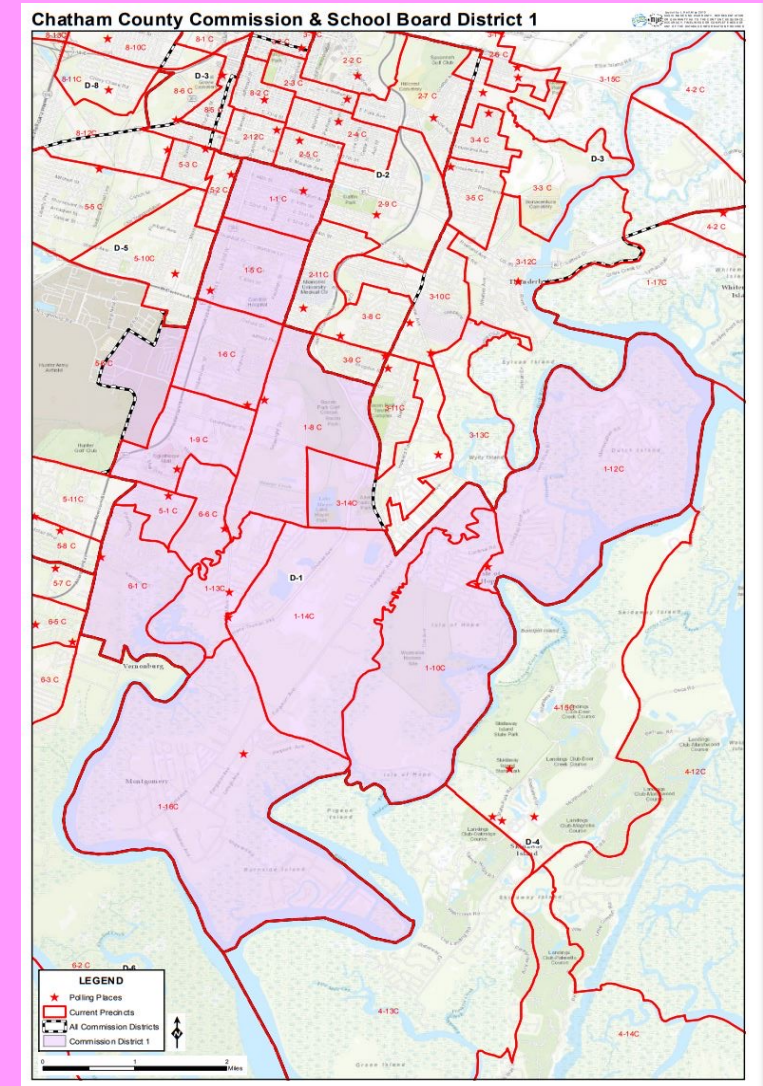
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Congressional Districts
in Georgia

Chatham County is in
Congressional District
one (orange) in the
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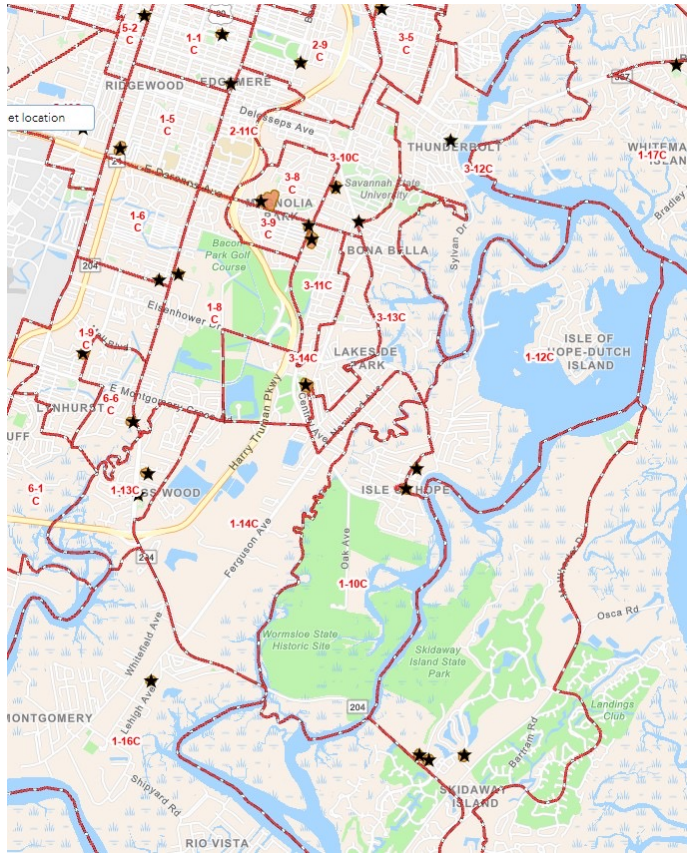
New D1



