**Using the Candidate Criteria Chart**

* Establish a range of points for each criterion: 1-10 (low to high)
* Use the scale of 1 to 10 to measure the candidate’s positions as compared to (these are by way of example, you may want to use only some of these topics or you may want to select other topics):
  + Fundamental American values
  + your own views on the issue
  + How realistic it is
  + The cost
* Measure the candidate’s qualifications in terms of relevant experience, skills, dedication, public service
* Measure the candidate’s character by selecting positive character traits, such as composure, flexibility, and resolve

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