

**Lesson Title:** Down Ballot Voting  
**Handout #2:** Down Ballot Investigation

**Directions:** In pairs, review one down ballot race and one ballot measure. A down ballot race might include state races for governor, the state legislature (house and senate), state judges (Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Justice of the Peace), secretaries of some executive departments, attorney general, as well as city and county races (mayor, assembly or city council), and judges (justices of the peace). Also, examine one ballot measure, tax levy, or bond. Be prepared to share your thoughts with the class.

<b>Document the following for each candidate running for the office:</b>		
Responsibility of the office (Sources: Voters' Pamphlet, textbook, state or local websites)		
Party affiliation (some candidates will be non-partisan)	Candidate A	Candidate B
Past political experience (positions held, accomplishments, etc.)		
Two to three main issues each candidate is supporting		
Identify any issues this candidate supports or rejects that affect you and explain why.		

<p>Explain whether you support this candidate and why.</p>		
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<b>Document the following for one ballot measure (initiatives, referendums, recalls, tax levies, or bonds):</b>		
<p>What is the name of the ballot measure, bond, or levy?</p>		
<p>What does it propose?</p>		
<p>What are the main arguments for and against the ballot measure, bond or levy?</p>	<p>Arguments For:</p>	<p>Arguments Against:</p>

How would you vote for the ballot measure, bond or levy and why?