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ABOUT NYC'S RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV)

Dear Voters, Friends and Supporters:

I am letting you know that starting in 2021, New York City will use **Ranked Choice Voting** (www.fairvote.org) in primary and special elections for local offices. What this means is that as a voter you can rank up to 5 candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one.

However, you can still vote for just one candidate if you prefer – if that is your choice. The first Ranked Choice Voting election will be on February 2nd, 2021 in a special election for [NYC Council District 24 \(Queens\)](#). All of the scheduled Democratic Primary elections for the City Council, Borough President, City Comptroller and Mayor will be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. So, I have put together this short primer so you will be informed. Please download and share with friends and family AND – if you and them live in the 46th District – please vote for me and encourage them to do the same!

Why is New York City using Ranked Choice Voting?

New Yorkers elected to use Ranked Choice Voting in a 2019 ballot measure. This measure – put to the city's voters - passed with 73.5% support.


Which elections will use Ranked Choice Voting?

New York City will use Ranked Choice Voting in closed primary and special elections for local offices: **Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President, and City Council.**

How to fill out your ballot

First, rank up to 5 candidates in order of your preference as indicated below.

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CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE C	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE E	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Pick your first-choice candidate and completely fill in the oval next to their name under the 1st column.

If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the 2nd column.

You can rank up to 5 candidates. You can still choose to vote for only one candidate if you prefer. Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice. **Do not rank a candidate more than once. If you do, only your top ranking for them will count. See below.**

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CANDIDATE A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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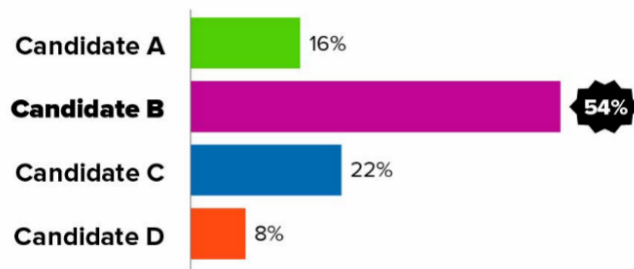
Do not give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you choose more than one candidate as your first choice, your ballot will not be valid. **See example below.**

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CANDIDATE B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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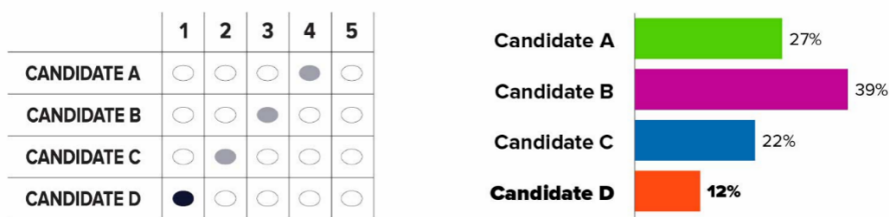


How your ballot will be counted?

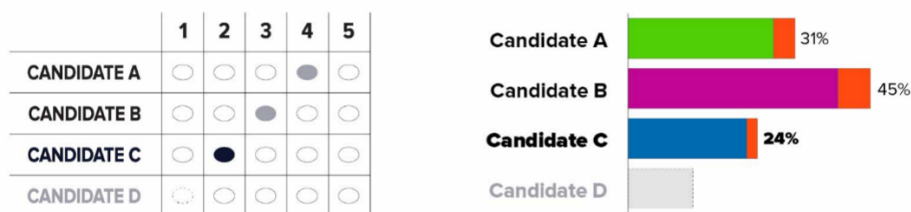
If a candidate receives more than 50% of first-choice votes, they win the election.



If no candidate earns more than 50% of first-choice votes, then counting will continue in rounds.



Each round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. If your top-choice candidate is eliminated, your vote goes to the next highest ranked candidate on your ballot.



This process continues until there are only 2 candidates left. The candidate with the most votes wins!



What are the benefits of Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting gives you more say in who gets elected. Even if your top choice candidate does not win, you can still help choose who does. RCV also encourages and discourages civility and less negative

campaigning. Candidates who are not your top choice still need your support as your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th choice. This makes them more likely to appeal to a wider voting audience. RCV also promotes more diverse and representative candidates win elections. For example, cities that have implemented Ranked Choice Voting have elected more women and more women of color, making their elected officials more representative of their communities and neighborhoods.

VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

ELECT
Judy Newton to the New York City Council
For Brooklyn's 46th District
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