

7 STEPS		How Transparency In Politics (TIP) can help you
Step 1	Determine what you are looking for in a candidate	
	Decide which issues are important to you AND	Sorry, we cannot help you here!
	Which qualities you want in a leader	Or here!
Step 2	Learn about the candidates on your ballot	Click on the link on the TIP resources page to find out who's on your ballot.
		Go to the Resources Page (link) to learn what the positions entail and the legal requirements of each office
Step 3	Gather materials about candidates	Go to vote411 (link) to see their stances on issues-click here? Candidates disclose their endorsements on TIP site-go to Voters Page (link) TIP provides links to interviews with local candidates.
Step 4	Evaluate candidates' positions on issues	TIP provides links to interviews with local candidates.
	Fill out the Candidate Report Card (LINK)	
Step 5	Learn about candidates' leadership abilities	First, know what the position entails. What experience and qualifications are needed
		Look for the candidates' background check report on the Voters Page (link). What is the candidates' experience? Does she/he have questionable actions included in the report? Do their claims about their experience and record match with the information on their campaign materials and ads?
Step 6	Learn how other people view the candidate	Candidate disclosures provide information about their endorsements. Do these match their campaign materials?
	Talk to people of diverse backgrounds and positions	
	Look into campaign contributions	Click on the link on the TIP Resources page to find campaign finance reports of elected officials and candidates. Who will the candidates be obligated to? Who will they listen to? Click on the link to opensecrets.org and follow the money on our Resources Page.
Step 7	Use the Candidate Report Card (link) to evaluate your options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which candidate's views on the issues do I agree with the most? • Which candidate has the leadership qualities I am looking for? • Who ran the fairest campaign? • Which candidate demonstrated the most knowledge on the 	TIP suggests that you first determine whether the candidates' character and experience are a match for the office. Is the candidate concerned about the public good or in it for themselves? Which candidate seems to have the most knowledge about issues I care about?

	<p>issues? Is the choice clear? If so, pick a candidate.</p>	<p>Use our resources to simplify the process. Review the candidate's resume which is posted on our site and read through their disclosures.</p>
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