

# Ignite Change: Empowerment Through Local Elections

## Approaching Elections



- As individuals striving to bring positive change in our society, we must approach our local elections with **sound judgment**. While we may not always make the right choice, we can invite divine guidance into our city's leadership through **prayer** and **candidate research**.

## How to Choose the Right Candidate

*The challenge is choosing candidates in nonpartisan races where party affiliations aren't listed. It is essential to:*



Prioritize moral character, respect for the law, and a passion for protecting the community's families. Don't hesitate to ask questions.



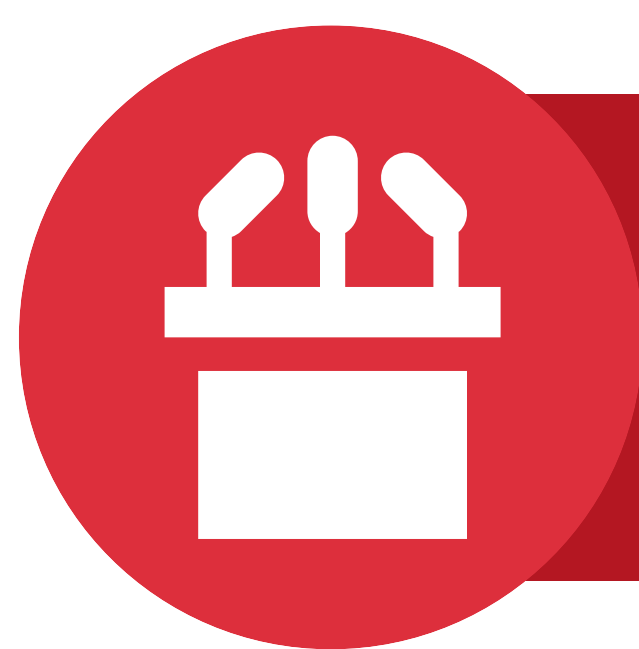
Previous community service is a plus. Have they demonstrated leadership in business or community organizing? Do they serve in a local church? Familiar faces in public service are often the most trusted.



Look for an empathetic listener who treats everyone with respect. It's rare to find a candidate who aligns perfectly with your views. What matters more in local governance is a candidate's accessibility, willingness to hear all perspectives, and commitment to serve with a broad vision.



Get to know the candidate. While it's a risk to vote for unfamiliar faces, engaging with candidates about their positions and visions for the city's future is essential.



Opt for a team player. City councils operate as a team. The mayor works with the city council and so on. The best candidate is one who can positively impact the team dynamic.



Assess what kind of campaign they are running. Are they defensive? Do they sling mud at their opponent? Or do they promote kindness and unity yet still stay firm in their positions?

## The Local Government

- Never underestimate the power of local government. While it may seem less glamorous than national politics, it significantly affects our **families** and **churches**. We must not neglect ANY election; every vote counts, even in local elections.
- Let's commit to rallying prayers for our local officials and influencing Christian leaders to come forward to run for office. Vote in **every** election, unite in faith, and inspire a Million Voices to **ignite** meaningful change in our governing system.



***Together, we spark a revolution!***