







# LOCAL ELECTIONS FACT SHEET

Local governments make decisions that directly affect our local communities. They are accountable to you and your neighbors.

## They Make Decisions About

Public transit 	School Quality 	Affordable housing 	Public health 
Policing and public safety 	Sanitation 	Water quality 	Economic development and job training programs 
Planning and zoning 	Libraries 	How millions of local tax dollars are spent 	Election administration 

## Why vote in local elections?

Local officials are supposed to represent the community, but if only a fraction of voters vote them in, then only a small part of the community's interests are represented. When more voters cast their votes, the people who are elected are more reflective of the community. This means that they are likely to be more responsive.

## Which local offices are elected?

Which local offices are elected varies by municipality. However, they can include:

- Mayor
- City Council
- School Board
- City Clerk
- City Treasurer
- Municipal Judge
- Coroner
- Sanitation Commissioner

