



## **CAST AN INFORMED VOTE – PLEASE**

Suppose the unthinkable happened and your child needed a specialized lifesaving surgery. How would you choose the surgeon? Would you choose the first one in the listing? Search the Internet? Rely on social media? Or would you ask questions, do research, check credentials, and talk to trusted friends with knowledge of the surgeon's skill? What if you found out that the surgeon was the top rated one in the area, but had a terrible bedside manner?

What about casting your vote this year? Will you cast your precious vote based on rumors, innuendo, political ads, and gut feelings? Or will you take a few minutes to research the candidate, proposition, or amendment?

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty offers the following suggestions when deciding to vote for a candidate, proposition, or amendment.

Will my vote:

- Strengthen and limit a Constitutional government?
- Preserve the sanctity of life?
- Provide educational choice for parents for their children?
- Protect the Church's doctrine and practice of sexual identity and marriage?
- Defend the Republic from secular socialism and statism?

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty suggests that you review the stated platforms of the two political parties in order to cast an informed vote. In other words, we suggest you vote policies and not personalities.

You can read the official platforms at:

Democratic Party Platform: [https://democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024\\_Democratic\\_Party\\_Platform\\_8a2cf8.pdf](https://democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024_Democratic_Party_Platform_8a2cf8.pdf)

Republican Party Platform: <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/2024-republican-party-platform>