

**Identifier**

UB-6708

## 1. Source System

System Name	Google Civic Information API
Description	<p>“The Google Civic Information API lets developers build applications that display civic information to their users. For any U.S. residential address, you can look up who represents that address at each elected level of government. During supported elections, you can also look up polling places, early vote location, candidate data, and other election official information.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Google Civic Information API</p>
Source owner	Alphabet Inc.
Type	The API uses RESTfull calls and responses are returned in JSON
Source	API Endpoint: <a href="https://www.googleapis.com/civicinfo/us_v1">https://www.googleapis.com/civicinfo/us_v1</a>
Direction	Inwards

## 2. Interface Characteristics

Frequency	Updates DB 10 times per day
Timing	Access should be available during peak hours of usage.
Transfer Rate	Unknown/ based on internet provider
Security	Utilizes an API key which must be requested.
Format	The API uses RESTfull calls and responses are returned in JSON
Issues	<p>Must request API key to use the API</p> <p>Find out which elections are included</p>
Other	Google assigns every election available in the API and election ID.

## 3. Notes

Decisions: Use the Google API instead of the other open source API from VoteSmart etc.

Must find a source for Lobbying information possibly from the lobbying disclosure form the us government website.