

Hello, OCDP County Central Committee (CCC) member,

Congratulations on being a credentialed member of the OCDP County Central Committee (CCC)!

You might be thinking, *“So, I was selected for the CCC from my ward. Now what?”* We are sending you this note to answer a few of those *“Now what?”* questions.

WHAT IS THE CCC AGAIN?

The *County Central Committee* (CCC) is a group of committed Democrats in Otero County who are the backbone of the county party organization. CCC members vote on important decisions for the whole county party.

WHAT KINDS OF DECISIONS DO THE CCC MEMBERS MAKE?

The first decision the CCC members will make is to **elect the new county party officers** (Chair and Vice Chair), and also **elect five (5) members of the SCC** (State Central Committee).

Later, CCC members may be asked to:

- make decisions about the OCDP budget,
- approve new supplemental county party rules,
- deliberate about some restructuring of the ward boundaries,
- help define strategies for fulfilling the OCDP Goals,
- engage with residents of the community on important issues,
- and of course, to recruit volunteers who will help with campaigns to elect Democrats.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS UPCOMING CCC ELECTION

As part of your first decision (elections), all CCC members are invited to attend the **OCDP CCC meeting on Sunday, March 30, 2025**. This is a **Zoom meeting** (so CCC members from all over the county can attend). The meeting will be **called to order at 3pm**, and the “virtual doors” of the Zoom meeting will **open about 2:30pm**.

To attend this CCC Zoom meeting, you must pre-register.

[**CLICK HERE to pre-register for the March 30 CCC meeting on ZOOM.**](#)

After you pre-register, you will receive an email with a link to **JOIN** the CCC meeting. Then **on Sunday, March 30**, you just need to **click that JOIN link shortly before 3pm** to be admitted to the CCC meeting.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE CCC ZOOM MEETING?

At the CCC meeting (on Zoom), all CCC members will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates for County Chair, Vice Chair, and SCC. There will also be a time for any additional candidates for these positions to be “nominated from the floor.”

In addition to hearing from candidates, CCC members will receive information about the OCDP “supplemental county party rules” and the questions on the ballot that concern those rules.

No voting will happen at the CCC meeting.

HOW DOES THE VOTING WORK?

The CCC election will be conducted by online “absentee ballot.”

Voting will begin on April 1st and will close on Friday, April 4th, at 8pm.

On April 1st, you (all CCC members) will receive an **email** with a link to your own CCC ballot. If you have provided OCDP with a cell phone number, you will also receive a **text message** with a link to your CCC ballot.

When you receive that email (and/or text message), all you need to do is click the “Ballot link” and your ballot will open. Then you’ll:

1. enter your name and contact info,
2. vote for your preferred candidates,
3. vote on ballot questions about “rules,”
4. sign the ballot (by entering your name),
5. click **[Continue>>]** to review your choices,
6. and finally, click **[Submit>>]** to record your votes.

Accommodations for people who cannot vote an online ballot

If you are unable to vote the online ballot, you can request accommodations that will enable you to vote by alternate means.

- **Accommodation Option 1: You can phone in your vote.**

Votes can be phoned in any time the voting period is open (during standard extended business hours of 10am – 7pm).

To arrange a phone-in vote, contact OCDP by email at OteroNMDems@gmail.com (or have a friend contact OCDP by email for you).

- **Accommodation Option 2: You can request a paper ballot.**

Requesting a paper ballot must be done before the voting period opens. To request a paper ballot before April 1, 2025:

- Send an email to Chair Glenn Melton at Chair@OteroNmDems.org
- Also send that email (by CC) to PartyAffairs@nmDemocrats.org.

The email may be sent by a third party on behalf of the CCC member requesting the paper ballot. For ballot security, integrity, and validation requirements, requests for a paper ballot may not be submitted by phone call, text message, or on paper.

Someone from OCDP (such as your ward chair) will work with you to make sure you get your paper ballot if it has been requested before April 1, 2025.

