



VOTER PREPARATION WORKSHEET

Be prepared to cast your vote for the general election!

VOTER CHECKLIST

Register to vote!

- Register to vote, or check your registration on your state's elections website or at [Ballotpedia](#). Errors can occur in voter records, so it's important to make sure your registration is accurate.

Decide how you are going to vote.

- See what's on your ballot at your city/town or county clerk's website, or you can look up a sample ballot at [Ballotpedia](#).
- Check your county clerk's website to see where and how you can vote. Choose the option that is best for you and your family. That *may* include:
 - In-person voting
 - Absentee or vote-by-mail
 - Early in-person voting

If voting in person...

- [Check your voter registration again](#) before heading to the polls.
- Find your polling place, polling dates, and hours, and see what you need to bring to vote.
- Go vote!
- If you go to the wrong polling place and cannot get to the right one in time, ask to cast a provisional ballot. Track your provisional ballot through your county's system to make sure it is counted.

If voting absentee or voting by mail...

- Apply for your absentee or vote-by-mail ballot early! Check your state's elections website for deadlines and procedures.
 - Once you receive your ballot, fill it out.
 - Make sure to *read and follow ALL instructions*. Leave no errant marks, tears, or stains.
 - Sign your ballot! *Read the instructions* to see if your state requires additional verification methods.
 - Provide your phone number and email address, if asked, so your ballot can be cured if there are any questions.
 - Return your ballot ASAP *according to the instructions*.
 - Document it with pictures that provide date verification.
 - Add correct postage, if needed.
 - Track your ballot.

THE ISSUES

Take time to consider the issues that are important to you. You may find utilizing MWEG's [Principles of Ethical Government](#) helpful as you weigh candidates and issues. An [online collaborative version](#) of these pages is available to copy and share if you would like to crowdsource the information among friends.

1. What issues are most important to you in this election?

2. Which issues do you hope to see addressed on a national level?

3. Which issues do you hope to see addressed on a state or local level?

THE CANDIDATES

U.S. Senate		
Current Senators	Year Elected	Year Term Ends
1.		
2.		
Notes on candidates for U.S. Senate seat (if any)		

U.S. House of Representatives

Current House Representative	Year Elected	Year Term Ends
Notes on candidates for U.S. House of Representatives seat		

STATE OFFICES

Governor

Current Governor	Year Elected	Year Term Ends
Notes on candidates for governor (if any)		

State Senator

Current State Senator	Year Elected	Year Term Ends
Notes on candidates for state senator (if any)		

State House Representative

Current House Representative

Year Elected

Year Term Ends

Notes on candidates for House representative

Municipal and more

Notes on candidates appearing on your ballot for other state, county, or city/town offices or school district or school board seats

RESOURCES

Now you know who and what will be on the ballot, but how will you decide which way to vote? Here are a few resources that can help.

1. Review MWEG's [Principles of Ethical Government](#).
2. Search for the specific ballot measures in your state on [Ballotpedia](#).
3. Search for news articles about the ballot measures in reputable local papers.
4. Search for information about the groups or individuals who proposed the ballot measures and the groups or individuals who oppose them.
5. Peruse the websites and social media platforms of the candidates appearing on your ballot. Pay particular attention to their issue statements.
6. Search for interviews given or op-eds written by or to the candidates.

VOTING PREP TIPS

Some easy ways to prepare yourself for the upcoming election.

- Follow the social media accounts of candidates appearing on your ballot. What they share there may reveal their character, their politics, and their priorities.
- Contact your incumbents about an issue that is important to you to get a sense of how responsive her/his office is to constituents.
- Attend a town hall or candidate campaign event in your area.
- Add important election dates/deadlines to your calendar, and set reminder notifications.
- Join [Mormon Women for Ethical Government](#) to learn more! You can learn more about the issues and discuss specific candidates and ballot measures at MWEG Central, our platform for members.

CHALLENGE

- Commit to help at least three people register or get to the polls on your primary election day!
- Complete our participant survey: forms.gle/q4nDCfXo3UoWnSXt5.
- Encourage others to get ready to vote by sharing your excitement on social media with hashtags like **#voterprep**, **#voterregistration**, **#protectthevote**, and **#mweg**.