Questions? We are here to help you!

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Ways to learn about and practice RCV

1. Practice ranking your favorite candidate now

2. Use the RCV practice tool at sfelections.org/rcv

3. Refer to RCV info in your Voter Pamphlet.

4. Learn about RCV in the insert enclosed with your mail ballot.

5. Review RCV instructions on your ballot before marking your choices.

Demonstration Ballot

Use a pen with black or blue ink. Fill in the oval to rank candidates in the order of your choice.

1. In the 1st column, select your 1st choice candidate.
2. In the 2nd column, select your 2nd choice candidate.
3. In the 3rd column, select your 3rd choice candidate, and so on.
4. Do not fill in more than one oval in the same row.
5. Do not fill in more than one oval in the same column.

You may rank as many as five candidates as you like. If there are fewer than three candidates for an office, you may rank three choices or one choice and leave the remaining columns blank.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the candidate’s name in the space at the end of the candidate list and fill in the oval for the rank.

If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot.

San Francisco voters use ranked-choice voting (RCV) to fill many local offices.

RCV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference.

Learn more, inside!

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Marking a RCV Contest

Starting on the left side, fill in one oval per column:

- Mark the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate
- Mark the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate
- Mark the 3rd column for your 3rd choice candidate

And so on...

To vote for a write-in candidate, write the name in the space at the end of the candidate list and fill in the oval for the rank.

Ranking Tips

You can rank as many candidates as you like, up to 10.

- You do not have to rank all the candidates. (You can leave columns blank.)
- Do not fill in more than one oval per column. We will not be able to count either vote.
- Do not rank the same candidate multiple times. We will only be able to count your first ranking and will disregard all the others.

How RCV Contests are Counted

We begin by counting all first-choice votes.

If any candidate received a majority of votes (50%+1), that candidate wins.

What if no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes?

We eliminate the candidate with the lowest number of votes.

If you voted for the eliminated candidate, your vote moves to your second choice.

We count the votes again. If a candidate now has a majority of votes, that candidate wins.

What if there is still no winner (no candidate has a majority)?

The process of eliminating the candidate(s) with the lowest number of votes continues until a candidate has a majority.

View official election results at sfelections.org/results