Be a Player

"The stakes are too high for government for anyone to consider it a spectator sport."  
-Barbara Jordan

10 Strategies for Citizen Activism - Election Time

1. Make a commitment to be involved.
2. Be clear about what you believe, your own vision of a just society.
3. Educate yourself and others about the social issues of concern to you.
4. Know your candidates and their positions on the issues.
5. Do not tolerate political mudslinging.
6. Use the media. (Write letters to the editor; get others to do so on your issues.)
7. Organize electronically.
8. Organize your corner of the world. Have information on issues. Discuss civilly.
9. Call your representatives with your concerns, questions, feedback. Be active.
10. VOTE. Encourage others to register and vote.

Voting is just one part of being an active citizen. It's up to each of us to stay in the process and hold elected officials accountable to their campaign promises. We need to keep track of the issues and watch how our legislators address them.

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Voting is a privilege and a responsibility.