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Ballot Buddy User Stories

**CATEGORY -** Informational

**STORY: As** someone new to politics/voting, **I want** to learn more about the candidates that I can vote for **so that** I can make an informed decision. When Ballot Buddy shows me the list of candidates I can vote for, I want to be able to click on them to get more information about what they believe in and how they stand on certain issues.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* Clickable links on candidates that link to more information about them

**CATEGORY** - Informational

**STORY: As a** potential voter, I want to be informed about candidates and issues that will be on my ballot. **I want** to put in the zip code where I live **so that** Ballot Buddy can show me what all will be on the ballot when I go to vote.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* Input field that will take zip code
* Pull information from database according to zip code
* Display candidates and propositions that will be on users’ ballot

**CATEGORY:** Filter button

**STORY: As a** high school student, **I want** to be aware of political aspects, **so that** I can be informed before voting for the first time.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA: Given** the filters I provide, I want Ballot Buddy to be able to show only the information requested. **When** I want more specific details, the app will be able to display that. **Then** the information will be sorted out, so I won’t be overwhelmed with all the information at once.

**CATEGORY:** Official sources

**STORY: As a** political campaign staff member, **I want** to make sure all the information about the politician I work for is accurate **so that** there won’t be any misleading or false information.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* Political campaign staff must be able to approve information
* Only accurate information will be available to the public

**CATEGORY:** Decision making

**STORY: As an** undecided voter **I want** an application that will allow me to learn about candidates, both new and incumbent, by examining their voting history, support or lack thereof for causes in which I believe, and their ideas relevant to topics that are important by me **so that** making a choice will be easier.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* The application must allow me to choose topics and issues from an available list of alphabetically sorted options.
* The application must allow me, and other users, to create new issues and topics, and add them to a hopper of sorts from which candidates can choose to post public responses.
* The application should have the option of displaying a certain number of either random or specifically selected issues and topics, along with each candidates’ official plans to address them, if available.

**CATEGORY:** Expected users

**STORY: As an** early adopter, **I want** an app that will work on whatever mobile phone I choose to install it. **I want** the Ballot Buddy app to have updates and patches available to download as soon as they are available and allow me to customize settings.

**ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA:**

* This app should be as easy as possible to acquire and install.
* This app should allow me to choose color variants or display settings like dark mode if I prefer.

**CATEGORY -** Informational

**STORY: As a** new resident, **I want** to know when and where my local elections are held, **so that** I don’t miss out on voting due to lack of local election exposure in the media.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* Ability to enable app reminders about upcoming elections in my area.
* Picture of election location with address included

**CATEGORY -** Security

**STORY: As a** private voter, **I want** to make sure my personal usage history stays private and cannot be seen by the public, **so that** my voting history can’t be used to discriminate against me.

**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:**

* Option to set personal profile to private
* Developer pledge that user data will not be sold.