UNDERSTANDING RANKED CHOICE VOTING

What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting is also referred to as RCV. It is also known as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). Instead of voting for one candidate, you are asked (not required) to rank all candidates on the ballot.

How does Ranked Choice Voting Work?

All candidates will appear on a single ballot. When you go vote, you are asked (not required) to rank all candidates whether it's three or 35 candidates.

Rep. To Congress District X	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Bear, Smokey Municipality Party	●	○	○	○	○
Duck, Donald Municipality Party	○	○	○	●	○
Mouse, Mickey Municipality Party	○	○	●	○	○
Woman, Wonder Municipality Party	○	●	○	○	○
Write-in	○	○	○	○	○

The votes are counted. If a candidate wins by greater than 50% +1, that candidate wins. However, if there is not a majority, the candidate(s) with the least votes is eliminated BUT those eliminated candidate's second place choices are redistributed to all the candidates. This process continues with leftover votes until one candidate wins a "round" with a majority in that round.

WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT RCV

MN Communities that rejected RCV
Duluth, MN
Brooklyn Park, MN
Red Wing, MN

MN Charter Commissions that rejected RCV
Bloomington, MN
Minnetonka, MN

MN Communities using RCV
Minneapolis, MN
St. Paul, MN
St. Louis Park, MN

FURTHER REFERENCES

RCVSCAM.com
ProtectMyBallot.com
Keepvotingsimple.com
Facebook: Say, "No to Ranked-Choice Voting"
https://www.facebook.com/groups/NotoRankedChoiceVoting/
A False Majority: A Failed Experiment of Ranked Choice Voting by The Maine Policy Heritage Center;
https://mainepolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/RCV-Final-Booklet-.pdf
2017 Minneapolis Mayoral Election
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Minneapolis_mayoral_election
RCV disqualifies 10% of ballots during elections and can re-direct your vote to candidates you do not support. RCV elected the failing Minneapolis City Council with the same over-the-top promises we are now hearing. Tell your neighbors.

Vote "No!"

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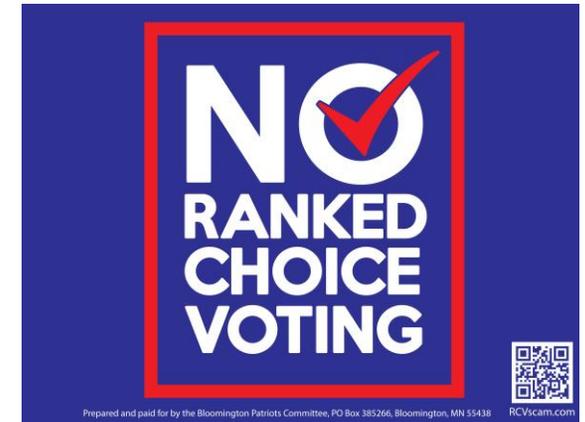PO Box 385266 Blmgtn, MN 55438

CHARTER CHANGE REFERENDUM

THIS IS NON-PARTISAN!!!

VOTE "NO" Nov 3

THE BALLOT QUESTION:
"Should the Bloomington City Charter be amended to elect the Mayor and City Council members by the Ranked Choice Voting Method?

Save Our Vote!
One Person-One Vote

The least democratic thing about RCV is that more ballots will be thrown out. If no one wins the first round with a 50+ 1%, subsequent rounds of redistribution and exhausted ballots further diminish the people's true preferred choice.

REASONS TO VOTE NO

RCV SOLVES NO CURRENT PROBLEM WITH TRADITIONAL SYSTEM

There is no compelling reason to change our simple, straight forward voting system in Bloomington.

RCV IS INTENTIONALLY COMPLICATED & CONFUSING

Ranked Choice Voting has been found to frustrate voters, particularly the elderly, the disengaged and marginalized by its complicated instructions. Further, the amount of research that must be done for each candidate to be ranked can be overwhelming and too time consuming. The fact that some voters' votes will be exhausted (thrown out) because of failure to execute the RCV ballot properly creates doubt about its value.

Currently primaries narrow down choices for the general election. If, as in Minneapolis, all candidates who desire to run and special interests participate, a large slate of candidates would need to be ranked by each voter. It is much easier to cast an informative vote after a primary for one choice than it is to rank a large slate of candidates whose ideology is not known. Voting should not be confusing or hard.

REASONS TO VOTE NO

RCV THROWS OUT MORE VOTES

If a voter does not rank all candidates, there is a good chance their ballot will be thrown out. In the 2017 Minneapolis Mayoral election for Mayor Frey who won in the 5th round WITHOUT a TRUE majority, 21% of active ballots were exhausted (thrown out). The Center for Election Science has found that "RCV results in about seven times as many spoiled ballots as traditional (current) voting, on average.

SOME VOTES MAY COUNT MORE THAN ONCE, NOT UNDER THE TRADITIONAL METHOD.

If rankings come out a certain way, a voter's ballot could be redistributed (counted) more than once in various rounds.

RCV VERY RARELY REFLECTS THE TRUE MAJORITY OF VOTES

RCV creates a false majority since it may take several rounds of vote redistribution to reach a majority to win. That means the winner wins by a lesser % of total votes cast.
EXAMPLE: It took Minneapolis. Mayor Frey 5 rounds to get to a majority to win. However, of all votes cast he won only 44.7% of all valid votes. Clearly not a true majority.

REASONS TO VOTE NO

RCV DOES NOT SAVE TAXPAYER $$$

Bloomington City staff estimates that if a primary is necessary every two years, it costs the city around $100,000. Bloomington hosts elections in off/odd numbered years. Savings would be offset by the costs of complex calculations, additional city staff, ongoing voter education, voting machine certification, independent audits and possibly challenged ballots.
Bloomington would save more by just changing current elections to even years.

According to the Star Tribune Feb 28, 2013, Minneapolis needed $1.7 million in 2012 for Ranked Choice Voting system. RCV was reported to have cost five times more than traditional voting and the city was short an estimated $385,000.

RCV VOTING MACHINES ARE EXPENSIVE, UNRELIABLE AND HAVE NO STATE OVERSIGHT

The current machines can be programmed for additional software expense for up to 3 rankings. A report is produced for manual calculation. These voting machines don't alert to ballot errors which could result in more spoiled ballots. Currently the Secretary of State does not consider RCV in its certifications of equipment nor its election rules.