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Greetings from your Travis Country Democrat Neighbors! We are proud to be an organized group of neighbors working towards keeping Travis Country, Austin, and beyond, **BLUE**. We are reaching out to you to let you know what we do, what our plans are, and to invite you to join us in fighting the good fight. Or as we like to say “walking the walk.”

Our Story. When we started organizing the Democrats in our Precinct in 2004, the Travis County Democratic Party had given up on us as a *Republican* precinct – we were advised to not even waste our time here!

- ✚ We have worked hard to place our precinct in the Democratic column since 2006!
- ✚ We found that Democrats were here, they just weren’t voting.
- ✚ The shift to Democratic candidates winning our precinct happened because of dedicated neighborhood volunteers working for better government and community.
- ✚ **Real and successful community activism!**

What We Do. We have broken Travis Country into approximately 40 blocks (each with about 30-40 houses) and each block has an assigned Block Captain (BC). Sadly, your block has recently been “orphaned.” Which is why we are reaching out to you. **You have been identified as an ideal Democrat for the job.**

- ✚ Have fun and meet great folks
- ✚ Feel good about doing all you can to get the right candidates elected
- ✚ Be a vital part of a precinct that continually gets recognized as one of the most organized in the County.

We also have a Steering Committee, represent our precinct at Travis County Democratic Party executive meetings, watchdog our local politicians, register voters, have house parties, and throw an annual picnic for the entire neighborhood.

What Block Captains Do. Our Block Captains are our boots on the ground. We will train you, provide you with lists of registered and unregistered voters, and a map of your block. We will assist you with anything you need. Here’s what our Block Captains do:

- ✚ Attend a one hour training party here in the neighborhood
- ✚ Identify Democrats on assigned blocks
- ✚ Drop off flyers at Democratic households 2-3 times a year (for picnic, early voting)
- ✚ Get your Democrats to VOTE!
- ✚ Attend victory parties(!) and picnic

Block Captain Training. Block Captain training sessions are scheduled for **December 6 at 4pm (and others as necessary)**. You only need to attend one. Feel free to join us just to learn more about us and the BC roles. Please rsvp at llkurth@gmail.com

Time Commitment. That is up to you – you control your schedule and design your own plan for your block, with the help of our training materials. Time commitment over a two year election cycle may be an hour a week around election time, but there are also months of inactivity. In the beginning there will be some time spent getting trained and identifying your Democrat neighbors. We also promote the co-Block Captain concept – finding someone in your block to work with you.

Our big picture time line is getting Democrats to vote in the primary next spring, and getting Democrats elected in the general election in November 2016. We are organizing early to get our Block Captains in the field to chat with their neighbors when it's convenient. The lists we provide you will cull out some Republicans, which reduces the workload.

Other Ways to be Involved. We really hope you'll consider a Block Captain role – it's a meaningful way to make a difference. However, we always need help with the following efforts:

- ✚ Volunteers for the annual picnic (in the fall) – setting up tables, organizing food, scheduling speakers, kids activities, etc.
- ✚ Join a committee: Financial/Fundraising; Web Design/Support; Data Management; Block Captain Coordination; Social; Voter Registration.
- ✚ Donations - mainly to defray costs of the picnic.
- ✚ Tell your (like-minded) neighbors about us.
- ✚ Provide us your email so we can keep you apprised of our efforts.

We can do this – be organized, put some energy into it, and be proud that we all do all we can to keep our world **BLUE**.

We are happy to provide more information! Please email Lynn at llkurth@gmail.com or call Lynn at 512 892 7022. Email Barb at barb_colvin@icloud.com or call 512-703-7130. Visit our website at www.354democrats.org

Thanks for all your support over the years!

Join us – be a part of our winning team.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kurth & Barb Colvin

Precinct 354 Chair & Block Captain Coordinator

ps. We would love to buy you a cup of coffee and have a chat -- anytime. Just let us know.