Old D1



Chatham County, GA Precincts located within Commission District 1



Maps source: <https://chathamelection.sagis.org/>

Polling location			GOP Precinct Chair*
First Pres Church	1	1	Jonathan Jones
JEA	1	5	Stephen Plunk
Central Church of Christ	1	6	Sandy Mentzel
Grace united methodist church	1	8	Steve Magulius
Immanuel Baptist church	1	9	Colton McRae
St. Thomas Episcopal	1	10	Cathy Rodgers
Isls of Hope Baptist	1	12	Jennifer Salandi
The Sanctuary	1	13	vacant
Compassion Christian?	1	14	vacant
Ferguson Ave Baptist	1	16	Vicky Bradley
Savannah Primitive Baptist Church	5	8	vacant
White Bluff Presb.	6	1	Phillip Mannerelli
The Light Church	6	6	Anna Babcock
Island Chrisitan Church	1	17	Ayeda Ali Shihadeh
*Elected Precinct Caucus March 2023			
GOP District Chair			Mike Mentzel

So, Just what does a District Chair do?

From the CCRP Bylaws: <https://www.chathamcountygop.com/bylaws>

L. Duties/Responsibilities for Vice Chairmen, District Chairs, Precinct Chairs, Committee Chairmen

- 1. Will establish an action plan and objectives.*
- 2. Will submit said action plan to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days after being elected to or accepting said position.*

So, Just what are the responsibilities of a District Chair? (Per the CCRP Bylaws)

District Chairmen

1. Serve on the Executive Committee.
2. Be responsible for assisting in the recruitment of Precinct Chairmen in their District.
3. Maintain periodic contact with Precinct Chairmen in their District.
4. Assist in obtaining poll watchers during elections.

So, Just what is a Precinct Chair?

Central manger (organizer/liaison) for the smallest unit in the Republican Party

The Republican Party is organized geographically

- State-wide level
- Congressional districts
- County level
- Precinct level



So, Just what is a Precinct Chair?

Per the CCRP Bylaws

Precinct Chairmen

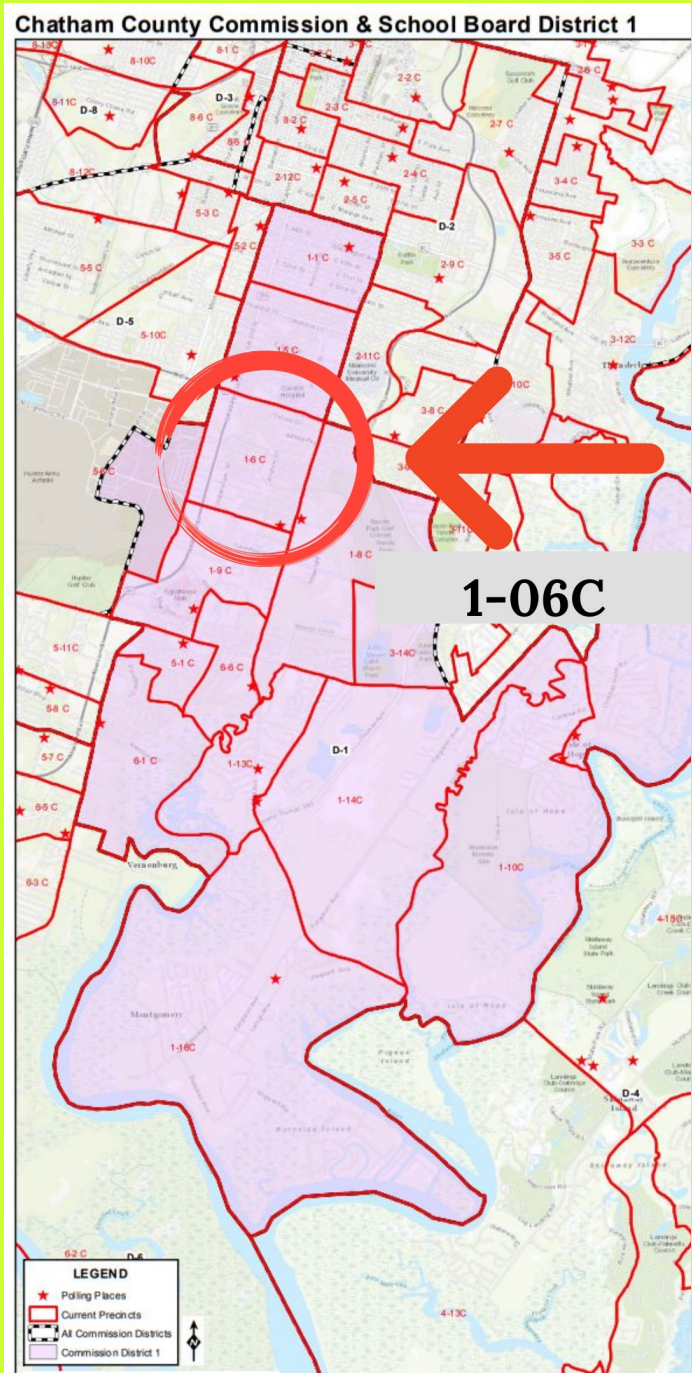
1. Be responsible for maintaining contact with the voters in their precinct.
2. Assist with the conduct of voter canvasses.
3. Assist with recruitment of Poll Watchers.

