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## The Mayoral Election

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*Jim McAllister: Paul, what is your favorite fruit?*

*Paul Metzler: Pears.*

*Jim McAllister: Okay, now...*

*Paul Metzler: No wait! Apples.*

*Jim McAllister: Great, now say that everyday you had an apple. An apple, an apple and more apples. You probably thought that apples were pretty good, even if you got a rotten one every once in awhile. Then one day there was an orange. Now you can choose, do you want an apple or do you want an orange? That's democracy.*

*Paul Metzler: I also like bananas.*

*Jim McAllister: Exactly!*

*—Election*

Sciencetown's yearly election for mayor is coming up soon, and you are one of the people who intends to run.

To officially register as a candidate, you must create an election poster and put it up in Tech Square. Crayons and paper will be provided; pre-made posters are not allowed.

At T+2:15, there will be a town-wide election gathering, including speeches and a town-hall debate, prior to voting.

Each candidate for mayor shall present a one-minute speech from the The Podium of Science, followed by a question-and-answer period in a town-hall style debate, moderated by Dr. Hannibal Lecter. Hannibal will take questions from the crowd, and any candidates who wish to respond may take the podium to respond, taking no more than one minute each.

When the crowd runs out of questions, or no later than T+2:30, each candidate may have up to one more minute for a final speech, and then Lecter shall begin collecting votes.

Votes are secret ballot and should name one candidate. When all votes are cast OR by T+2:45, whichever comes first, the mayor will count the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes will be the new mayor. If there is a tie, runoff votes will be conducted between the leading candidates in a similar manner.

The previous mayor is a lame duck from the time of the election until some point after the end of game; he retains his duties and position.