

# CANDIDATE COMPARISON SCORECARD

When we get frustrated with our elected officials, it is important to remember that we play a role in choosing them. Elections matter. Do your research on the candidates vying for your vote, and use this scorecard to rate each race in the following areas:

- **MOTIVE:** What is the candidate’s motivation to hold office, and how do you feel about it?
- **HONESTY:** What is the candidate promising to do? Is it realistic? Has he/she been honest and trustworthy in the past?
- **BALANCING CHANGE WITH LOSS:** How forthright is the candidate about the full impact of the changes he/she is proposing?
- **COMPETENCE:** How knowledgeable is the candidate about the area he/she hopes to represent and the institution of government in which he/she wants to serve?
- **TENACITY:** Does the candidate possess the conviction to navigate tough times and complicated issues?

| CANDIDATE | MOTIVE | HONESTY | BALANCING CHANGE WITH LOSS | COMPETENCE | TENACITY |
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*Rate each candidate from 1 (negative) to 5 (positive)*