

## Your Vote Matters

- Voting is your chance to show that you care about your community, state and country. You can have an important part of making it better.
- Voting is a way for you to have some control over the governmental decisions that affect your family, friends, and community. You decide what your community's future will look like.
- Your vote can influence the taxes taken out of your paycheck, the interest rates you pay on student loans, when and how your garbage is collected, and the health care benefits you get from your employer.
- Local elections have a greater impact on your life than the national elections. Your local government is responsible for affordable housing, police departments, roads, bike paths, parks and entertainment.

## Why Vote? Here's Why

### Why vote if all politicians are the same?

If you look closely at the candidates, they are NOT the same. Educate yourself about the candidates.

### Why vote if I don't know anything about the candidates?

Educate yourself about the candidates. There are website and brochures available, as well as candidate forums and events where you can hear candidates express their opinions.

### Why vote if I don't know enough about local issues?

You know what affects you and your family in your community. That's enough to help you determine which candidate you want to support.

### Why vote if my vote doesn't even matter?

Every vote counts! Many elections have been decided by less than 10 votes, as well as by counting absentee ballots after election day. The local elections are often much closer than the national elections so your vote is even more important in the local and state elections. You can make a difference.