

Caucusing for LGBTQ Equity

Spring 2018

What and Why

Precinct caucuses are the first step in the party endorsement process and party platform/agenda formation. The caucuses provide an opportunity for supporters of LGBTQ equity to help shape the priorities and agenda of the parties by passing issue resolutions, becoming a party delegate, and endorsing candidates.

For many Minnesotans who care about LGBTQ equity, winning the freedom to marry was not the end of the story. You can help them turn the page and continue the work. Remember, you don't have to be an expert, and you don't need to change anyone's mind. Your job is to start the conversation. You're a guide. You don't need to reach the destination right away — just start down the path together.

Where and When

Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 7pm. To find the location of your precinct caucus go visit: bit.ly/MyPrecinctCaucus

Instructions

- Arrive early to get a good seat and parking spot 6:30 or 6:45pm should be fine.
- Build support for LGBTQ equity! Work the room and spread the word about the resolution you brought. A sample conversation is provided.
- When the floor opens to pass resolutions, state your resolutions and get them passed onto the party platform. Sample resolutions are provided.
- Become a delegate to the Senate District Conventions (in metro areas) or County Convention (in Greater Minnesota).
- Let us know what happened! Did the resolution pass? Did you become a delegate? Shoot an email to policy@outfront.org. Photos welcome.

Resolutions

RESOLVED: youth in Minnesota need access to information that helps them live healthy lives. _____ supports sexuality health education offered by public schools that is medically accurate, age appropriate and inclusive of LGBTQ concerns.

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RESOLVED: _____ supports a ban on conversion therapy, also known as sexual orientation/gender identity change efforts, or reparative therapy, as a therapeutic practice. Conversion therapy is targeted at lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in Minnesota. It has been discredited or highly criticized as harmful by all credible, major American medical, psychiatric, psychological, and professional counseling organizations.

Here are some ideas on how to start a conversation:

Ask: What issue motivated you to attend your precinct caucuses? (Listen and respond)

Share: I came out tonight because LGBTQ equity is really important to me and I want to build momentum for making Minnesota a great place for all people to live.

Ask: Wasn't passing marriage and the Safe Schools For All bill exciting? (Listen, respond)

Share and Ask: The next big thing will be passing a ban on conversion therapy and comprehensive sexuality education. Have you heard about either of these issues? (Listen, respond)

Share and Ask: I'm pretty new to activism. Have you been to one of these caucuses before?

However your conversation goes, thank the person for taking the time to talk with you. Remind them how important it is to you. And know that you have gotten us one step closer to a Minnesota where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are free to be who they are, love who they love, and live without fear of violence, harassment, or discrimination!

Contact Us

Let us know how your precinct caucus went! Or, if you have questions, give us a shout.

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