



WHY ARE **LOCAL ELECTIONS** IMPORTANT

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Local elections are important as they give voters a say in how their communities function and what changes should happen. In a local election, citizens will vote for mayors, city council members, county leaders, school board members, judges, sheriffs, and other local officials. These offices can affect your daily life in a direct way as they make decisions about things such as schools, parks, roads, libraries, and public safety.

Local elections often have lower voter turnout than national elections, which means a smaller percentage of voters decide the outcome. When more people participate, the decisions that are made are more representative of the needs of the whole community. Local elections also teach citizens how the government works and why being involved matters.

Discussion Question:

What local issues affect your daily life the most: schools, roads, parks, housing, public safety, or something else?

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