Applying for & Joining a

Local Board or Commission

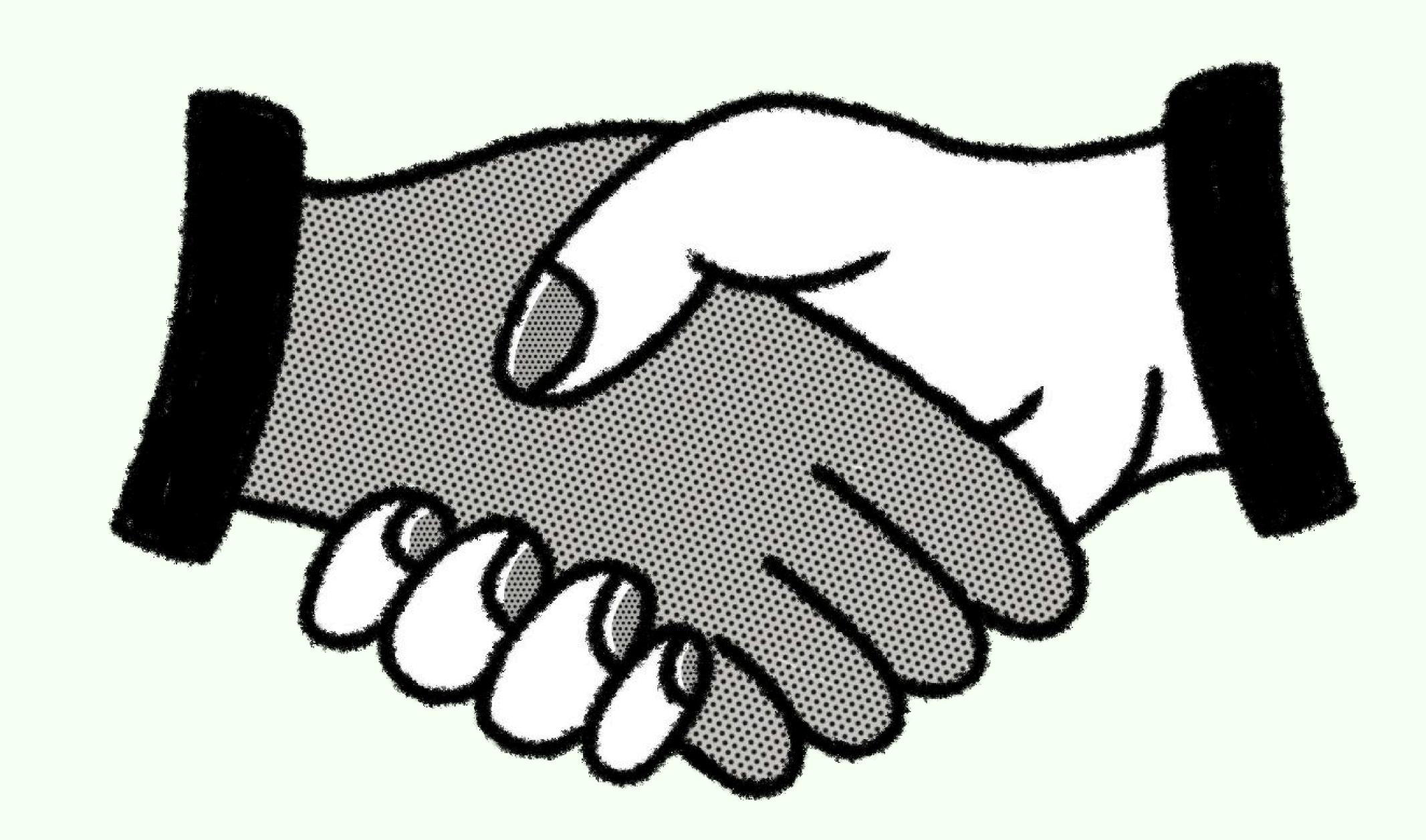
Serve on a local board or commission to provide input and advice on policy decisions that affect your community. This guide will demonstrate how you can apply, prepare, and contribute meaningfully to local governance.



O1 Identify the Advisory Board

Research Local Bodies: Check government websites for information about available boards and commissions.

Leverage Local Networks: Speak with any community groups, local organizations and elected officials for recommendations.



O2 Research How It Operates

Review Past Meetings: Stream or review minutes from past meetings to learn how decisions are made.

Understand Priorities: Review any past agendas to see what issues are currently under discussion.

O3 Apply for Nomination

Visit the Government Website: Find out how to apply or get nominated for your chosen body or board.

