

ELECTIONS

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IMPORTANCE OF VOTING LOCALLY

- Local officials oversee city and county budgets and resolve local problems a resident would experience more often.
- When you vote local, you are voting only within your community
- Local officials determine how much funding public school system receive, local tax rates, policing and so much more
- If there's anything in your community, you feel need improvement or changed you should vote for candidates who feel the same.





ROLES OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT



SCHOOL BOARDS

- Decisions on school policy
- Budgets
- Programming
- Resource allocation, curriculum
- Impact on issues of equity and quality of the education

PROSECUTORS

- Determines a person is charged with a felony or misdemeanor
- Whether juveniles are treated as adults
- Make recommendations on bail and pretrial detention

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Oversee the operation of the county they review, adjust,
- Adopt the county budget
- Set levy taxes

TRIAL COURT JUDGES

- Local judges are either elected or appointed
- Making a decision on a case based on the evidence presented.

CITY COUNCIL

- Approve city budget
- Pass ordinances, including criminal and civil laws and regulations,
- Regulate public health and safety
- Establish tax rates and represent the city at the state and federal level

SHERIFFS

- Set arrest priorities
- Drive criminal investigations
- Execute search warrants
- Conduct asset forfeitures
- Establish use of force policies, and determine cooperation with ICE

COMPTROLLER

- Essentially acts as a city's accountant or chief financial officer
- Audit city agencies
- Approve city contracts
- Invest the municipal pension funds

MAYOR

- Managing and preparing the city budget
- Overseeing daily operations,
- Appointing advisory boards and commissions,
- Enforcing legislation,

STATE GOVERNMENT



GOVERNOR

- The Governor is the chief executive of the state
- Governors implement state laws
- Pursue policies and programs
- Broad authority to appoint officials to serve in the executive branch

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- They represent the state and state agencies in legal disputes
- Provide legal advice to state agencies and the legislature.
- Significant influence over the state's law enforcement agencies

SECRETARY OF STATE

- The Secretary of State is responsible for maintaining official election results
- Administering elections.
- Work in conjunction with local election officials to provide training

JUDGES

- Interpreting and applying the law
- Critical decisions in the criminal legal system
- Accepting plea bargains
- Sentencing
- setting bail
- determining pretrial incarceration