

Say Yes to Local Government
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The founders of the constitution wanted to maintain a balance between local and federal governments. Their goal was to not give too much power to the president, thus insuring that their freedom would not be disrupted. To this day local government is a huge topic and important to everybody. Local plays a huge part in our daily lives. They help make our lives run smoothly on day to day bases. One way that they help is with sewage. Whenever you use a toilet and flush it who do you think takes care of that; your local government. They take care of transporting, treating and disposing of the waste in an environmentally responsible manner. Another example is that whenever you flip a light switch and it works without a short or a fire that is due to protection from your local government. The electrical system had to be inspected because that is a service provided by local government. Local government also makes driving safer by enforcing traffic laws and discouraging people from breaching laws. Think about how often you go out to eat at a restaurant. You have an amazing meal, not once having to worry about getting food poisoning. This is all thanks to regular inspections by your local government all to protect citizens' health. Then there are schools. Schooling is one of the most important aspects in children lives today. Look at the school board. This is a small aspect of government but it plays a huge part in what happens at schools. Take the Princeton School Board; I have attended 6 meetings in the last 6 months. At these meetings they have discussed ways to improve Princeton Schools and the community. They helped make it safer from adding a right turn lane by North Elementary to new locks at the high school. The goal of local government is to help citizens close to home. They know and listen to what we want to and make decisions based on our wants and needs. If we did not have local government then there would be a loss of freedom in the sense that all power would be given to the federal level. This would mean that all decisions would be based on the nation as a whole. What the citizens of Florida need are different than what we need here in Minnesota. Local government has importance in everybody's lives. They insure the well being and stability of our everyday lives. Life would not be the same without local government.