**Facebook Live Training**

**Candidate Research**

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1. **Determine what you are looking for in a candidate**
	1. Leadership Qualities?
	2. Issue Positions?
2. **Determine what issues matter to you**
	1. Healthcare?
	2. Housing?
	3. Transportation?
	4. Other not related to TBI?
	5. Write these into your **Planning Grid**
3. **Find the candidates and races on your ballot**
	1. In MN, go to MNVOTES.ORG
	2. For all states got to VOTE411.ORG
4. **Gather Information on the Candidates’ Positions**
	1. Candidate Websites
	2. Nonpartisan voter information websites
	3. Press reports (Newspapers, television, radio)
	4. Candidate Speeches and Forums
	5. Candidate Questionnaires
	6. Candidate Voting Records (while in office)
5. **Evaluated Candidate Stances**
	1. Use your **Planning Grid** to make note of the candidates’ stances
	2. Do you agree or disagree with their position? Say nothing?
		1. If they say nothing, you can always go to a candidate forum, write a letter or email to the campaign, or simply google “Candidate on *Issue*” to find if there is more information
6. **Make your decision**
	1. Did one candidate stand out?
	2. Make sure to vote the way YOU want to vote. Be empowered to vote with you voice, don’t let someone else make your choice for you