



June 2018 Newsletter

More Voice!

Are you ready for elections that are more positive and consensus-building?
Petitioning is underway in Aurora!

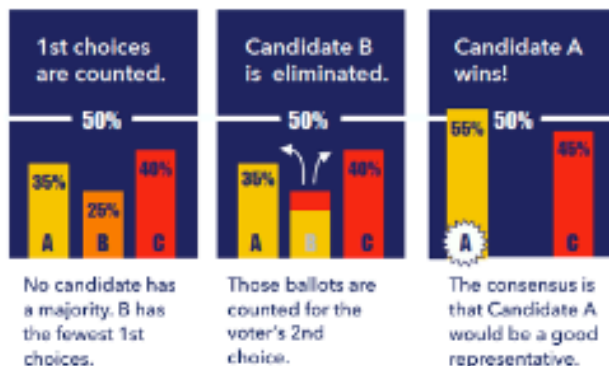
Ranked Choice Voting

More Choice, More Voice

Rank up to 3 candidates.	1st	2nd	3rd
A - Lesser Evil	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B - Your Favorite	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C - Evil	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

With Ranked Choice Voting, you have the freedom to rank candidates in order of choice. If your favorite candidate can't win, your vote is counted for your next choice, until someone wins a majority.

How It Works



Ranked Choice Voting

Right for Aurora



Consensus

Winners have to get a majority consensus - divisive politics don't work in this system.



Stronger Voices

Voters have a way to express preferences while still voting for their first choice.



Broaden Participation

Candidates have to appeal to people who might initially vote for someone else.

Cities like Minneapolis & St. Paul, San Francisco & Oakland have been using Ranked Choice Voting for years. They have seen:

- Improved turnout
- More diverse candidates
- More positive, issue-based campaigns

This fall, Aurora will get to demand **More Choice, More Voice!**

MORE CHOICE

MORE VOICE

For more information, visit:
RCVforColorado.org

That's right - petitioning for RCV in Aurora has begun!

An RCV initiative has been filed in Aurora for the 2018 election - with implementation for citywide races in 2019!

Help us get this measure on the ballot - [volunteer](#) or [donate](#)!



How to help:

Beer Election Training: Learn how to take the message to the people with fun elections, and join a team at our regular meeting.

Sat. June 2 from noon to 1:00
Eloise May Library - Denver
1471 S. Parker Rd



Petition Organizing: Learn how to collect signatures for the Aurora initiative, join a team, and pick up a petition packet.

Sat. June 9 from 3:00 to 4:30
Central Library - Aurora
14949 E Alameda Pkwy

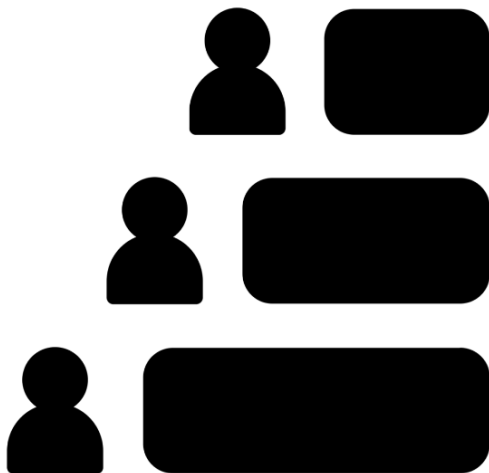
Pueblo Considers RCV

The Pueblo County Clerk and Pueblo League of Women Voters are supporting use of ranked choice voting in their upcoming Mayoral race, which now requires a majority. Making the switch would save \$70,000 and avoid a low-turnout runoff.

Read the write up in the Pueblo Chieftain here: https://www.pueblowestview.com/news/pitch-made-for-ranked-choice-voting-in-pueblo-mayoral-election/article_b5908aae-1202-523a-b245-589327ac6778.html



Above: Pueblo County Clerk, Gilbert "Bo" Ortiz and RCV for Colorado Executive Director, Linda Templin present to the Pueblo City Council on May 14, 2018.



Listen up! RCV on NPR

The nation's leading expert on ranked choice voting, Rob Richie, will be presenting on NPR this Tuesday 5/29 on the show "1A." This will be airing on KUNC 91.5 starting at 9 AM. If you miss it, you can listen to the podcast.

<https://the1a.org/shows/2018-05-29/how-ranked-choice-voting-could-change-politics>

State of Maine

This June 12, voters in the State of Maine get to vote to uphold the initiative they passed in 2016 for ranked choice voting in statewide races from the presidential primary down to the lowest state office.

Maine voters will also be using RCV to vote in the Gubernatorial primary. In Colorado, the discourse between candidates sounds like, "No, *you* get out! *You're* the spoiler!" In Maine they have to stick to the issues and let the voters decide. This could be us in Colorado.

Check out the story on the PBS Newshour <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/voters-will-rank-candidates-in-maines-june-primary>.



Republican Primary					
Governor	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Fredette, Kenneth Wade <small>Newport</small>	0	0	0	0	0
Mason, Garrett Paul <small>Lisbon</small>	0	0	0	0	0
Mayhew, Mary C. <small>China</small>	0	0	0	0	0
Moody, Shawn H. <small>Gorham</small>	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0

Learn

Volunteer

Donate

We Need You

RCV for Colorado is a grassroots organization that relies on the support of people around Colorado. Visit us online to learn how you can be part of building better elections: www.RCVforColorado.org.