



Cumberland County



Republican Committee

## Hints and Tips for Working at the Poll

- **In Advance Review the Slate Card:** Look at the Slate Card so you know who is running and a few tidbits about each of the candidates. It is on the back. You can also visit the candidate's websites, so you are somewhat familiar with the Republican candidates in case someone asks. It might be a good idea to note a reason or two why our Republican candidate is the better choice than the Democrat also running for the position. You can make yourself a little sheet with bullet points for each candidate to have as a resource for yourself at the Poll to reference. Voters have the legal right to take the Slate Card into the voting booth as their personal resource just as if they had written the names down on a piece of paper as a reference.
- **Checklist for a Poll Worker:** Look at the Checklist for a Poll Worker document as it tells you what to bring for your day at the Poll.
- **Yard Signs:** Make sure the yard signs for our candidates are outside the poll. You pick these up when you pick up your poll bag.
- **Area Set-up:** Set up your area at the poll at around 6:45 a.m. or earlier if you want, to be ready at 7 a.m. Your table must be at least 10 feet from the door/entrance to the place where the voting booths are located. I suggest you pick your spot then ask the person in charge inside the Poll if your location is OK.
- **Interacting with the people coming in to vote:** Think how you would want to be greeted/treated when you are walking into the polling place. Say Good Morning and smile. If they come to your table, give them a slate card and encourage them to vote for insert name(s) -----, ask them if they have any questions. If they ask you who you are with, tell them you are a volunteer for the Cumberland County Republican Committee or the Republican committee person for - insert precinct name - whichever applies. When they are coming out, thank them for voting.
- **Standing:** You may choose at times to stand and have a few slate cards in your hand and greet the voters when they are walking in and encourage them to vote for the Republican Slate or a specific candidate and give them a slate card. Some may take the slate card and others may say no thank you. Don't take their desire to not engage with you personally. You are there to be helpful, a resource, and courteous.
- **Breaks:** See if there is a place for you to use the restroom. If you can, find someone to work the poll for you for an hour or so to allow you to have a break. Your neighbor or family member.
- **Legal Resource:** Each bag will have a card with the local county level legal contact for Election Day. If you have any questions about issues (I can't list any in particular), call them.