Single Winner
Ranked Choice Voting

WHERE IT’S USED:

St. Louis Park, MN
Minneapolis, MN
St. Paul, MN
MAINE
Portland, MA
Cambridge, MA
Takoma Park, MD

Using RCV Now
Overseas Voters
Coming Soon!

“IT’S AN ELEGANT WAY OF GETTING TO A PLACE WHERE THE VOTERS TRULY HAVE THE SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS IN AN ELECTION.”
— Stan Lockhart, Former Utah Republican Party Chairman and leader of Utah Ranked Choice Voting

HOW IT WORKS

It’s simple! Voters get to rank candidates in order of choice. If a candidate receives more than half of the first choices, they win, just like any other election. If not, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and voters who picked that candidate as ‘number 1’ will have their votes count for their next choice. This process continues until a candidate wins with more than half of the votes, which is a majority.

WINNERS WITH BROAD SUPPORT

Ranked choice voting ensures candidates win elections by making connections to more voters, upholding the principle of majority rule that legitimizes outcomes for voters and candidates. Without RCV, candidates can win primaries or general elections with far less than 50% support.
**VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE**

No more strategic voting. Ranked choice voting frees voters to choose the candidates they like best, without fear of wasting their vote and inadvertently helping elect the candidate they like least.

**MORE COMPETITION CREATES REFLECTIVE OUTCOMES**

With more candidates and choices, elections become truly competitive, electing winners who reflect the views of the widest number of constituents. And even in crowded fields, similar candidates can compete without splitting votes. Whether Republican, Democrat, independent or third-party, all candidates can compete without worrying about the “spoiler effect.”

**CIVIL CAMPAIGNS**

Candidates are incentivized to work together or find common ground on issues in the hopes of earning voters’ backup choices.

“No more vote splitting or “spoiler” candidates
No more “wasted” votes
Candidates are elected with a mandate
No expensive runoffs, and voters only make one trip to the polls.
It can be used easily on modern voting equipment or with workarounds on older equipment.

“When we have ranked choice voting, it allows for a more diverse group of candidates to step forward and step in.”

— Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota

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**Candidates do best when they reach out positively instead of attacking opponents.**

**Candidates need to earn back-up support to win, not just first choices.**

**A study has shown that voters in cities where RCV is used said they observed less negative campaigning.**

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**NEW TOTALS REVEAL A WINNER (MORE THAN 50% OF THE TOTAL VOTE)**