

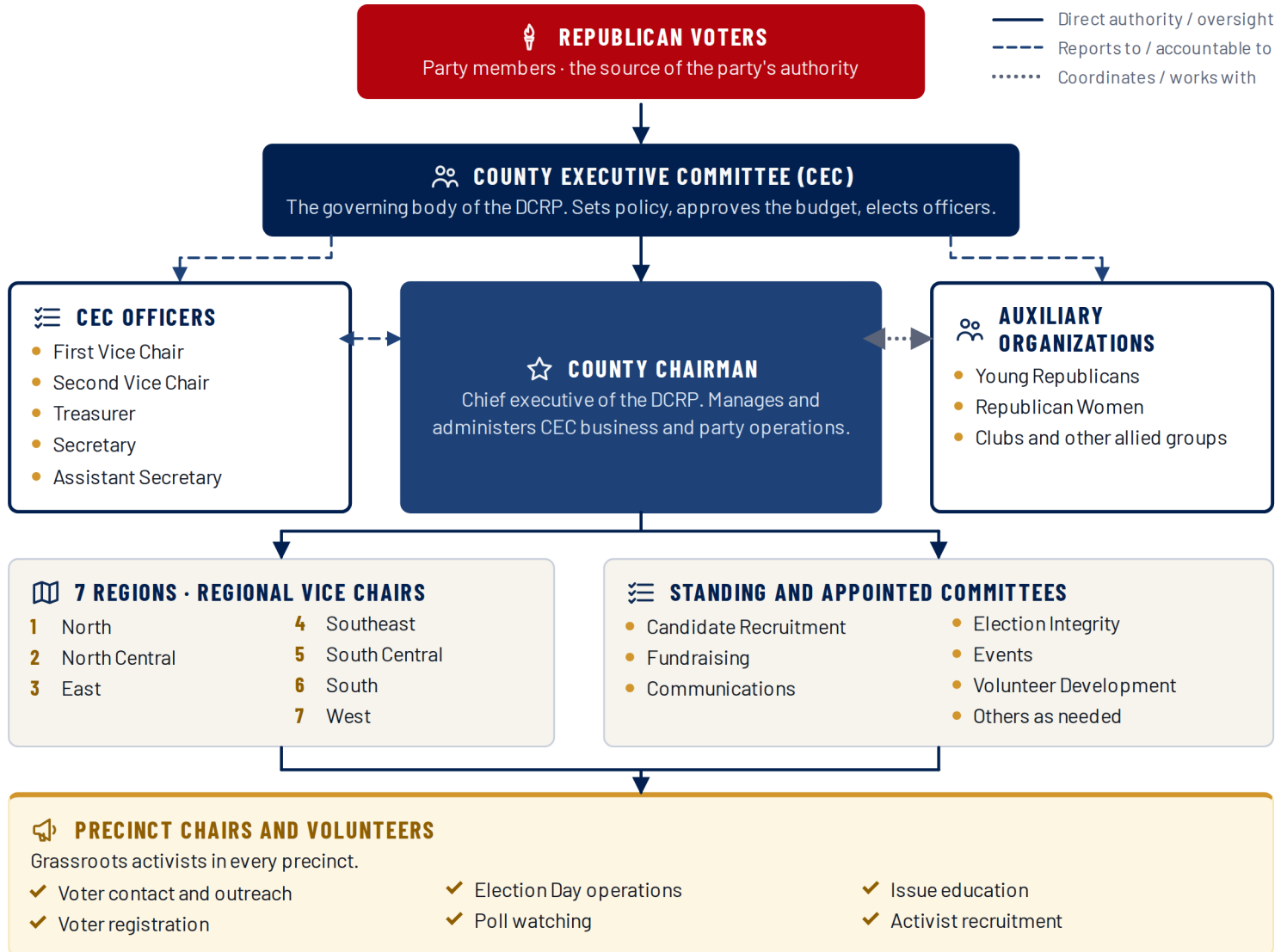


Davidson County power & organization map

1 · DAVIDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY · ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Who runs the county party?

Authority flows from the members. The County Executive Committee governs, the Chairman carries out its decisions, and the regions, committees and precinct volunteers do the work.



