



What is Ranked Choice Voting?

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- **Voters**
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Brief Overview

- What is RCV?
- Where is RCV Used?
- Sample Ballots
- Questions?

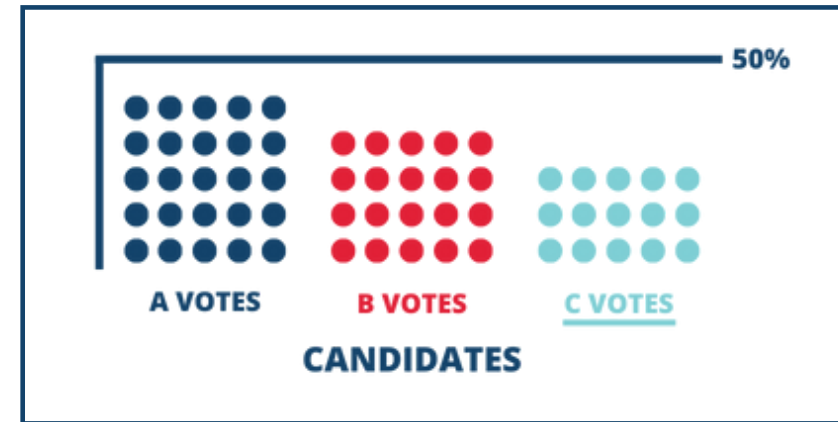


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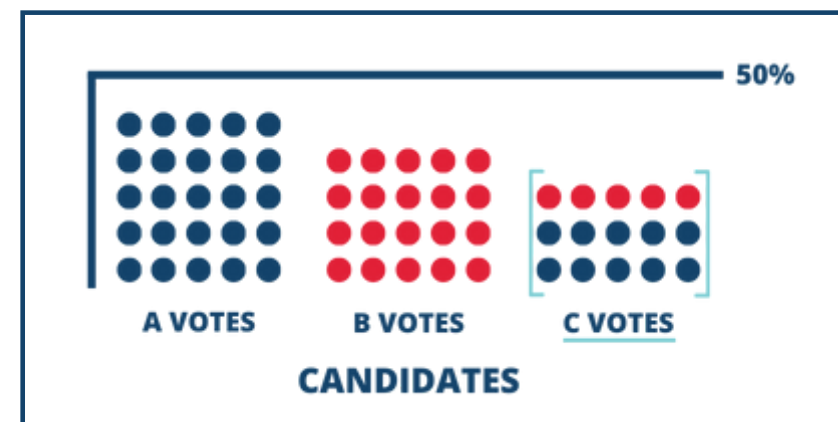


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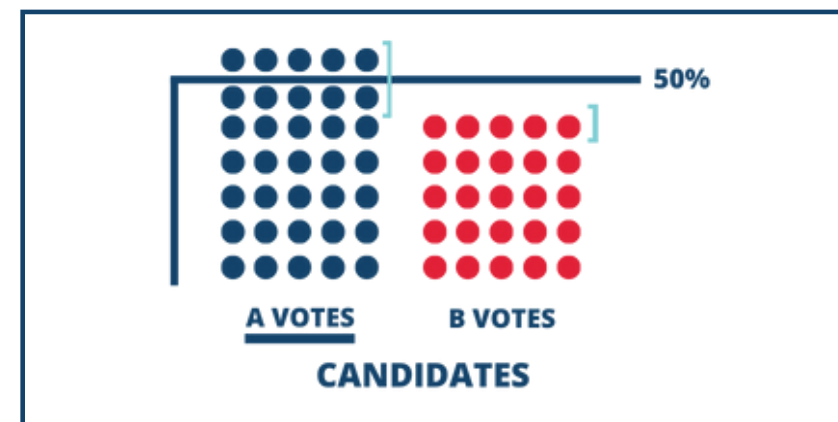
What is RCV?



Voters' first choices are counted. In this example, no candidate earned 50% of the vote.



Candidate C has the fewest votes and is eliminated.



Those ballots transfer to each voter's next choice candidate. Candidate A is elected.



What is RCV?

