Getting Involved – In Politics, Policy, Community: Understand Structure. Make Connections

**COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERING**

**GOVERNMENT**

- Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Education Fd, Scouts, Little League, Race for the Cure, Memorial Day Parade, PTA, Pedestrian Safety, Hospital Auxiliary, Junior League, Church, Synagogue, Mosque, Food Pantry, Nursery School

**POLITICAL PARTIES**

- Governor
- Legislature
- County Executive
- Freeholders
- School Board
- Council or Committee
- District
- State Committee
- Some elected – some appointed
- County Committee
- (District Committee members)
- Municipal Committee
- (District Committee members)
- Elected District Committee
- Person
- 600 population
- 2 reps F/M

**APPOINTED**

- MAKE DECISIONS -OR- PROVIDE ADVICE

**ELECTED**

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**YOU**

1. Become a trusted individual with connections
2. Advocate for yourself and have others advocate for you
3. Identify expertise and use network
4. Volunteer – works best at local level – gets you known
5. Go to events to meet people and provide financial support
6. Have a good time and tell people about it.

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### Formal

- State Committee
- County Committee (District Committee members)
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### Informal

- Fundraising, Liaison to groups or places or professions.
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- Task group on local issue, petition signing, voter registration, fundraising

### Required

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