WHO DOES WHAT?



CEC

The final decision-making body for the party. Approves rules, endorses candidates, sets policy and budget.



Officers

Support the Chairman and manage key functions: finance, records, meetings, committees, regions.



Chairman

Chief executive and presiding officer. Implements CEC decisions, leads strategy, oversees daily operations.



Regions and committees

Execute programs, build the base, recruit volunteers, raise funds and support candidates.

KEY POINT

The members own the party.

No single person does. The CEC is the governing body, and the Chairman is the chief executive who carries out the will of the CEC.

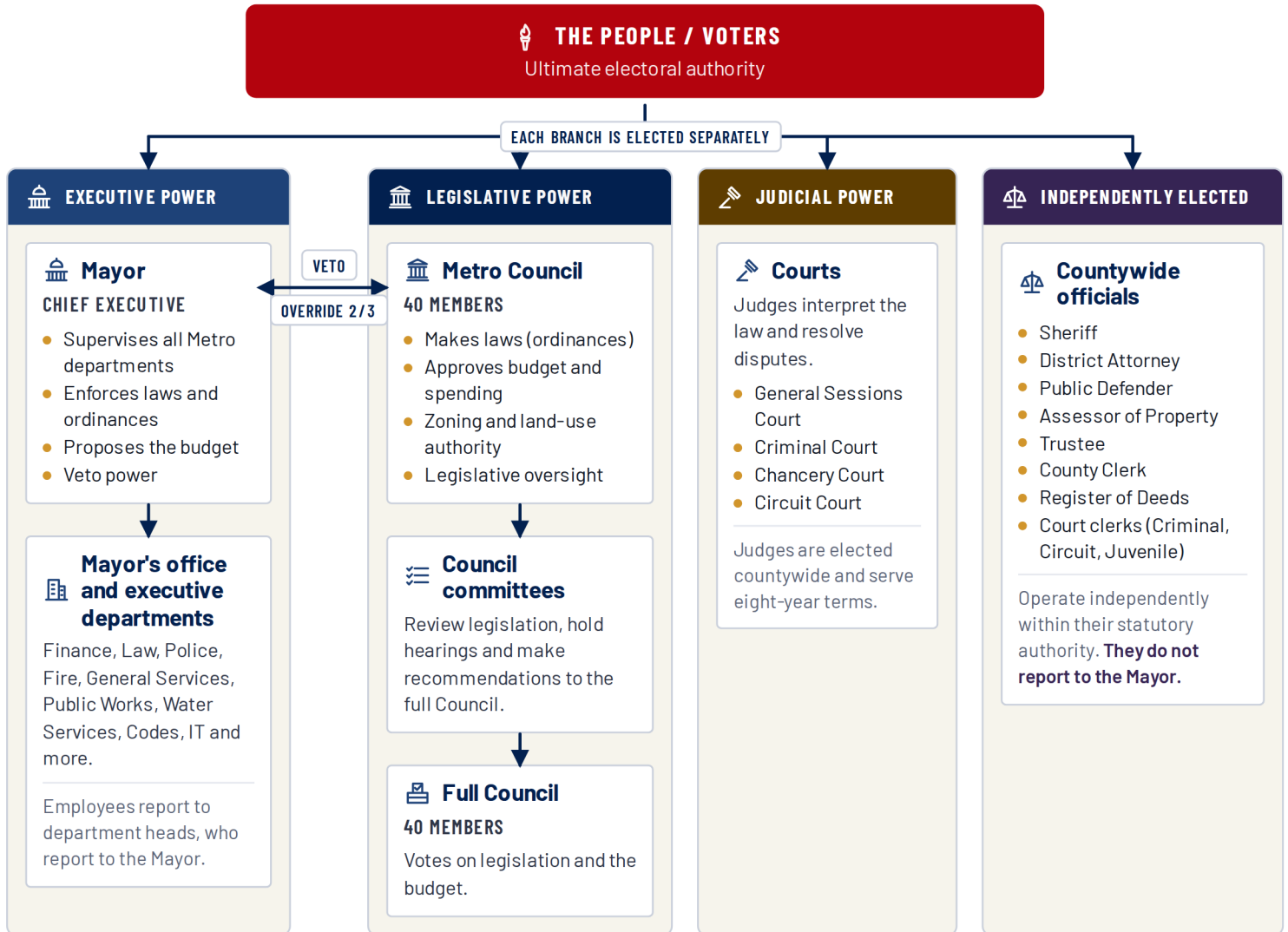


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2 · METRO GOVERNMENT POWER MAP

Who holds the power in Metro?