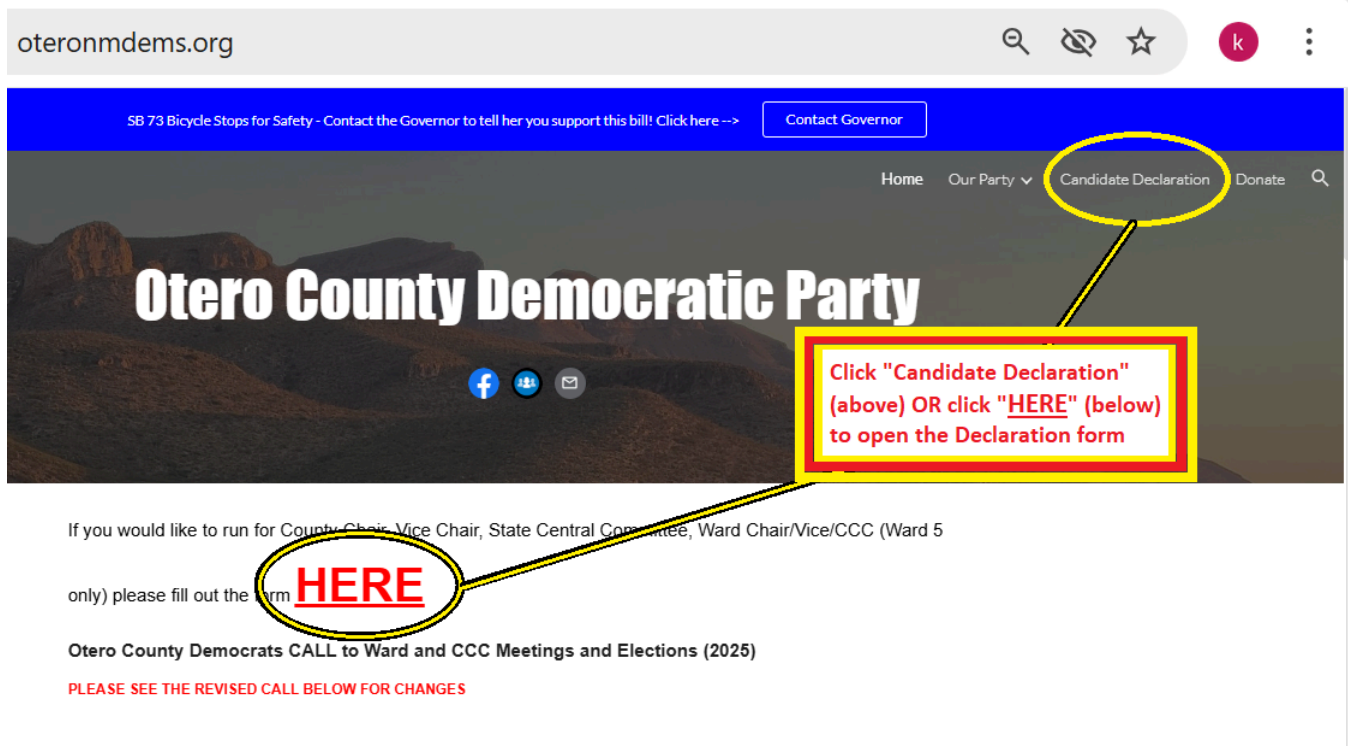
TELL ME MORE ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE (CANDIDATE DECLARATION / NOMINATION)

Any Otero County Democrat in good standing can be a candidate for County Chair, Vice Chair, or SCC member. There are two ways to become a candidate for county party office or SCC member:

1. Fill out the Candidate Declaration form before the CCC meeting, or
2. Be nominated from the floor of the CCC meeting.

Candidate Declaration form

To fill out the **Candidate Declaration** form, the candidate can go to the OCDP website at <https://www.oteronmdems.org>



On the home page of the OCDP website, the candidate can click the **Candidate Declaration** menu item (upper right of web page) or click the large **HERE** link (see image above).

If the candidate cannot fill out the Candidate Declaration form, they (or an assistant) can contact oteronmdems@gmail.com and someone will help them fill out the form, or will fill it out on their behalf.

The Candidate Declaration form will be **open until 3PM on Saturday, March 29th**.

Nomination from the Floor of the CCC meeting

If the candidate cannot fill out the Candidate Declaration form, they can arrange to be **nominated from the floor** of the CCC meeting on zoom on March 30th. The potential candidate can attend the meeting and nominate themselves, or they can arrange for another CCC member to nominate them.

We look forward to seeing you at the CCC meeting on Zoom on Sunday the 30th!