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Represent your Neighbors as a Member of the Glencoe Caucus

Since 1936, the Glencoe Caucus System has been recognized as the non-partisan way Glencoe selects candidates to run for elected positions on our Village, School, Park and Library Boards. Through the Caucus system, candidates for elected office are nominated by our elected representatives who make up the Caucus Nominating Committees.

Every other year, registered Glencoe voters elect neighbors from their precinct to serve on the Village Nominating Committee and the School Board Nominating Committee. According to the Caucus Plan, the main charge of the Village Nominating Committee is to nominate a complete slate of candidates for the required elective offices of the Village, Park District, and Library Boards. The School Board Nominating Committee provides the same function in nominating a slate of candidates for the School Board.

Members of the Nominating Committees are elected from the precinct they live in by the registered voters of their precinct. The Caucus Plan designates the desired size of the Village Nominating Committee being comprised of up to 30 members, and the size of the School Board Nominating Committee up to 20 members. The Caucus Plan designates 4-year terms for Nominating Committee members with ½ of the members elected every 2 years.

Generally, the Nominating Committees meet in late summer to begin the review of their responsibilities and then set a schedule to interview candidates for the elected Village and School Board positions. Nominating Committees then meet, interview and review the qualifications of every candidate who submits an application to be slated for an elected position. The primary responsibilities of the Nominating Committees culminates with their recommendations being presented at the Biennial Town Hall Meeting in December, where the community as a whole votes for the slate of candidates in the Spring Elections.

Next month you can obtain a ballot to vote for residents who seek to be elected to one of the two Nominating Committees in the Village. In order to enhance the ease of the election process, this election will again be conducted through the use of an electronic ballot. When available, the Glencoe Caucus website (www.glencoecaucus.org) will provide access to your ballot.

Glencoe has enjoyed a culture of excellence in governance. In part, because residents have stepped up to serve on one of the Caucus Nominating Committees. Take the time, get involved!