

WHAT IS THE WARD SYSTEM?

- Philadelphia is divided into 66 geographic regions called Wards
- The Wards are divided into between 10 and 50 smaller areas called divisions
- Each division (1,686 in total) is represented by two committee people per political party
- Committee people represent their neighbors as their party's political block captain!

WHAT IS A COMMITTEE PERSON?

Committee people are:

- A political party's representative in each voting division
- A point of contact between voters, elected officials and the party

Committee people are volunteer party officers, not public officials or government employees. Most committee people are paid around \$100 for each election, and that money comes from the party, not taxpayers

WHAT DO COMMITTEE PEOPLE DO?

The expectations and responsibilities of committee people vary depending on the ward but include:

- Electing your Ward Leader
- Endorsing candidates
- Heading a voter registration drive in your neighborhood
- Circulating nomination petitions for your party's candidates
- Giving voters info (election date, polling place, candidates) about an upcoming election
- Distributing absentee and alternative ballot applications before an election
- Recruiting Election Day poll watchers for candidates in your division
- Working with neighbors, block captains and community groups to help solve problems

WHO CAN RUN FOR COMMITTEE PERSON?

To run for Committee Person you have to be:

- A registered voter in the division you wish to represent
- Registered as a member of the political party you are seeking to represent

Committee people serve four year terms with no term limits

(Note: If you are an unelected city official or city employee, you are prohibited from many political activities, including serving as a committee person. For more detailed information about political activity restrictions for city officials and employees, contact the Philadelphia Board of Ethics or Office of the Chief Integrity Officer.)