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To: General Authorities, General Auxiliary Presidencies, Area Seventies in the United States, and the following local leaders in the United States: Stake, Mission, and Temple Presidents, Bishops, Branch Presidents

(To be read in sacrament meeting)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Political Participation, Voting, and the Political Neutrality of the Church


As citizens we have the privilege and duty of electing office holders and influencing public policy. Participation in the political process affects our communities and nation today and in the future. We urge Latter-day Saints to be active citizens by registering and then regularly exercising their right to vote.

We also urge you to spend the time needed to become informed about the issues and candidates you will be considering as you vote. Along with the options available to you through the Internet, debates, and other sources, the Church occasionally posts information about particular moral issues on which it has taken a position at www.MormonNewsroom.org.

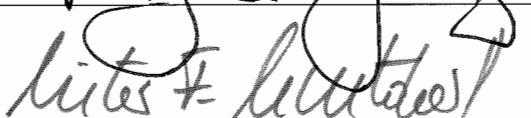
Latter-day Saints as citizens are to seek out and then uphold leaders who will act with integrity and are wise, good, and honest. Principles compatible with the gospel may be found in various political parties and candidates.

While the Church affirms its institutional neutrality regarding political parties and candidates, members should fully participate in the political process. The Church also affirms its constitutional right of expression on political and social issues.

Sincerely yours,







The First Presidency