So, Just what is a Precinct Chair?

Precinct Chairs are the grassroots of the Party and form the foundation upon which the Republican Party is built on.

Three basic responsibilities:

1. Help promote **our** candidates' campaigns in your Precinct.
2. Grow the Party base in your Precinct by:
 - i. Building contact lists,
 - ii. Walking neighborhoods,
 - iii. Recruiting new block captains and precinct officers.
3. Contribute to the management of the County Republican Party by actively serving on the County Committee.



A Precinct Chair is a liaison of the people within their neighborhood to the Republican Party

Central Church of Christ is the Polling Location for Precinct 1-06 within D1

So, Just what does a Precinct Chair do?

Maximize Conservative
Republican Votes

Increase Number of
Republican Voters

Where do we go from here?

Brainstorming Session

Vision

Mission

Set 3 to 5 SMART Goals

Develop Actions to complete these Goals

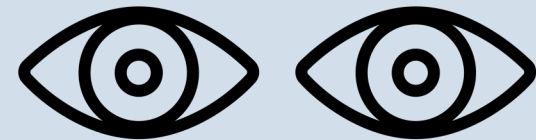


Where do we go from here?

A mission statement focuses on the present and a vision statement focuses on the future.

Vision Statement

- *Specific and direct*
- *Brief*
- *Do not contain buzzwords or jargon*



Vision Statement

- *Why* are we involved in the first place?
- *How* do you want to impact our community?
- *In which* direction will we focus our energy to achieve your goals?

CC GOP

We believe in:

- Lower taxes
- Honesty and integrity in government
- Fiscal responsibility in government
- Less government intrusion in our lives
- Individual freedom and opportunity
- Ending government waste
- Personal responsibility
- Smaller government

