

CANDIDATE DISCERNMENT

The Twelve-Point Rubric

For every candidate on your ballot. No one is perfect. Rank, weigh, and pray.

Candidate: _____ **Office:** _____

#	Criterion	Score (1–5)	Notes
1	Character Honesty, humility, moral courage — public and private.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Track record Past follow-through. Verifiable claims.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Non-negotiables Your 2–4 conscience-level issues. Where do they stand?	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Protection of life Unborn, disabled, elderly, vulnerable.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Religious liberty Churches, ministries, Christian institutions.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Family & parents Strengthens the family. Respects parental authority.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Children Willing to protect kids from harm — bodily and moral.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Honest rhetoric Misleading? Inflammatory? Responds to fact-checks?	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Rule of law Respects election outcomes and constitutional limits.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Treatment of opponents How they speak about those who disagree.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Judgment & prudence Wise, deliberate, open to counsel.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Consistency Applies principles across issues — not only when convenient.	1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

FINAL DISCERNMENT

Total score (out of 60): _____

On my non-negotiables, this candidate is: Aligned Mixed Opposed

My decision and why (one sentence): _____