

### **Chautauqua County Democratic Committee Members:**

Being a County Committee member is the most grassroots position within the Chautauqua County Democratic Committee and also the first step for individuals who wish to become more involved in Town, City or Village. Running for this position requires designating petitions to be filed at the Board of Elections in even years. Once elected, the monetary contributions required of you are minimal. A county committee member represents an election district which is the smallest political unit, comprising of about 1,000 voters or less.

The main responsibility of a county committee member is casting a vote for officers of the county committee, including chair person, secretary, treasurer, first vice chair and second vice chair at a county re-organization meeting after the circulation of a qualifying designating petition in even years and to vote on any resolutions proposed by the county committee. If a vacancy occurs in the County Legislature and the current office holder is a Democrat, the county committee members in that district will be convened to vote on selecting the Democratic Party's nominee to the full county legislature to replace the vacating county legislator. Finally, the county committee member will participate in a weighted vote to endorse or nominate candidates for county or state offices.

County committee members should attend the regular meetings of the subset town or city committee and will re-organize in even years to elect officers for such town or city Democratic committee.

As a member of the subset town or city committee, it will be the obligation of all committee members to support incumbent Democrats, recruit new candidates to run for office when that office is vacant or not filled by a Democrat. The committee member will also support fund raising efforts by the town or city committee, or for local candidates.

A County Committee Member is an un-paid elected official who serves a two-year term, and must reside in the town in which they are elected. Each election district has two elected county committee positions. County committee positions that are unfilled due to a resignation or no committee petition have been circulated, may be filled by recommendation of the town or city chair to the county Democratic Committee chair and committee to fill vacancies.

For more information on County Committee Members or if you wish to join County Committee, please email us at: [chqdem@gmail.com](mailto:chqdem@gmail.com)

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