

# ***The Delegate Process***

The impact of being a delegate is huge, the process is simple, and the experience is one you will remember forever as you become part of a great success story which will improve Utah and compel change in Washington, DC.

## **Why Delegates Matter:**

In Utah, the candidates who represent each political party are chosen by delegates at state and county party conventions. The process begins at the neighborhood or precinct level. Typically a precinct includes 1250-1300 homes, so a precinct is roughly the size of a neighborhood.

In each party, each precinct will hold a meeting, called a caucus meeting. The Democrats and Republicans will hold their party caucus on **March 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm**. This is a very important day and meeting, so put it on your calendar if you haven't already! During the precinct caucus meeting, people from your precinct (neighborhood) will be elected to represent your precinct as delegates to the state and county conventions. (As a delegate you will be the one to cast votes for which candidates you feel best represent your precinct.)

## **Why Delegates Matter More than Ever:**

At the convention, if a candidate receives **60% of the delegate vote**, they automatically become the party's candidate and move on to the general election in November. If no candidate reaches 60%, the top two candidates move on to a primary election held in June.

## **Simple Steps to Becoming a Delegate:**

Becoming a delegate doesn't require you to be a politician, have extensive knowledge of political science or social issues, or be a public speaker. You are just going to be meeting with your neighbors, letting them know you are committed to getting involved and striving to make a difference for your area.

Included is a link [http://utahrising.org/Downloads/DelegateTrainingManual\\_Feb2010.pdf](http://utahrising.org/Downloads/DelegateTrainingManual_Feb2010.pdf) for a step-by-step process for becoming a delegate. (There are also other positions you can run for which are described in the document.)

Basic things to remember:

1. Determine your voting precinct
2. Find your neighborhood precinct caucus location
3. Identify people in your precinct who will vote for you (reach out to as many family, friends, and neighbors as you can)
4. Attend your caucus meeting

No prior experience is required, you will enjoy the process and you will make a tremendous difference.

There are **12 days left** until the precinct caucuses are held, which is plenty of time for you to get in, get ready, and get elected as a delegate. *Remember, it is the delegate vote that determines which candidates move forward.* In addition to running yourself, encourage your friends and family members who live in other areas of the state to jump in and run as well.

**Every delegate matters! Remember the night March 23rd!**