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Structure Test & Charting Worksheet

Putting Organizing Methods Into Action

Definitions:

Structure Tests: Structure Tests are mini-campaigns designed to help you assess the level of participation by area, whether in an apartment building, neighborhood, or worksite. The organizing goal is to get to a supermajority (75% or more) of active participation within the chosen structure. During Structure Tests you actively track participation, which tells you if you are READY to fight and WIN.

Wall Charts: Wall Charts are lists that include the name of every person in your structure, organized by geographic location/neighborhood/apartment building, etc. You use them to track participation in every Structure Test.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do you currently run Structure Tests? Discuss your current strategy for doing petitions and other actions. Based on what you learned through Organizing for Power programs, what would you like to do differently? What will it take to hit supermajority participation in your structure?
2. Are you currently using Wall Charts? How can Wall Charts strengthen your organizing?
3. Discuss your current process for tracking participation, and what you would like to do differently.

Assessing Your Current Organizing Structure:

1. What is your structure? Who are the people you're organizing?
2. What is the total number of people in your structure?
3. Have you previously done any Structure Tests and if so, what were they?
4. If you have run Structure Tests, what percentage of people participated in the last one? If you have not, what is the largest percentage of people who have recently participated in any recent petitions/rallies/actions?
5. What are your "biggest worst" areas/neighborhoods/buildings (largest areas with the lowest participation)?
6. What are your strongest areas, and how many people are in each area?
7. What will it take to increase participation in your next Structure Test?

Running Your Next/First Structure Test:

1. Coming out of this training, what is a Structure Test that you might run with your organization?
2. What is your goal for participation?
3. Identifying and recruiting Organic Leaders is KEY to running a successful Structure Test. Write out a detailed and specific plan for how you will identify and recruit Organic Leaders in your "biggest worst" areas.