



MAKE AN EDUCATED CHOICE

VOTE THE ENTIRE BALLOT

HOW TO LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR POSITIONS ON THE ISSUES

- **Do your research.** Check the candidates' websites, read their mailers and listen to their commercials. You will learn their positions on the issues and the tone of their campaign. Note party affiliations since most candidates support the platform of their party. Follow each candidate's endorsements for a clue as to the candidate's positions on the issues.
- **Attend information sessions.** Candidate forums, political meetings and presentations by such organizations as the League of Women Voters will give you a chance to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues that are important to you. Consider the views of people who are politically active and whom you respect.
- **Follow the news.** Review many sources (including newspapers, periodicals, the internet, and campaign finance reports, which list contributions and expenditures).

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A CANDIDATE

- Do they share your views on most issues?
- Do they communicate well?
- Are they prepared for the position?
- Do they know the issues and understand the impact of their decisions on the voters?
- Are they honest and honorable?
- Are they accessible to their constituents?
- Do they have the skills a leader needs?