Ranked Choice Voting in KANSAS Presidential Primaries 2020 - ENGLISH

**RANKED
CHOICE
VOTING**

Kansas

RCV

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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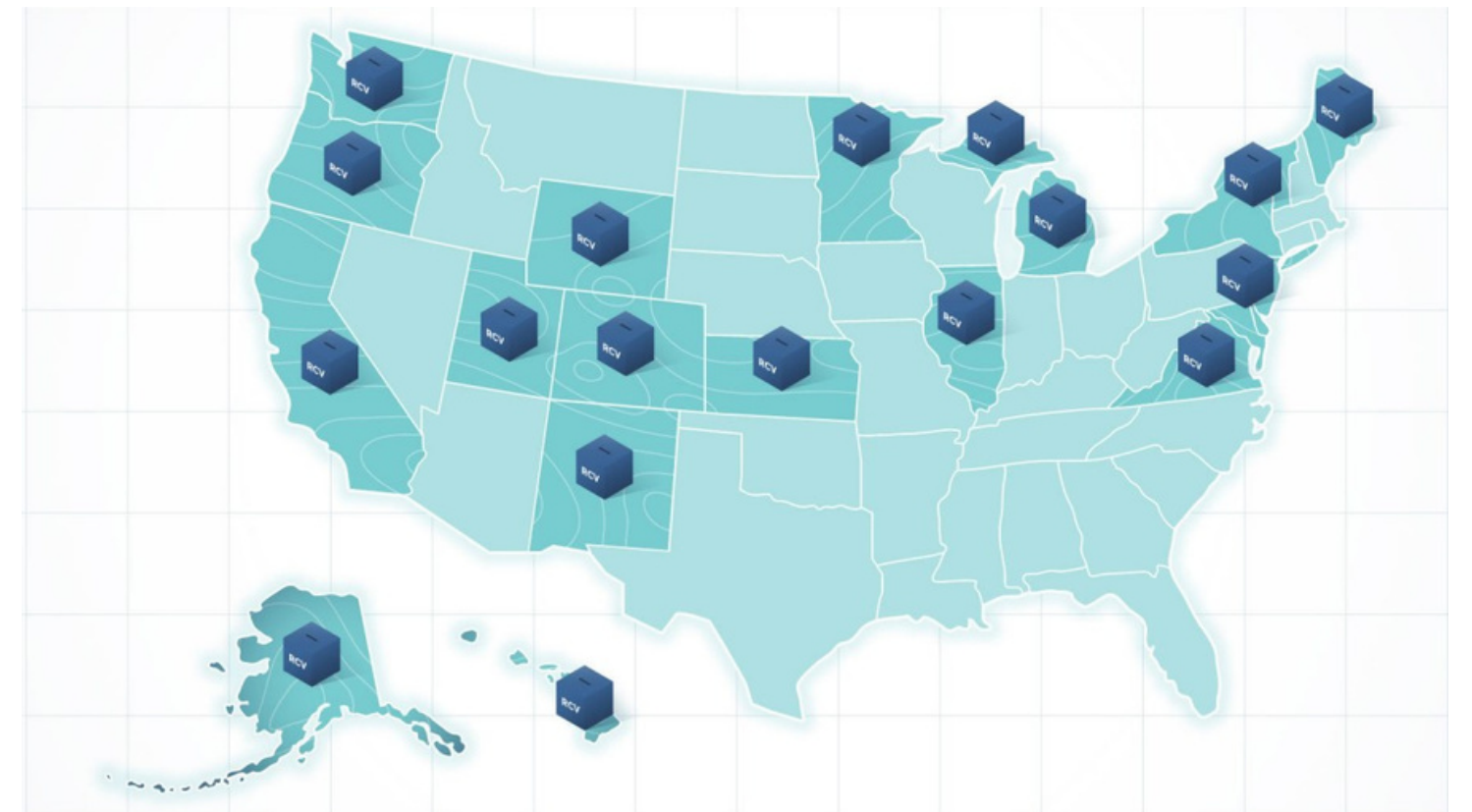


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Where is RCV Used?

