Things You Can Do Right Now If You're Thinking Of Running For Office

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1. Define what your core values are.

2. Choose what level you'd like to run for office (i.e. federal, provincial or municipal).

3. Start building an email list of supporters.

4. Write down a list of your potential supporters.

5. Define what your core mission is.

6. Define what political issues you care most about.

7. Join local boards of directors to help with networking and gain valuable leadership experience.

8. Have an honest conversation with your support network about your intentions to run.

9. Build your social media presence around your core mission, vision and values.

10. Connect with local politicians to have honest and frank conversations about time expectations.

11. Read the local paper to learn more about the key issues in your community. ■

12. Start crafting your political story. ■

13. Join local community Facebook groups and start making connections with fellow citizens. ■

14. Volunteer with a local organization for a cause that you're passionate about. ■

15. Join a local provincial or federal electoral district association. ■

16. Become an expert on 2-3 topics that are important to you that relate to the office you'd like to run for. ■

17. Attend a virtual council meeting. ■

18. Sign up for community email lists and newsletters for causes that you are passionate about. ■

19. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about an issue that you're passionate about. ■

20. Compile a contact list of everyone that you know. ■

21. Familiarize yourself with local election guidelines. ■

22. Watch PoliticsNOW's #ElectNOW webinars. ■

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