



# YOU and the Democratic Party

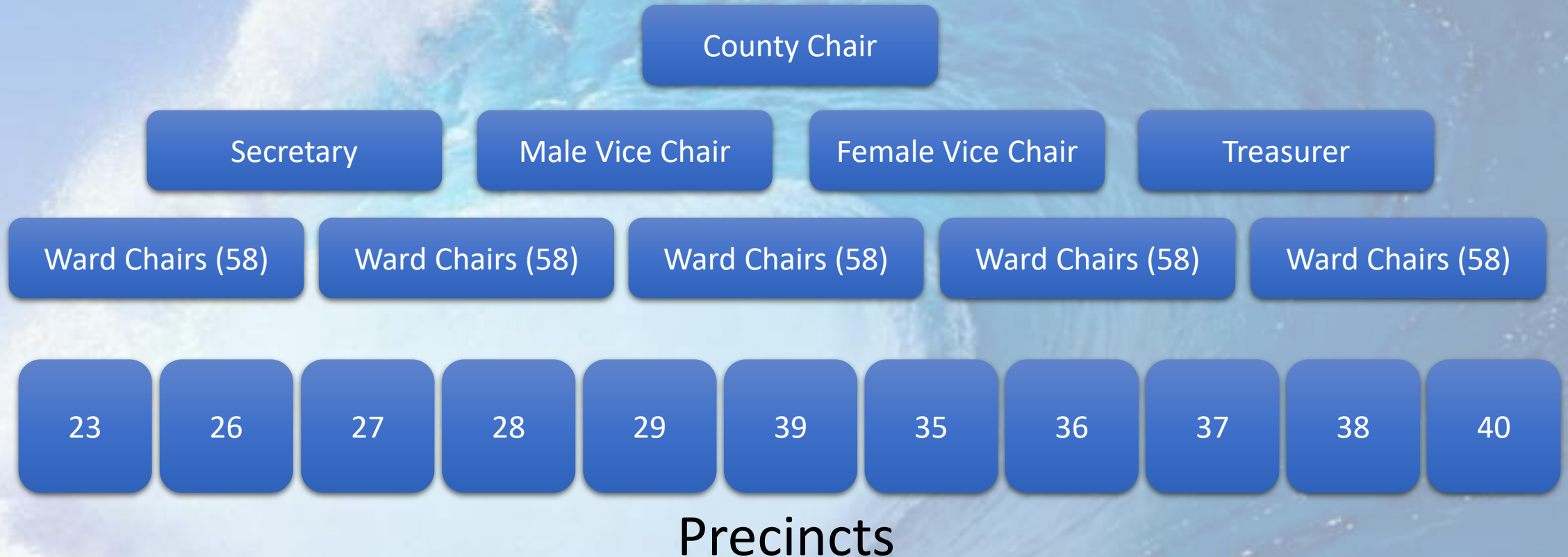
Next Generation Leadership Orientation

from the Democratic Party of Bernalillo County

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Let's start in the middle and work down to a good starting point



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### Precincts

- The smallest building blocks for all political entities (except CABQ boundaries)
- 441 precincts in Bernalillo County
- Range in size from about 12 city blocks to about 40 square miles
- 42 to 1270 Democrats per precinct, with an average of 446
- Apportionment:
  - At least one CCC member (the Precinct Chair) from each precinct
  - 2/3 of the precincts will have at least one additional CCC member

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“The most important job I ever had was Precinct Captain”. -- Harry S Truman

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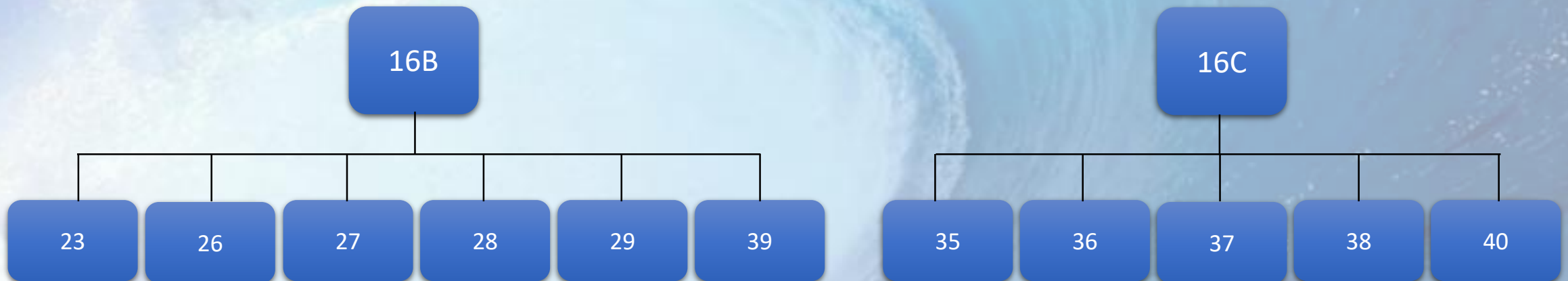


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### Wards

- Strictly a party entity, usually (but not always) based on State Rep Districts
- 58 wards in Bernalillo County
- 2234 to 4965 Democrats per ward, with an average of about 3300
- 4 to 13 precincts per ward, with an average of about 7.6
- Apportionment: the ward chair is the only ward-level CCC member





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- Conducts ward elections for:
  - Officers in odd-numbered years
  - Delegates in even-numbered years





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➤ Coordinates campaign activities within the ward





# Upcoming Events

1/19 – A repeat of this training

UNM Law School Library – 2 to 4 PM

2/14 – Another repeat of this training

Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Hall – 6 to 8 PM

2/23 – Yet another repeat of this training

Central/Unser Library – 10 AM to 1 PM

2/24 – Voter Registration Cut-off

# More Upcoming Events

3/9 – Ward Chair Training

Central Unser Library – 10:30 AM to 1 PM

3/14 – Ward Chair Training

UNM Law School Library – 2 to 4 PM

3/23 – Ward & Precinct Meetings/Elections

Various Times & Locations

4/6 – County Central Committee Meeting

Albuquerque Convention Center 10 AM (Registration 8:30 – 9:45 AM)

4/28 – State Central Committee Meeting

Cleveland High School PAC, Rio Rancho – Time TBD



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County Chair

Male Vice Chair

Female Vice Chair

State Central Committee Members

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The State Central Committee is the supreme governing body of the Democratic Party of New Mexico.

### State Central Committee

It elects:

- The DPNM State Chair
- The DPNM Vice Chair At-Large
- The DPNM Secretary
- The DPNM Treasurer
- DNC Committeeman and Committeewoman
- Six Congressional District Vice Chairs
  - A man and a woman from each CD
- Members of various standing committees





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