One consolidated government. Four separately elected sets of officials, and none of them answers to another.



HOW POWER WORKS TOGETHER

**Council passes legislation**

Clears committee, then a majority vote.

**Mayor signs or vetoes**

Approves it, or sends it back.

**Council can override**

A two-thirds vote overrides a veto.

**Departments implement it**

The executive branch carries it out.

**Courts interpret the law**

Judges resolve disputes over what it means.

KEY POINT

There is no single "boss."

Metro Nashville runs on a separation of powers. The branches are equal in their own spheres, and checks and balances keep each one honest.



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3 · METRO COUNCIL STRUCTURE AND DISTRICT MAP

How the Council is built

Forty members, one vote each: 35 elected by district, 5 countywide. The Vice Mayor presides and breaks ties.

VICE MAYOR

Presides over Council meetings: sets the agenda, maintains order and breaks tie votes.

40 COUNCIL MEMBERS

35 district seats + 5 at-large seats.

- Each member has one vote
- No member "reports to" another
- A majority of 21 votes passes legislation

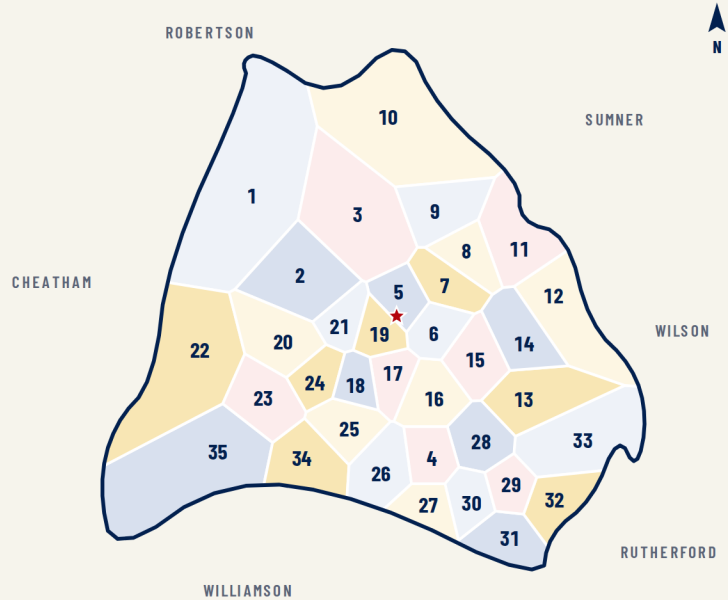
COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Standing committees focus on specific issues: Budget & Finance, Planning, Public Safety, Public Works and more. The gatekeepers for legislation.

FULL COUNCIL

All 40 members vote on legislation, the budget, zoning changes, tax measures and other ordinances.

THE 35 COUNCIL DISTRICTS



★ Downtown Nashville (District 19) Numbers mark district seats

Schematic for illustration only; district shapes and positions are approximate. Official map and district lookup: maps.nashville.gov (Metro Council Districts).

5 AT-LARGE SEATS

Elected by all voters countywide. Represent the entire county. Every voter has five of these.

35 DISTRICT SEATS

Each represents one geographic district within Davidson County. Every voter has one of these.

COUNCIL IN ACTION · HOW AN IDEA BECOMES LAW

1

Idea or issue identified

By a member, a constituent or the administration.

> 2

Referred to committee

For study and public hearings.

> 3

Committee vote

Do pass, amend or defeat.

> 4

Full Council vote

All 40 members; 21 votes to pass.

> 5

Mayor signs or vetoes

A two-thirds vote can override a veto.

> 6

Becomes law

Or the veto is sustained.

KEY POINT

Every seat is filled by a vote.

Four-year terms, all 40 elected at once in the Metro general election. Somebody has to run for each one.