How to Host a Meet & Greet

Thank you for agreeing to host a Meet & Greet for (Candidate). The support you are giving to (Candidate) to win this election is very important. Inviting your neighbors and friends to meet (Candidate) will help him get his message out and ensure the Candidate’s name and ideas are heard. Meet & Greets can be breakfasts, mid-morning/afternoon coffees, evening desserts etc. They can be family-oriented or be designed for coed, women’s or men’s groups. Below are the steps in having a successful Meet & Greet.

STEPS

1. Contact the Candidate’s Campaign and coordinate with the scheduler or campaign manager, whom will assist in finding a date and time that works for you and the Candidate’s schedule.

2. Decide on a location. Meet & Greets can be held in homes or other locations, such as a meeting room in a restaurant, or community room. If you are considering using a community room...always check to ensure political activities are allowed.

3. Once a date has been set, invite YOUR neighbors and friends. This is the most important step. People are more receptive to meeting a candidate when a friend or neighbor introduces them. (Candidate) will gain additional support if you invite a majority of people who have not met him. And, it does help to have a few known supporters in the group too. It is okay if the people you invite do not fully support the Candidate’s ideas; but it does help if they have an open mind. The Meet & Greet allows for discussion, which will allow the Candidate the opportunity to convince your neighbors and friends to vote for him.
   a. To invite your neighbors and friends you can start an email chain, make phone calls, post fliers around your neighborhood or send invitations...you might even want to consider a website E-vite. The campaign can also provide you with a list of Republican voters in your precinct at your request.

4. It is best to follow up the week before (and possibly the day before too) the Meet & Greet with your neighbors to confirm that they will be attending. The more follow-up you do, the better the chance more people will attend the meet and greet.

5. The Meet & Greets do not need to have a large catered menu. Some of the best events just have a few drinks and some snack foods, desserts or appetizers.

6. Someone from the campaign should arrive at the Meet & Greet location before the Meet & Greet begins to give you all the necessary supplies (bumper stickers, lapel stickers, sign-up sheets, etc.) and assist you in any last minute details or concerns.

7. Most Meet & Greets last about 1.5 to 2 hours with the first half being an introduction/social session and second half being a speech given by the Candidate followed by a Question & Answer time.

8. Sit back and relax because you have just put on a great Meet & Greet.