

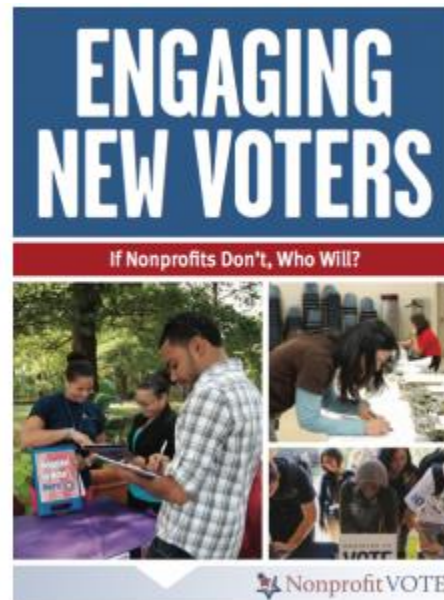
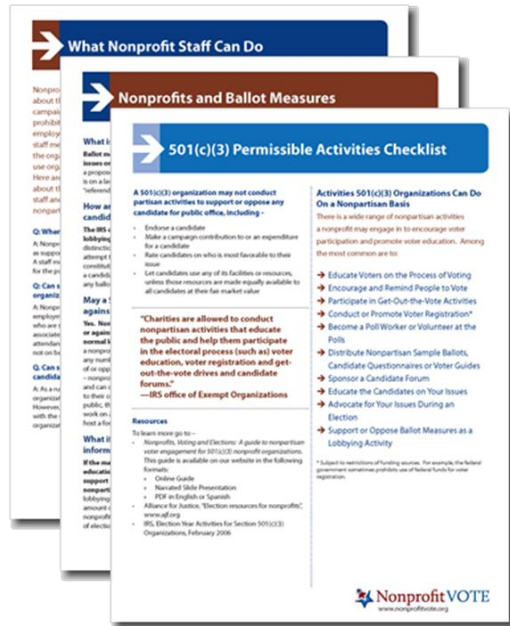
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Use the chat box to send us your questions.

What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Who we are

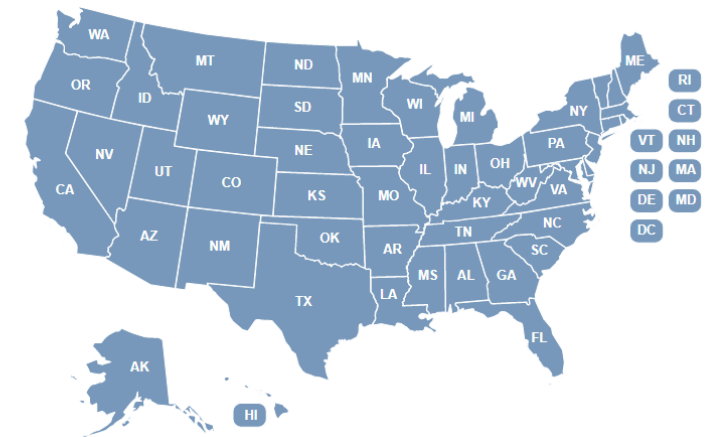
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Voting In Your State

Official voting information directly from your state's elections website

- ALABAMA
- ALASKA
- ARIZONA
- ARKANSAS
- CALIFORNIA
- COLORADO
- CONNECTICUT
- DELAWARE



Agenda

- Ranked Choice Voting
 - How it works
 - Where it's happening
- In the field: The use of Ranked Choice Voting in Nevada
- Q & A session



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RANKED CHOICE VOTING

- **Elections today - Problems and opportunities**
- **Ranked choice voting - A solution**
- **The Maine experience in 2018**
- **Momentum for RCV**

CURRENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM

**FAVORITE NATIONAL
MONUMENT**

**Choose
one**

Lincoln Memorial

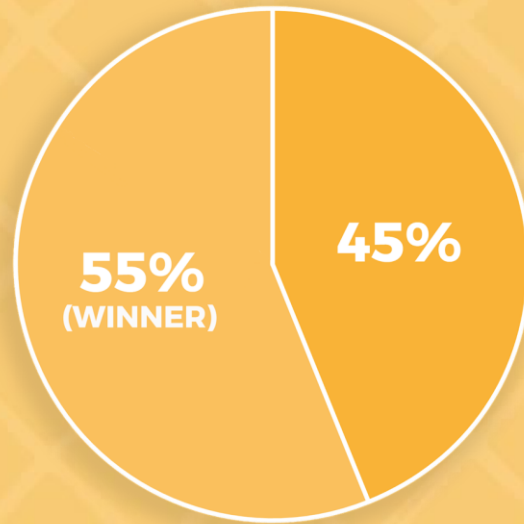
Martin Luther King Jr.