Georgia GOP

- We believe in the Constitution, written not as a weak and bendable document, but as an enduring solemn league and covenant between the sovereign States.
- We believe that our constitutional system of limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the people — must be preserved uncompromised for future generations.
- We believe that personal freedom and personal morality are indivisible. When personal freedom and personal morality are separated — society is in peril; when they are united, liberty and tranquility reigns.
- We believe in the right of all Americans to enjoy their God-given liberties and to have equal access to the law and the courts for redress when those rights are violated.
- We believe in the right to life from conception, beginning at fertilization, to natural death.
- We believe that the right to self-defense is a God-given right, recognized by the Second Amendment.
- We believe that the rights of freedom of religion and freedom of association, recognized by the First Amendment, must be vigilantly defended.
- We believe in the importance of both mothers and fathers, and that the traditional family is the cornerstone of civil society and must be strengthened.
- We believe in victims' rights to justice and support the use of restitution to victims.
- We believe political freedom and economic freedom are indivisible. When political freedom and economic freedom are separated — both are in peril; when united, they are invincible.
- We believe that economic freedom is the cornerstone of individual liberty and the private sector and free-market principles, are the best way to stimulate economic development rather than government subsidies or programs.
- We believe in balanced budgets and the reduction of public debt.
- We believe that revenues collected at all levels of government should be used only for well-defined, legitimate government functions and should be carried out efficiently so that tax rates may be kept as low as possible.
- We believe that immigration policies and laws should be written to promote the interests of the American people as a whole rather than any particular special interest group.
- We believe that it is the right of every parent to act in their child's best interest regarding health and education decisions. This includes choosing the form and content of their education, whether as a public school, private school, home school, or education by other means. The Federal Government has no right to influence the educational decisions of state or locally elected school officials by attaching conditions to the receipt of federal funding for education.
- We believe that to be prepared for war is the most effective means of preserving peace, and that it is through example and not force that we can best share with people everywhere the blessings of peace and freedom.
- We believe that those who have worn the uniform of our armed forces and served with honor deserve the full care and benefits they were promised. These promises constitute a solemn pledge that must be honored.
- We believe in the self-government of nations and that our government's first concern is the protection of the natural and constitutional rights of the American people and their sovereign right to rule themselves without deference to any foreign power or international body.
- We believe in the right of Israel to exist as a free and sovereign nation as an example to the West of a proud people who are not ashamed to defend their people, their land, and their heritage. We believe that Jerusalem should remain Israel's undivided capital, accessible to people of all faiths.
- Finally, we believe that the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

Kandiss Taylor

- JESUS

- GUNS

- AND BABIES

Kandiss Taylor

I volunteer to serve the Republican Party for the following reasons:

1-grow our base

2-identify republicans to run

3-help republicans get elected

4-hold current elected republicans accountable

5-replace the fake republicans who refuse to hold the line

Brittany Brown

**WE ARE THE
CHATHAM COUNTY GOP!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
ELECT REPUBLICANS!**

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT?

- **Identify and support Republican candidates**
- **Engage, inform and energize the Republican voters in Chatham**
- **Share information on issues, legislation, elections and events to insure an informed electorate**
- **Create a sense of community and camaraderie among our membership**
- **Become a powerful conservative presence in Chatham County**
- **Get out the vote!**

JOIN THE CHATHAM COUNTY GOP TODAY
IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER

Vision Statement Example

*“Chatham County District One
will be the Premier District
Blazing the trail so others can
follow our methodology.”*

* NOTE – This is NOT our vision statement, just an example

SMART Goal Examples

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Relevant
- Time-bound



Idea Examples*

Poll
Watcher

Create
Voter
Guide

Clean up
Voter Roles

Primary
Election
Influence

Get Trump
Elected

Convert
Woke
Democrats

Support
Conservative
Candidates

Maximize
Republican
votes

Poll Worker

* NOTE – Some of these examples may not be viable

SMART Goal Examples

- Increase Conservative voters in my precinct by 20% in six Months
- Knock on 10,000 doors on 3 weeks
- Scrub voter database to identify all strong, moderate and weak Republicans before the next primary
- Create a flyer and distribute to all strong, moderate and weak Republicans before the next general election
- Identify independent swing voters in my precinct and convert 45% by the end of the year

B: Be open

R: Respect each other.

A: All wild ideas matter.

I: Invite contributions.

N: No negativity.