As of the 2022 elections, RCV has been adopted in 62 jurisdictions. Some prominent examples include:

- Alaska
- Burlington, VT
- Maine
- Minneapolis, MN
- New York City
- San Francisco, CA



Sample RCV Ballots

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

Use BLACK PEN to fill in the ovals. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
To vote:

- Completely fill in the oval in the 1st column for your 1st choice candidate.
- Optionally, fill in the oval in the 2nd column for your 2nd choice candidate.
- Continue to rank as many or as few of the candidates as you would like.
- To rank a write-in candidate, write the person's name in the write-in space and fill in the oval that corresponds with the ranking of your choice.
- **Fill in no more than one oval per column.**
- **Fill in no more than one oval per candidate.**
- **Do not skip rankings.** For example, do not fill in 1st and 3rd choices without filling in a 2nd choice.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

Please ask any election official or poll worker if you need assistance.

EAST DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR

Term Ending April 3, 2023
Only ONE vote per candidate. Only ONE vote per column.

		1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
MAEA BRANDT Burlington	Democratic	<input type="radio"/> ¹	<input type="radio"/> ²	<input type="radio"/> ³	<input type="radio"/> ⁴
DINA JOHN Burlington	Progressive	<input type="radio"/> ¹	<input type="radio"/> ²	<input type="radio"/> ³	<input type="radio"/> ⁴
JAKE SCHUMANN Burlington	Independent	<input type="radio"/> ¹	<input type="radio"/> ²	<input type="radio"/> ³	<input type="radio"/> ⁴
(Write-in)		<input type="radio"/> ¹	<input type="radio"/> ²	<input type="radio"/> ³	<input type="radio"/> ⁴

**Burlington, Vermont
2022 Special Election
Sample Ballot
(Dominion)**



Sample RCV Ballots

SAMPLE BALLOT



State of Alaska Official Ballot
November 8, 2022
General Election

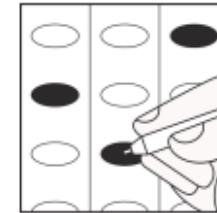
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PLEASE NOTE: A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or group or that the party or group approves of or associates with that candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as affiliated with the party or group.

Instructions:

- Do not use red ink or a pencil to mark your ballot.
- Rank as many or as few candidates as you like.
- Completely fill in no more than one oval for each candidate or column.
- For your 1st choice, fill in the oval in the 1st choice column.
- For your 2nd choice, fill in the oval in the 2nd choice column.
- For your 3rd choice, fill in the oval in the 3rd choice column, and so on.
- If you make a mistake, you can ask for a new ballot.



United States Senator

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Chesbro, Patricia R. (Registered Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kelley, Buzz A. (Registered Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Murkowski, Lisa (Registered Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tshibaka, Kelly C. (Registered Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

United States Representative

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice
Begich, Nick (Registered Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bye, Chris (Registered Libertarian)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Palin, Sarah (Registered Republican)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Peltola, Mary S. (Registered Democrat)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Alaska 2022 General Election Sample Ballot (Dominion)



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Sample RCV Ballots



EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
BIENNIAL CITY ELECTION
CITY OF EASTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 2, 2021
PRECINCT ONE

Salma L. LaBonté
CITY CLERK

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- Continue to rank as many or as few of the candidates as you like.

To rank a write-in candidate, write the person's name and address in the write-in space and fill in the oval for the ranking of your choice.

Fill in no more than one oval for each row and column.

Do not skip rankings. For example, do not fill in 1st and 3rd choices without filling in a 2nd choice.

Please ask any election official or poll worker if you need assistance.

MAYOR
For Four Years

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
ERIC K. BERZINS 25 High Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NICOLE M. LACHAPELLE 123 East Street <small>Candidate for re-election</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
KEITH M. ROUTHIER 49 Emerald Place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Easthampton, MA 2021
Municipal Election
Sample Ballot
(Dominion)



