RANKED CHOICE VOTING

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

In 2019 New York City voters approved a ballot measure that allows ranked choice voting in certain elections.

Ranked choice voting lets you **rank up to five candidates running for the same position**, from your top choice to your fifth choice. You can still pick just one person to vote for or rank fewer than five people.

WHAT ELECTIONS USE RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

Ranked choice is used in New York City primary and special local elections.

On Election Day, June 22, 2021, New Yorkers will rank primary candidates for **Mayor**, **Public Advocate**, **Comptroller**, **Borough President**, and **City Council**. Early voting for the citywide Primary Election, the first local election to use ranked choice voting, begins on Saturday, June 12. The deadline to register to vote is Friday, May 28.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Rank up to five candidates in order **from your first choice to your fifth**.

Fill in the circle next to your first-choice candidate under the "1" column. Then fill in the circle next to your second-choice candidate under the "2" column. Repeat this process until you have selected up to five candidates.

You can still vote for just one candidate or for fewer than five candidates. **Ranking other candidates does not hurt your first-choice candidate.**

To vote for a write-in candidate, print the candidate's name on the "write-in" line and fill in the oval that corresponds to where you want to rank them.

THINGS TO AVOID WHEN CASTING YOUR BALLOT

Do not give multiple candidates the same ranking. If you rank two candidates as your number one choice, your ballot will be invalid.

Do not rank a single candidate as your first, second, third, fourth, and fifth choice. If you do so, only the top ranking will count.

HOW YOUR BALLOT WILL BE COUNTED

If one candidate in a race receives more than 50 percent of first choice votes, that candidate wins the election.

If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of first choice votes, then the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated in rounds of counting until there are only two candidates left. The candidate with the most votes wins.

In each round, **the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated**. If your first choice is eliminated, your vote goes to your second choice. If, in a subsequent round, your second choice is eliminated, your vote goes to your third choice.

This process repeats itself until there are only two candidates left. The candidate with the most votes is the winner.

	1	2	3	4	5
CANDIDATE A	○	○	●	○	○
CANDIDATE B	●	○	○	○	○
CANDIDATE C	○	●	○	○	○
CANDIDATE D	○	○	○	○	●
CANDIDATE E	○	○	○	●	○

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