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34th District PCOs and members:

At the top of the front page on the [34th District Democrats Web site](#) is a call for "Neighborhood Leaders" for each precinct in the District that when clicked, takes you to a signup site that has a link to a list of precincts, including yours.



Precinct Committee Officers, whether elected, appointed, or acting, are expected to become "[Neighborhood Leaders](#)" in their precincts. This is the job you signed up for.

In several cases, there are unfamiliar names, or names of members who are not PCOs, where the PCOs' names should be. Those are volunteers whose service we appreciate and welcome. In some cases, those volunteers' names are there alongside the PCOs' names. That is as it should be.

If this is an unfamiliar practice, and you wonder why we are doing it this way, please understand that all campaigns do this. A nationwide presidential campaign must necessarily adopt a "one size fits all" method of recruiting volunteers to bang the doors and make the calls. Gore did it, Kerry did it, and now Obama is doing it.

Time is passing, and these doors need to be banged and these voters need to be called. The Obama campaign absolutely will assign others to do your precinct work if you do not respond, and I will back that up one hundred percent.

In precincts where we have PCOs, those PCOs' names should be listed as the "neighborhood leaders." We can have as many other names as we can get for each precinct, and people who are not PCOs are encouraged and welcomed to step forward. We are all in this together.

Let's fill every precinct with a "[neighborhood leader](#)" and show the campaign and the rest of the state that the 34th is up to the job. Thanks.

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