Dominion Voting Systems

- **RCV Compatible Voting Equipment:**

- ImageCast Evolution, ImageCast Precinct, ImageCast Central, ImageCast Remote

- **RCV Ballot Design:**

- Up to 10 rankings using the grid format
- Can include non-RCV contests

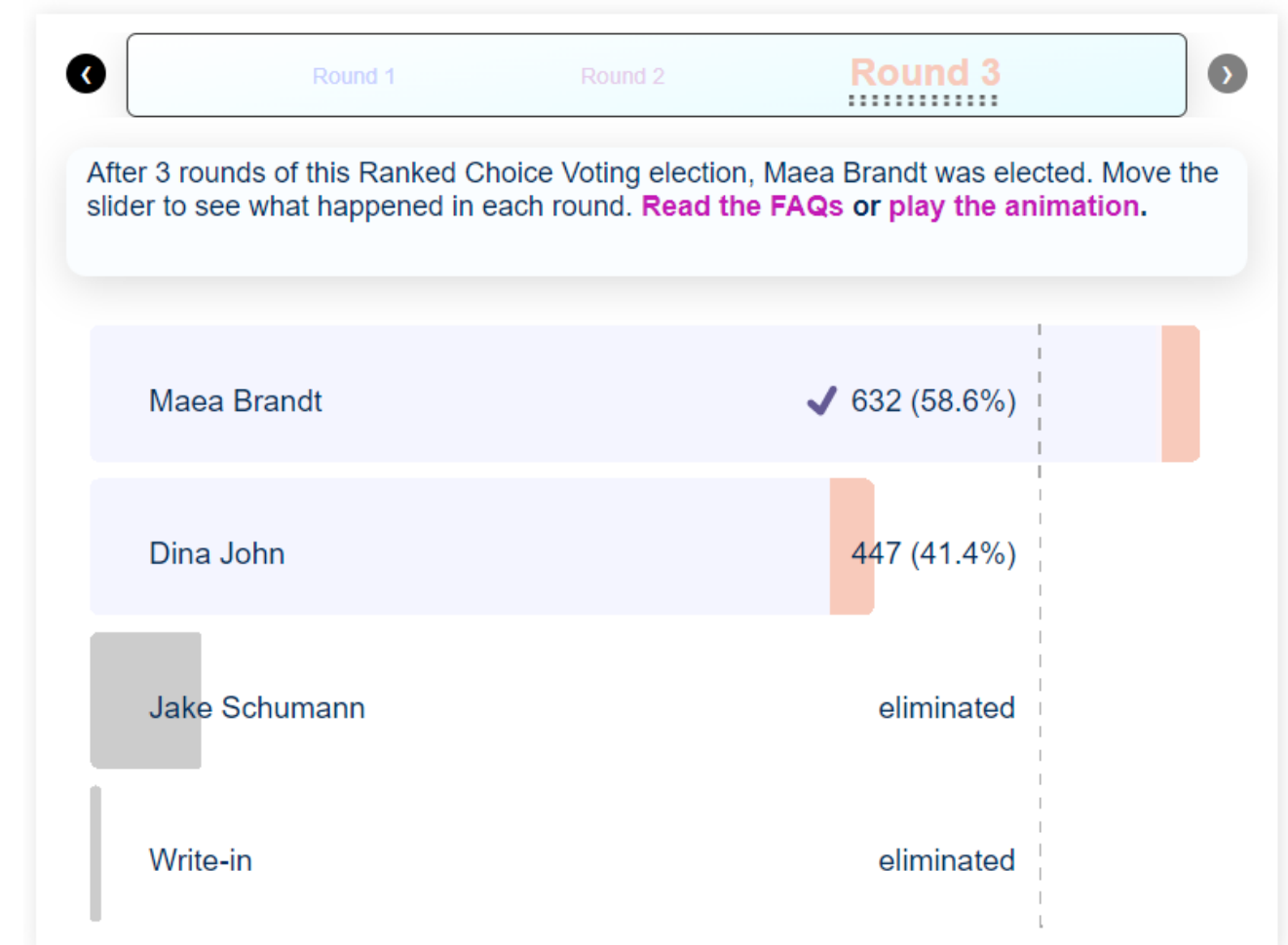
- **RCV Jurisdictions using Dominion:**

- Alaska
- San Francisco, California
- Cambridge & Easthampton, MA
- Las Cruces & Santa Fe, NM
- Salt Lake County, UT



Administrative Changes

1. Voter education
2. Ballot design
3. Voting systems
4. Reporting results
5. Audits
6. Recounts



Questions?



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