



CAUCUS OR PRIMARY

CHOOSING BETWEEN 2 NON-PARTISAN SYSTEMS



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ELECTION SYSTEMS?

In the **caucus system**, a one night event is held at City Hall, and residents in attendance nominate and vote for qualified candidates for the open offices. Nominations create the needed number of candidates, so a primary election is not necessary. Candidates pay the necessary fees to run for office, create their own campaign materials, then face each other in the general election.

In the **primary election system**, individuals interested in running for office declare their own candidacy. Candidates pay the necessary fees to run for office, create their own campaign materials, face each other in a primary election, then general election.

Both systems are NON-PARTISAN - meaning national political parties like Republican, Democratic, etc, are NOT declared or used. National parties are not listed on campaign materials or ballots.