

Citizen Comment
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New Item

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New Proposed Voting Procedure

1 Purpose:

- a To conserve fuel by reducing the trips the voters, candidates, and election officials make to the polling locations during election runoffs.
Note: When more than one candidate runs for a government position (City, County, State, or Federal) a runoff is highly probable.
- b To reduce nonproductive use of voters time.
- c To reduce the cost of generating the new ballots required for runoff elections.
- d To reduce the government cost of moving, setting up, and supporting the voting precincts
- e To reduce the cost to the remaining candidates for the additional campaigning required by the runoff election.
- f To increase the fairness to all candidates and the voters. Many of the initial voters cannot reshuffle their schedules to vote in multiple runoffs.

2 Present Procedure.

- a At the time of the initial ballot, voters voting on multiple candidates for a position record a single mark signifying the candidate of choice.
- b If a candidate does not get a majority of the votes cast, a runoff for the top candidates is conducted. In the case where two or more runner-ups tie, additional runoffs might be required.
- c Registered voters who did not vote at the time of the first ballot (Including the use of an absentee ballot) are allowed to vote in the runoffs.

3 One Proposed procedure

- a Voters voting on multiple candidates for a position would rank the candidates for that position. The first choice would be receive a single mark..
The second choice would receive two marks. The third choice would receive three marks and etc.
Candidates receiving no marks on a record would not be considered in any tally of that record.
- b Each ballot, cast in secret, would be recorded by the scanner at the polling precinct as a record to be transferred to a single tabulating computer.
- c The tabulating computer would then compile all records into a sequential data base that would be successively tallied.
- d The tabulating computer would then tally the highest order choice on each record. On the first (initial) tally the tabulating computer would, for each candidate, determine the number of records that had ranked that candidate as first choice.
- e After each tally the tabulating computer would flag the candidate with the least votes on all records, and that candidate would be eliminated from all subsequent tallies.
- f The tabulating computer would then tally the top choice on the flagged data base ignoring all flagged candidates.
- g Repeated tallies would continue until a winning candidate was determined. If, for example, there were (n) candidates, the tabulating computer would perform (n - 1) successive tallies.

EXCERPT FROM SAMPLE BALLOT # 3174

RANK BY ORDER OF CHOICE THE FIVE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 5 DOG CATCHER:

(Fill in one oval for first choice, two ovals for second choice, three ovals for third choice and etc.)

DISTRICT FIVE DOG CATCHER



Mr. Black



Ms. Blue



Mr. Brown



Mr. Green



Ms. Orange

EXCERPT FROM SAMPLE BALLOT # 3175

RANK BY ORDER OF CHOICE THE FIVE CANDIDATES
RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 5 DOG CATCHER:

(Filling in one oval for first choice, two ovals for second
choice, three ovals for third choice and etc.)

DISTRICT FIVE DOG CATCHER

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| <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> | Mr. Black |
| <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> | Ms. Blue |
| <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> | Mr. Brown |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Mr. Green |
| <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> | Ms. Orange |

Initial Records entered into the Tally Computer

Record 3173

2	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
	Mr. Green
1	Ms. Orange

Record 3174

3	Mr. Black
4	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3175

	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3176

5	Mr. Black
3	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
1	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

List of Records after First Tally

(On first tally Mr. Brown received the least number of votes cast)

(Mr. Brown has been flagged on all records and will be ignored in all subsequent tallies)

Record 3173

	Mr. Black
2	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
	Mr. Green
1	Ms. Orange

Record 3174

3	Mr. Black
4	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3175

	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3176

5	Mr. Black
3	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
1	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

List of Records after Second Tally

(Mr. Brown received the least number of votes cast on the first tally, Ms. Orange received least on the second. Mr. Brown & Ms. Orange are now flagged.)

Record 3173

	Mr. Black
2	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
	Mr. Green
1	Ms. Orange

Record 3174

3	Mr. Black
4	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3175

	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3176

5	Mr. Black
3	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
1	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

List of Records after Third Tally

(Mr. Brown was flagged after the first tally.
Ms. Orange was flagged after the second tally.
Mr. Black was flagged after the third tally.)

Record 3173

	Mr. Black
2	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
	Mr. Green
1	Ms. Orange

Record 3174

3	Mr. Black
4	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3175

	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

Record 3176

5	Mr. Black
3	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
1	Mr. Green
2	Ms. Orange

List of Records after FourthTally

(After fourth tally the following candidates were flagged on all records: Mr. Brown, Ms. Orange, Mr. Black, and Mr. Green.)

Record 3173

	Mr. Black
2	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
	Mr. Green
1	Ms.Orange

Record 3174

3	Mr. Black
4	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms.Orange

Record 3175

	Mr. Black
	Ms. Blue
1	Mr. Brown
5	Mr. Green
2	Ms.Orange

Record 3176

5	Mr. Black
3	Ms. Blue
	Mr. Brown
1	Mr. Green
2	Ms.Orange

Election Results

In the fourth tally Ms. Blue received 10,345 votes out of 18,352 votes tallied.

Mr Green received 8001

Six votes were contested.