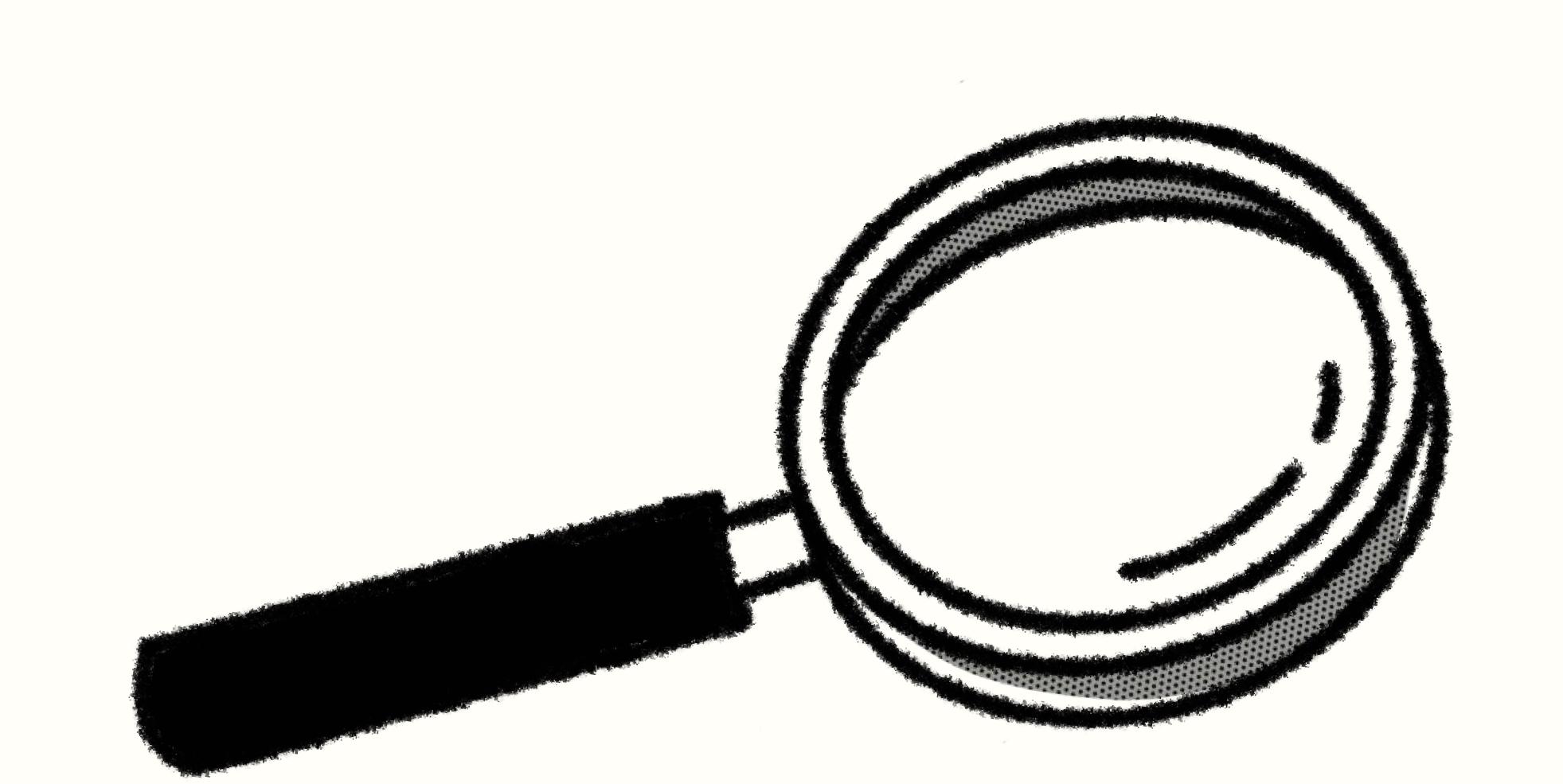
Ask Elected Officials to Nominate You: Politicians truly appreciate community members who want to engage in the decision-making process.

O4 Prepare for the Interview

Clarify Your Motivation: Be ready to discuss why you want to serve and the issues you care about.

Review Recent Decisions: Think about the body's recent work and how you would have contributed.

Research Interviews: If possible, make efforts to meet with, or research, the interview panel beforehand.



O5 Prepare to Serve

Learn Parliamentary Procedures: Most bodies use Robert's Rules of Order to guide meetings.

Decide How You Want to Contribute: Be consistent in your approach to building credibility and respect.



O 6 Make a Difference

Collaborate Respectfully: Work well with fellow members and respect diverse perspectives, opinions and decisions.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- → Engage Early: Don't wait for an open spot express interest early.
- → Stay Informed: Regularly attend or review past meetings and stay up-to-date on issues being discussed.
- → Be a Resource: Use your skills to contribute meaningfully and become a trusted voice.

RESCURCES

- -> ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER
- PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
 CHEAT SHEET
- → GUIDE TO PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT