

Who represents YOU?

(40 points)

This activity is designed to help you find out who your elected officials are. The United States is a democratic republic. A republic is a system of government where people voice their concerns and opinions about various public issues through elected representatives. We vote for these representatives based on how closely their views match up to ours. So, the way that YOU can have a say in how our city, state, and nation is ran is by voting! In order to complete this activity, you first need to know your address. Include street address, city, and zip code (just like you see on the mail that comes to your house).

1. _____

Using your address, you can find most of your elected officials on the Indiana government webpage – www.in.gov . If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you’ll see a heading called “Legislative.” Below that heading, there is a link which reads “Find Your Legislator.” You’ll be able to answer many of these questions with the information found there.

Local Government (Valparaiso/Porter County)

Executive Branch

2. Mayor:

Legislative Branch

(City council districts can be found at: <http://www.ci.valparaiso.in.us/index.aspx?nid=181>

If you don’t live within the city limits, you’ll need to complete this section for Porter County.

County council districts can be found at the document center on the Porter County website:

<http://www.porterco.org/DocumentCenter> - you’ll need to click on “elections > “Map County Council District.” Warning: this is a large pdf file that will take several minutes to download! AND...the councilmen on map are outdated; use it to find your district and then match that up with the current elected councilmen)

3. City (or County) Council District:

4. City or County Councilman:

Judicial Branch

5. Porter County Superior Court Judge #1:

State Government (Indiana)

Executive Branch

6. Governor:
7. Lt. Governor:

Legislative Branch

(To find out about the Indiana General Assembly, procedures, and rules visit http://iga.in.gov/information/about_contact/)

8. Indiana House Representative:
9. Indiana Senate Representative:
10. What is the maximum number of members that the Indiana House of Representatives can have?
11. What is the age requirement for Indiana Senators?

Judicial Branch

12. Who is Indiana's circuit court judge here in Porter County?
13. How many justices are on Indiana's Supreme Court?

National Government (United States of America)

Executive Branch

14. President:
15. Secretary of State:
(The current Secretary of State can be found at www.state.gov)

Legislative Branch

16. Your Indiana Representative in the House:
- 17/18. **Both** Senators representing Indiana:

Judicial Branch

19. The Chief Judge for our Federal District Court:
20. Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court: