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Prompt: Why Is municipal government important?

A municipal government is essential since it is the form of government that has the most influence on the daily lives of citizens. Road maintenance, public schooling, emergency services provision, and development of safe neighborhoods and parks is just a fraction of what local governments do to make sure our communities are well-managed. Although national affairs get the most publicity, many of the decisions that influence our life are being made by the leaders of the communities that understand the specific needs of their communities.

Leadership experience and community service have provided me with knowledge of the significance of efficient local governance. Being a Vice President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., I am involved in community service activities that are directed towards uplifting other people and making our contribution into the community. My role as an Event Coordinator for UMES Gospel Choir has allowed me to gain experience in organizing events and coordinating work of different people to provide an opportunity for interaction within our campus community. Participating in local events like the Aviation Summit and the Main Street Trick-or-Treat allows me to see how volunteer work in collaboration with local governments creates positive experiences for citizens.

Through such experiences, I have learned that leadership goes beyond having the title; it involves listening and serving and helping make the lives of other people better. My goal of serving other people through my entire aviation career, whether it be through military service or civic duties, was inspired by such experiences.

Leadership plays an important role in successful municipal governments. The leaders in a municipality should not only be accessible but also responsive to the demands of those people they serve. Communities can become stronger and more resilient through active involvement from local leaders and citizens.