
HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR 2026 BALLOT WITH ChatGPT

**MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS BASED ON EVIDENCE - NOT
GUESSWORK**

ChatGPT can help you research **every candidate, judge, amendment and referendum** - including records, positions, **who funds candidates and how much** - with sources you can verify.

**Research the people.
Follow the money.
Understand the issues.
Check the sources.
Make your own decision.**

**DON'T JUST VOTE.
VOTE INFORMED.**

4 STEPS TO RESEARCH YOUR BALLOT

STEP 1 - GET YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT

Go to your **official local election authority** website. Download your personalized sample ballot as a PDF.

STEP 2 - UPLOAD IT TO ChatGPT AND ASK FOR DEEP RESEARCH

Upload the PDF, then copy and paste this prompt:

Deep research my entire attached ballot using current, credible sources. For every candidate, show **total funds raised; amounts and sources of donations; major donors; PAC/Super PAC, party and committee money; self-funding or loans; relevant corporate/industry funding; and verifiable outside spending.** Distinguish direct campaign money from independent spending.

Create easy-to-read comparison tables covering funding and donors, healthcare, economy and affordability, immigration, environment and clean energy, democracy and rule of law, plus issues relevant to each office. Compare documented records and positions, distinguish facts from campaign claims, and mark anything you cannot verify.

For judges, research professional and judicial records from credible sources. For amendments and referendums, explain in plain English what **YES/FOR** and **NO/AGAINST** would do, including major consequences and trade-offs. **Provide citations and links throughout so I can verify the information. Do not tell me how to vote.**

STEP 3 - USE THE REPORT WITH YOUR BALLOT

Work through your sample ballot - or actual vote-by-mail ballot - alongside the report. Ask for deeper research on issues that matter most to you.

STEP 4 - PREPARE AND VOTE EARLY

Follow official local deadlines and instructions. If voting by mail, allow enough time and use an approved return method. If voting in person, consider early voting.

IMPORTANT: AI can make mistakes. Review cited sources, verify consequential claims, and rely on your official election authority for ballot, deadline and voting information.

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