

# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?



## Federal, State, and Local Officials Are Responsible For...

### PUBLIC HEALTH

- Access to and quality of health services
- Public programs to support maternal and child health
- What type of care is given at hospitals
- Oversight of nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Access to mental health & substance abuse treatment
- Gun safety, violence prevention, and recovery programs



### CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

- Air and water quality rules and standards
- Laws for hazardous waste from factories and farms
- Tax credits for environmental-friendly business practices
- Disaster response, electric grid infrastructure, renewable energy standards, land use, and forest management



### CIVIL RIGHTS

Enforcement of federal protections related to:

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of assembly
- Freedom of religion
- Personal rights including voting rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and reproductive rights



### HOUSING

- Rules for lenders, tax caps for sellers and buyers
- Protections for renters to prevent housing discrimination
- Affordable housing programs, upkeep for public housing
- Safety and access of local housing stock
- Eviction laws and enforcement

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### ECONOMY & JOBS

- Minimum wages and benefits
- Workplace safety
- Banking standards to protect investments
- Tax benefits for businesses to create jobs
- Worker training programs
- Paid holidays and family leave

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- What is a crime and how crimes are punished
- Whether to prosecute crimes and/or to provide diversion programs
- Which weapons have restrictions on who can buy them
- Who is detained, for how long, and the use of the death penalty
- Funding, hiring, training, and rules for police and community safety programs

### EDUCATION

- School district funding
- Teaching standards, teacher pay, preparation, and licensing
- What is taught, which textbooks are used, and who is hired
- Draw district maps to decide which students go to which schools
- Local budgets, timing and amount of bonds to fund preK-12 schools and community colleges

### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- Prenatal, childbirth, and maternal care programs
- Access to and availability of contraception and abortion care
- What is covered by insurance or provided at a low cost

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