



CITIZENS' CAMPAIGN

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**Introduction of
Paths to Power for
Regular Citizens**



The Four “Power Centers”

- 1) Mayor & Governing Body
(ie: Town Council/Committee)
- 2) Planning Board
- 3) School Board
- 4) Political Parties

1. Mayor & Governing Body

- Main governing body
 - IE: Town Council, Committee, or Commission
- Address issues such as:
 - Public safety
 - Development
 - Recreation
- 100 to 200 leadership positions



2. School Board

- Hires teachers/administrators
- Makes curriculum decisions
- Decides on educational & recreational/sports facilities

3. Planning Board

- Makes environmental & growth decisions
- Reviews the Master Plan *at least* every 6 years
- Develops the zoning regulations for commercial & residential building areas
 - Makes sure that these zoning regulations are consistent w/ the Master Plan of your town

4. The Political Parties

- Decide what candidates will get the Party's endorsement
- Determine issue platforms
- Decide who will fill a mid-term vacancy
- Recommend people for appointments to local boards & commissions