Our candidate for Congress, Michelle de la Isla, is mayor of Topeka and thus has been very busy helping Topeka/Shawnee County prepare for the Covid-19 pandemic. Even so, she has been making great progress in building a campaign organization, meeting voters and raising the needed campaign funds. You can meet Michelle and can help by participating in a Zoom fundraiser on April 11 at 6 PM.

Click here or copy and paste to join:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsceivqzoj2te9k6lPXQhX5LakqUjcug

"It is your ability to discern facts that makes you an individual, and our collective trust in common knowledge makes us a society. The individual who investigates is also the individual who builds. The leader who dislikes the investigators is a potential tyrant."

Timothy Snyder from On Tyranny
WARD ORGANIZATION FOR GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) 2020 BY BRUCE ROBERTS

I have volunteered to oversee our ward organization this cycle. If you were involved as a volunteer in 2016 and or 2018, you will remember that we used this structure to establish Ward Centers for the GOTV efforts on election day. We will be using this same organization of 13 Wards to coordinate contacting voters in the 73 precincts across Douglas County. Each Ward consists of several precincts located near each other (see map: https://statedemocrats.us/kansas/douglas/)

Thank you to our Precinct Committee Chairs for recruiting volunteers to expand our efforts to increase voter turnout this year. We are grateful for the many of you who served as block captains in 2016 and or 2018 contacting voters in your neighborhood, and your willingness to adapt to other ways to contact voters during the pandemic.

I appreciate very much the commitment of these Ward Managers:

   Ward 3 Penny Von Achen
   Ward 6 and 8 Lois Orth-Lopes
   Ward 7: Craig Sundell
   Ward 9: Caroline Grootes
   Ward 13: Gina Spade

Because of COVID-19, we are deploying virtual phone banks and hope to add texting capabilities for contacting voters soon. Our first phone bank is using volunteers to contact first-time voters and others who don’t vote often to encourage them to vote by mail. This calling will take place during the first three weeks of April. Ballots must be received in Topeka by May 2.

I’m always delighted to welcome new volunteers, so please contact me directly by email at jbruceroberts@gmail.com with contact information. Thank you.

EVEN MORE ABOUT THE PRIMARY

The presidential election campaign has been fairly well overshadowed by the much more pressing news of the pandemic, but our candidate has not yet been chosen and the Kansas presidential primary election is still on schedule. Registered Dems will receive mail in ballots with stamped, addressed envelopes the first week in April. A vote now is a strong statement that life is continuing and we citizens are still here; and it is a good rehearsal for the most important presidential election of your lifetime next November.

You can check or change your registration or register if needed by going to the state Democrat website https://kansasdems.org/2020primary.

❖ Precinct Committee Persons
❖ Block Captains
❖ Volunteers – to make calls, do data entry/processing and other administrative tasks

To volunteer or apply contact ppwiller@gmail.com