

# RATE THE CANDIDATES - DECISION-MAKING CHART



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Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City and town offices – mayor and council)

Role: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (What will this official be responsible for doing?)

<b>CANDIDATE NAME:</b>			
<b><u>BACKGROUND</u></b>			
<b>Am I able to find good information about this candidate? Where?</b>  Why or why not? Does this tell you anything about the candidate?			
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Experience</b>			
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<b>CANDIDATE:</b>			
<b><u>POSITIONS</u></b> Where does the candidate stand on policies and issues? (list some or all)			
First priority			
Benefit young people			
Economy			
Growth/transportation			
Safety			
Housing/neighborhoods			
Budget			

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<b>CANDIDATE:</b>			
Role of local government			
Government collaboration			
Big accomplishment will be			
<b><u>TRAITS</u></b> Rank the candidate (1=worst/10=best)			
Has experience/education?			
Knows about the issues?			
Has ideas and solutions?			
Good communication skills?			
Shows leadership?			
Works with others?			
<b>Total score (add for each candidate)</b>			

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Write other notes you think are important or want to remember about the candidate			

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 (school board)

Role: \_\_\_\_\_  
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First priority			
Student readiness for college, career and civic life			
District growth			
School safety			
Teachers			

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<b>CANDIDATE:</b>			
Role of public education			
Government collaboration			
Big accomplishment will be			
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Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate I will vote for: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I am voting for this candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Now, go and make your voice heard by voting! Visit [www.GenerationNation.org](http://www.GenerationNation.org) to learn how K-12 students can cast votes in this year’s election, or ask your teacher about GenerationNation’s Kids Voting election!***