

Get Out the Vote (GOTV) -- Door-to-Door

Preparation

By going to {www.MorrisPatriots.org/County_Committee}, you can find links for:

Find these in the right-hand column, under “Additional Resources”

Options if you are concerned about privacy

1. Free, new e-mail address. *Some volunteers prefer not to give out their personal email address – this can overcome that concern. Note, however, that if you forward mail to your own email address, when you reply to an incoming email, you will probably want to change your “from” field to this one*
2. Free, new phone number. *Some folks don’t like giving out their own phone number. This alternative gives you a new number that can forward to your phone.*
3. Free, business card. *You can list your new e-mail address and phone number and identify yourself as a member of the Municipal Republican Committee or list your home address*

Gather Voter Materials

1. Voter Registration Forms

- Preprinted: *Free, Preprinted Voter Registration forms are available from the Superintendent of Elections Office in each respective county (usable only in that county). To find the address, go to www.MorrisPatriots.org, as above – follow prompts to find the address*
- Print-at-home via internet (preprinted address): *BETTER: By using the links on the www.morrispatriots.org/county_committee web page, you can download and print forms already properly addressed for voters in your county.*
- Print-at-home via internet (no preprinted address): *This is a generic voter registration form; either you or voter must add the “send to” address*

2. Mail-In Ballot Applications (formerly called Absentee Ballot Applications)

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3. Street Lists of Registered Voters – for Walking

- Free: *Contact Christine Ramirez at CRamire257@aol.com for walking lists for your district, or*
- Free: *Email Contact@MorrisPatriots.org, or*
- Costly: *go to <http://morriselections.org/can-lists.asp> to order from the Elections Superintendent*

4. Survey Questions

- **County Republican Committees** – *If you are a member of the County Committee, your municipal or county chairman may have specific suggestions, but if not, here’s what we’re seeking to accomplish going into this election:*
 - Identify that Republican-leaning citizens are Registered in each household
 - Encourage voters to vote Romney-Ryan and Kyrillos (appeal to undecided voters with emotional questions; to logical thinkers with facts)

5. Literature to Leave Behind

- For County Committee people: leave behind any available Romney / Kyrillos material (available from county GOP headquarters)
- For others: leave behind non-partisan educational materials (on website)
- Voter Not Home: leave behind a “door knocker” with your card or contact information

6. Clipboard and bag

- **Organize** – *Whether you use a grocery bag, canvas bag or shoulder bag, its easiest if you carry materials with you. To fill our surveys, you’ll likely want a clipboard. If you don’t have one handy, there’s a link on our website to a nice alternative at Staples*
- **Other items:**
 - Rubber Bands – real handy for leaving information behind – Postal regulations say you cannot leave literature in a mailbox; so hang it on a door knob or the mailbox post
 - Post It Notes – many times, you want to leave a note
 - Business Cards – to attach to any literature you leave behind
 - Pens!

7. Pair Up, What to Wear

- **Travel in twos** – *It’s easiest if you walk as a 2-person team – one to talk, the other to make notes. Experienced folks can do it alone, paying attention to the neighborhood. Politely decline an offer to “come in” – you will spend too much time at that location. You want to make your point and move on. Average time speaking with someone: 3 minutes*
- **Clothing:**
 - Dress for anticipated weather
 - Look business-like. You don’t have to wear a suit, but don’t wear a Yankees T-Shirt and short, either. People are hesitant to answer doors to strangers – you want to instill confidence and not look like a salesman. Wear a nametag if possible