

CAMPAIGN TOUR STOPS

When you get back from lunch, you see that your campaign manager has dropped this on your desk.

Here are the proposed destinations for your re-election campaign tour. We're probably going to have to cut five of these due to time constraints. Please get back to me with your picks in about 30 minutes.

Thanks, Alejandro

Circle the five cities you think you should eliminate, then write a note to Alejandro stating why you decided to cut them on the lines below.



SAN JOSE

PRO: You grew up in San Jose, so you're practically guaranteed a favorable response.

CON: It's not as well known as San Francisco, located 60 miles north.



LOS ANGELES

PRO: You have always been popular with different cultures, and Los Angeles is a very diverse city.

CON: The last time you were in Los Angeles, you tripped on a movie star's dress and knocked her over!



NEW YORK CITY

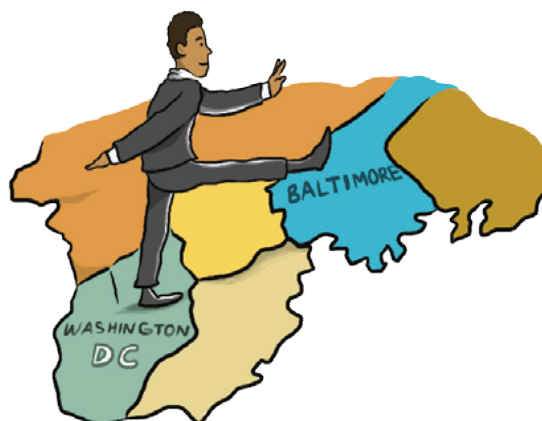
PRO: It's often considered the greatest city in America. Your tour would seem incomplete if you didn't stop there.

CON: New York City is dense—you may not be able to find a venue big enough to house your event.

BALTIMORE

PRO: It's close to DC. You wouldn't have to go very far. You could sleep in your own bed!

CON: Why bother? If you spoke in DC, Baltimore could come to you!



CHICAGO

PRO: It's the center of the Midwest and a major city for higher education, an issue you speak about often.

CON: The last time you were here, your press secretary talked you into eating a Chicago dog for a photo op. You made an entire speech without noticing you had a huge mustard stain on your shirt. You can't bear to show your face in Chicago again!



AUSTIN

PRO: It is well known that you play the guitar, and Austin is known for its music scene. There could be some great photo opportunities here.

CON: Austin has a different political climate than the rest of Texas. You're not quite as popular in the state in general.



BOSTON

PRO: The speech would write itself—Boston is where the American Revolution began, so it would be easy to compare your work as president to the work of other heroic Americans.

CON: Your opponent is the former mayor of Boston, so you're not quite as popular there.



LINCOLN

PRO: It would be good to make a stop in at least one not-quite-major city so suburban and rural voters don't feel left out!

CON: The population is much more sparse here than your other options. Stopping here may not be worth your time.

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