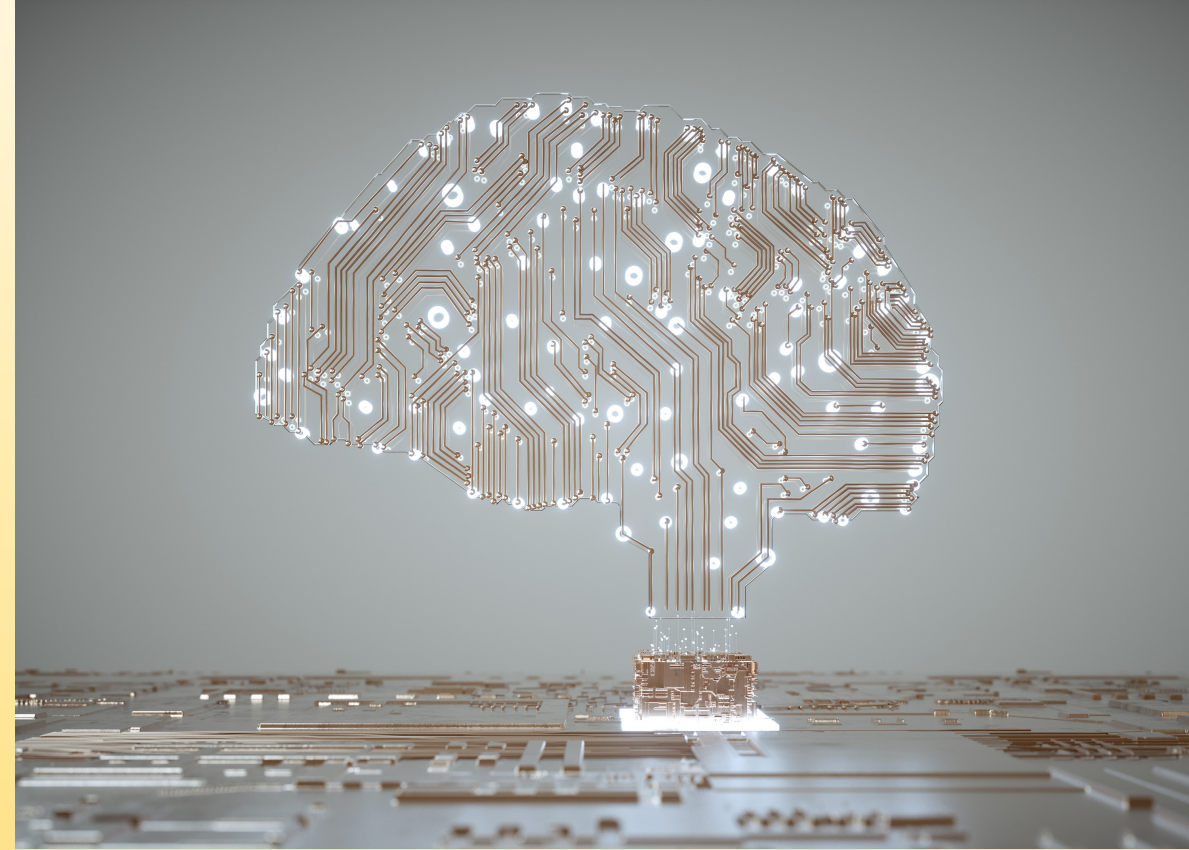
S: Strive for quantity.

T: Take turns talking.

O: Originality is a plus.

R: Relax! We have time.

M: Make it fun!



Post it Note Exercise – Phase I

Think up what you have always wanted to accomplish in the Republican Party

- Write it on a note, Stick it on the wall
- Keep it Short – 3-9 words
- Keep it Local – County level issues
- Keep it SMART (but it can be dumb for now....)



Post it Note Exercise – Phase II

Facilitator will Group ideas into common themes

- Group participation encouraged
- It is OK to modify, add to and edit ideas
- Speak up now – This is your opportunity to have your voice heard



Post it Note Exercise – Phase III

Small groups of 3-5 persons will evaluate, edit and revise ideas

- Collaborate
- Interact to improve idea concepts
- We are all pulling in the same direction



Post it Note Exercise – Phase IV

Evaluate idea groups and create 3 to 5 goals

- Modify and update goals to become SMART goals
- Keep focus on achievable ideas and actions which can be accomplished
- Synthesize OUR ideas into One Mission/Vision statement



Post it Note Exercise – Phase V

Turn Goals into Action items

- What can be done (for cheap)
- Who will accomplish the action?
- Is a team (not a committee) needed?
- Is this something to be completed with other County Districts?



Possible ideas

- **Getting People in YOUR precinct involved**
 - **Identifying voters**
 - **Registering voters**
 - **Informing voters**
 - **Turning out voters**
- Using Walk lists to talk with past republican voters/hand out brochures (build relationships)**
 - Having voter registration paperwork available**
 - Informing voters about the local school board elections and candidates**
 - Helping your neighbors get to the polls on election day by offering to drive**

Call to Action



Next Steps

Homework Summary

Read the CCRP Bylaws:

[CCRP Rules January 2021](#)

Frequent the CC GOP Website:

<https://chathamcountyrepublicanparty.wildapricot.org/>

Prepare for the Upcoming Precinct Brainstorming workshop:

[Bring 3 to 5 Ideas](#)

Read the Cobb County, GOP Precinct Chair's Handbook:

[Cobb County Precinct Handbook link.](#)

More Info –
Check Out – Dan Shultz

<https://networkamerica.org>

<https://precinctstrategy.com>

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