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Elected or Selected?

Our local government has elected leaders to help run different areas of the government. We also have positions where the person is selected to lead, or appointed. Appointments and Elections for particular positions differ in different areas. Sometimes mayors are elected, sometimes appointed. Some judges are appointed, others elected. Sheriffs, deputies, and councilmen are other jobs that may be acquired either way.

How does being elected differ from being appointed? An individual in an appointed position must follow and enforce the same laws and rules as one who is elected. So why appoint? Taxpayers' money is saved when appointing officials because a costly campaign does not need to be run. It is also quicker and more efficient to appoint officials, although some people may argue that friends and less-qualified people may get appointed because they know someone in a higher position.

Elected local officials often hold more important positions such as finance and school board administration.

Directions: Discuss and record the different positions in your local government where the officials are elected or appointed.

Elected Officials	Appointed Officials
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If I was to work in our local government the position I would want is _____

because _____