

Democratic Organizations in Princeton

Overview: The organizations listed below cooperate but vary greatly in scope. For example, the PCDO has public programs that span local to international issues, and has organized campaign activities in other states, while the PDMC activities are limited to Princeton and Mercer County. The Princeton Democratic Campaign is only concerned with the general election campaigns of Democrats in Princeton.

None of these organizations provide money or material support to candidates during the primary election campaign.

	Princeton Community Democratic Organization	Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee	Princeton Democratic Campaign 2017
Elected membership		X	
Basic duties defined by NJ law title 19 & 40a		X	
One male, one female member per voting district		X	
Selects 3 candidates to fill municipal vacancy		X	
Members are also members of county committee		X	
Raises money under NJ ELEC rules	X	X	X
Raises money under FEC rules	X		
Gives money to candidates outside Princeton	X	X	
Pays for campaign expenses	X	X	X
Organizes campaign activities in Princeton	X	X	X
Organizes campaigning outside Princeton	X		
Endorses municipal candidates	X	‡	
Endorses county candidates	X	*	
Endorses state candidates	X	*	
Endorses federal candidates	X	*	
Paid membership open to all Democrats	X		
Elected officials participate in governance	X		
Monthly public meetings	X		
Takes positions on public policy by resolution	X		
Activates members to lobby officials	X		

‡ committee members recommend ballot placement and slogan designation to the county chair * committee members vote at the Mercer County convention

More details on the organizations:

Princeton Community Democratic Organization (PCDO)	Princeton Democratic Municipal Committee (PDMC)	Candidate committees, such as the Princeton Democratic Campaign 2017
<p>PCDO is a club open to all registered Democrats who pay the annual dues (currently \$5 minimum, \$15 suggested). Before consolidation, it was the only local Democratic organization that spanned the Borough and Township.</p> <p>The leadership of the PCDO is elected annually, and elected Democratic officials living in Princeton who are PCDO members serve ex-officio on the Executive Board.</p> <p>PCDO has monthly public programs and has often supported candidates (e.g. President Obama) by organizing campaign activities in other states or regions. PCDO endorses candidates for the primary at the federal, state, county, and municipal level.</p> <p>PCDO members pass resolutions to advocate for or against policies at every level of government. Resolutions are initiated by the members.</p> <p>PCDO is registered with NJ ELEC as a continuing political committee, and the FEC as a nonconnected committee.</p> <p>President: Jean Durbin Treasurer: Owen O'Donnell 1st Vice President: <i>TBD</i> 2nd Vice President: Mary Anne Greenberg www.princetonodems.org</p>	<p>The PDMC is composed of 2 representatives from each of the 22 Princeton voting districts. They also serve as members of the Mercer County Democratic Committee. The structure and duties are specified in NJ Law titles 19 and 40a. PDMC members vote to select candidates to fill vacancies in the municipal government.</p> <p>PDMC members are also members of the county committee whose duties include filling vacancies in the county government and endorsing county, state, and federal candidates for primary ballot designation.</p> <p>The 1 male and 1 female member from each voting district are elected to the municipal committee every 2 years on the Democratic primary ballot, or appointed by the PDMC when vacancies exist.</p> <p>The PDMC recommends ballot placement and designation for primary candidates at the municipal level (“endorsement” in the chart).</p> <p>PDMC is registered with NJ ELEC as a municipal political party committee.</p> <p>Chair: Scotia MacRae Treasurer: Adam Bierman 1st Vice Chair: <i>TBD</i> 2nd Vice Chair: <i>TBD</i> municipal-committee.princetonodems.org</p>	<p>Every candidate needs to have a campaign committee for the primary. A candidate cannot legally raise or spend any money except through a candidate committee. After the primary, money must be raised through a general election candidate committee.</p> <p>The Princeton Democratic Campaign is registered with NJ ELEC as a joint candidate committee for the general election. It is recreated each year with the participation of the Democratic candidates for Princeton council and mayor who win the primary.</p> <p>The Princeton Democratic Campaign normally spends all the funds it raises on the local campaign – this makes it unique and hence people looking to specifically support municipal candidates make donations to it.</p> <p>NJ ELEC allows a candidate committee like the Princeton Democratic Campaign to donate a limited amount of money each year to the next group of candidates. This gives Democrats an advantage by providing initial campaign funds before fund-raising starts. By having all local candidates participate together in one campaign, coordination is maximized and overhead is reduced.</p> <p>Chair: Thomas Parker Treasurer: Helen Heintz campaign@princetonodems.org</p>