

Local Government



- ⌘ City Hall is the center (capital) of a local government
- ⌘ The Mayor is the executive of local government. He, like the POTUS, enforces the laws.
- ⌘ The City Council makes local laws and acts as a legislative body.
- ⌘ Local courts decide if people are following the laws.
- ⌘ Local governments focus on:
 - ⌘ Solving problems in a community
 - ⌘ Building roads, schools, and parks.
 - ⌘ Collecting trash, maintaining water and electricity.
 - ⌘ Hiring police, firemen, EMTs.
 - ⌘ Collecting local taxes

State Government

- ⌘ The state capital is the center of state government (In our case: Sacramento)
- ⌘ The Governor (Jerry Brown) is the executive and carries out the laws of the state.
- ⌘ The state lawmakers are the legislative body of the state and make the state laws.
- ⌘ State courts and judges decide if people are following the laws.
- ⌘ State governments control:
 - ⌘ Funding of schools, parks, and emergency services.
 - ⌘ Collects state taxes.



National Government



- ⌘ Washington, D.C. is the capital of the US and the center of US gov't.
- ⌘ The POTUS, Supreme Court, and Congress (Senate & HofR) lead their own branches.
- ⌘ The jobs of the nat'l gov't includes:
 - ⌘ Creating laws for the entire country
 - ⌘ Controlling the military (POTUS)
 - ⌘ Working with other countries