

Ranked Choice Voting

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What is Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)?

Rank Candidates In Order of Choice

No more than one oval per candidate.

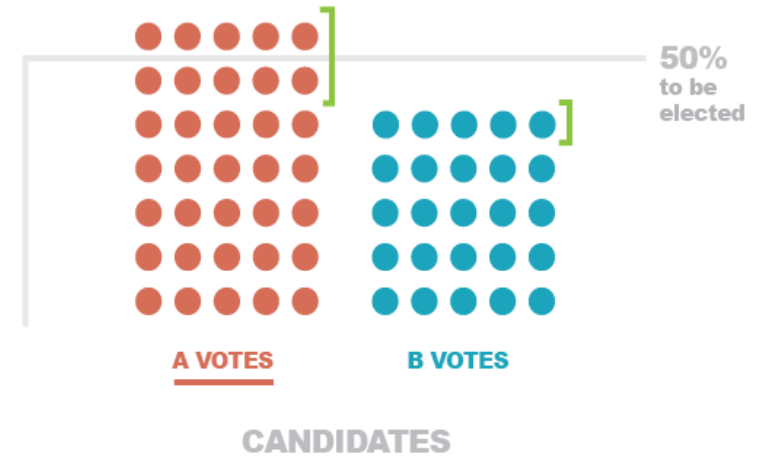
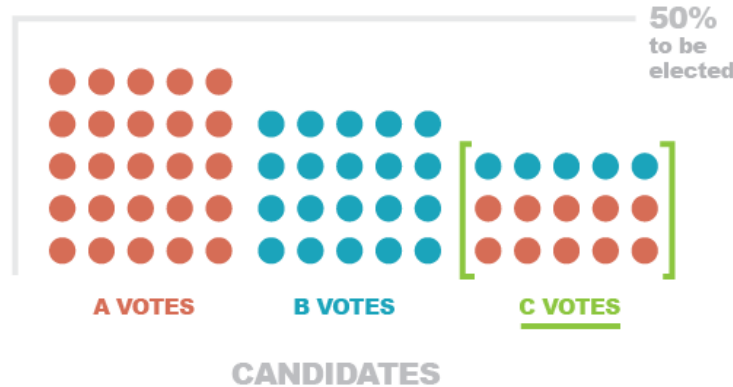
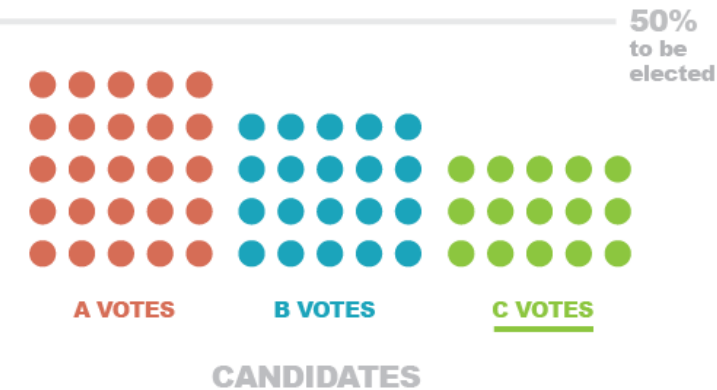
No more than one oval per column.

		1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Danielle Alvarez	(Housewarming Party)	1	2	3	4	5
Tony Samuels	(Block Party)	1	2	3	4	5
Jennifer Lee	(Dinner Party)	1	2	3	4	5
Sean Johnson	(Graduation Party)	1	2	3	4	5
	Write-in	1	2	3	4	5

Round 1

Round 2

Round 3



Information gathered from www.rcvresources.org



Support for RCV

- More choices for voters
 - Eliminates “wasted votes”
 - Ensures the winner has majority support
 - Better representation of views
- Improves campaigns
 - Reduces campaigning by candidates
 - Reduces negative campaigning
 - Reduces signs and mailers
- Saves Money
 - Eliminates the need for primary elections



Consideration/Concern for Flagstaff

- RCV is not currently supported by Arizona election laws
 - Elections are a matter of statewide concern
 - Intense scrutiny on elections
 - A number of proposed legislative changes with regard to elections
- Would require a significant charter change
 - At least 9 separate amendments
 - Could reduce ability to present other needed amendments
 - The Governor must approve the amended charter
- Likely lose the contract with Coconino Elections to conduct the election
 - City would have to conduct their own elections



Election Services Provided

- Voting Equipment
 - Provides all equipment
 - Coordinates with State for certification & testing of all equipment
 - Provides all accessible voting requirements
- Ballot Design, Printing, Translation
 - Coded specifically to voting equipment
 - Native American translation (written and spoken)
 - Spanish translation (spoken)
- Polling Places & Poll Workers
 - Recruit, train, and pay election workers (including security)
 - Locate, arrange, and contract for polling places (including all accessibility requirements)



Election Services Provided, cont.

- Early Voting
 - Conducts early voting by mail and in person (includes overseas voters)
- Ballot Tabulation and Election Certification
 - Post-election audits/reporting to State
 - Recounts if required



City Run Elections

- Purchase and/or lease voting equipment or hand count
 - 45,000 active registered voters and 26 precincts
- Development of Policies and Procedures Manual
 - No assistance or support from the State
 - Require a consultant
 - Extensive legal research, support, and input
- Overburden the City Clerk's Office
 - Significantly more staff would be required
 - Significantly more funding would be needed
 - Extensive outreach, education, and support to voters



Voter Confusion

- Multiple polling places and ballots
 - Local elections
 - County/State/Federal elections
- Vote by mail
 - Two separate ballots received
 - Two envelopes to return
 - Two different locations for counting
- Different methods for voting
 - RCV for local races
 - Standard voting for County/State/Federal races



Recommendation

- RCV is better suited for implementation at the state level
 - All elections would be treated the same
 - State would provide support and guidance
 - County would continue to conduct local elections
 - Maintain the position of elections being a matter of statewide concern



Questions and Discussion