Thomas Jefferson

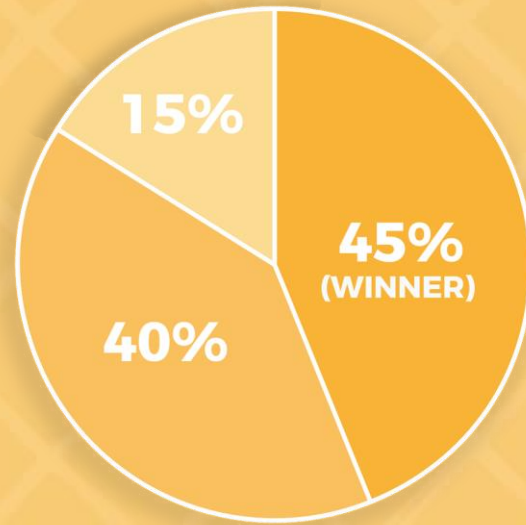
Vietnam Veterans

Washington Monument

SINGLE-CHOICE PLURALITY



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— PLURALITY WINS —

Since 1992, **49** senators from **27** states have been elected with **less than 50%** support

Source: The Hill, “The magic of majority rule in elections,” Jason Harrow and Victor Shi, August 16, 2019

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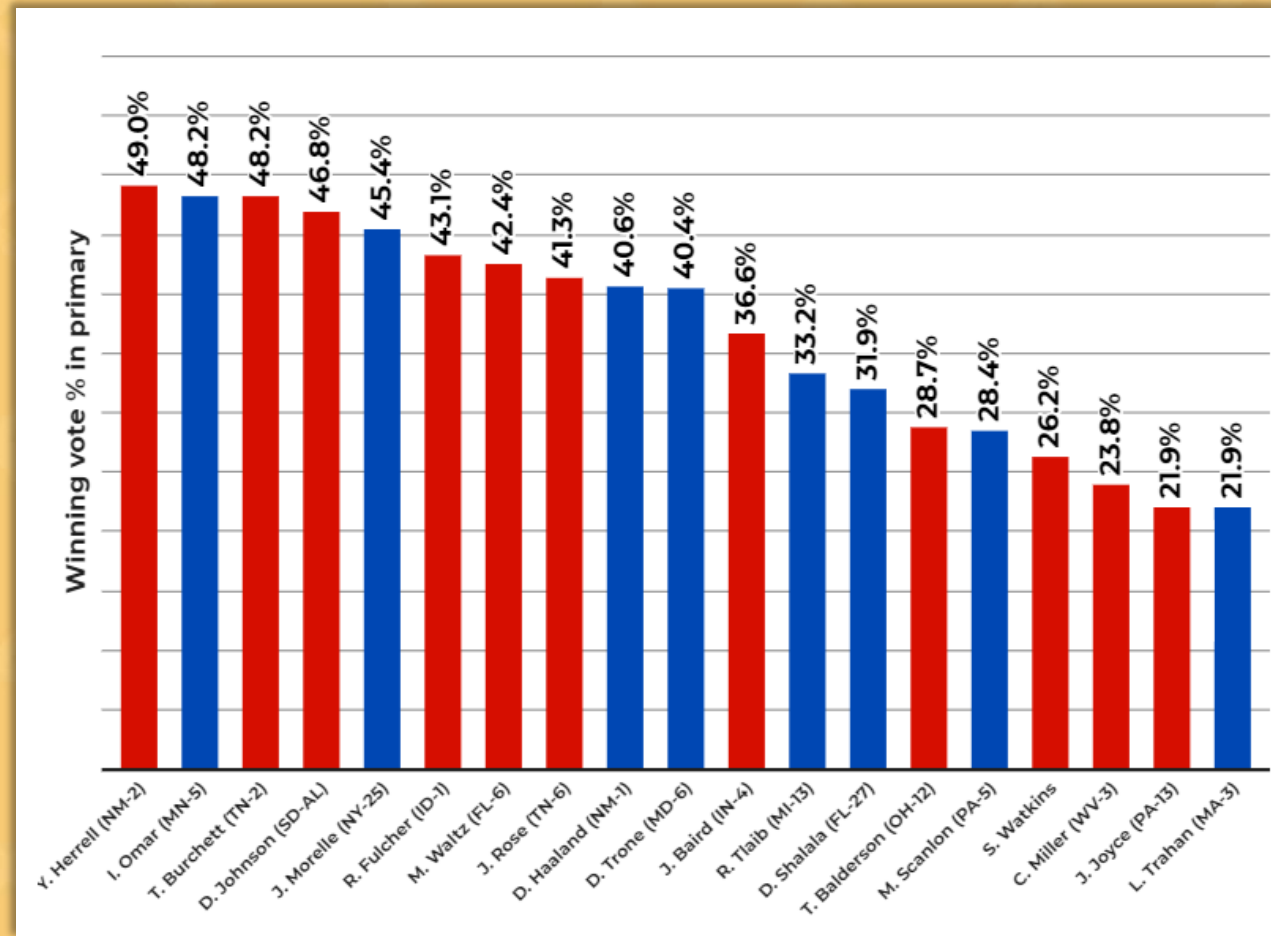
In **every cycle** since 1994, nominees of both parties have won primary elections with as little as **29% support**

Missouri Senate 2012 Republican Primary	
Todd Akin	36.1%
John Brunner	30.0%
Sarah Steelman	29.2%

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PLURALITY WINS

2018 CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES



RUNOFF ELECTIONS

TX-15, 2010 Republican Primary			
March 2 - Primary		April 13 - Runoff	
Paul B. Haring	5,401 (41.8%)	Eddie Zamora	1,558 (56.8%)
Eddie Zamora	4,201 (32.5%)	Paul B. Haring	1,187 (42.2%)
Daniel Garza	3,310 (25.6%)		

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

Since 1994, **96.4%** of primary runoffs have lower turnout in the runoff election.

On average, turnout decreased **37.1%**

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

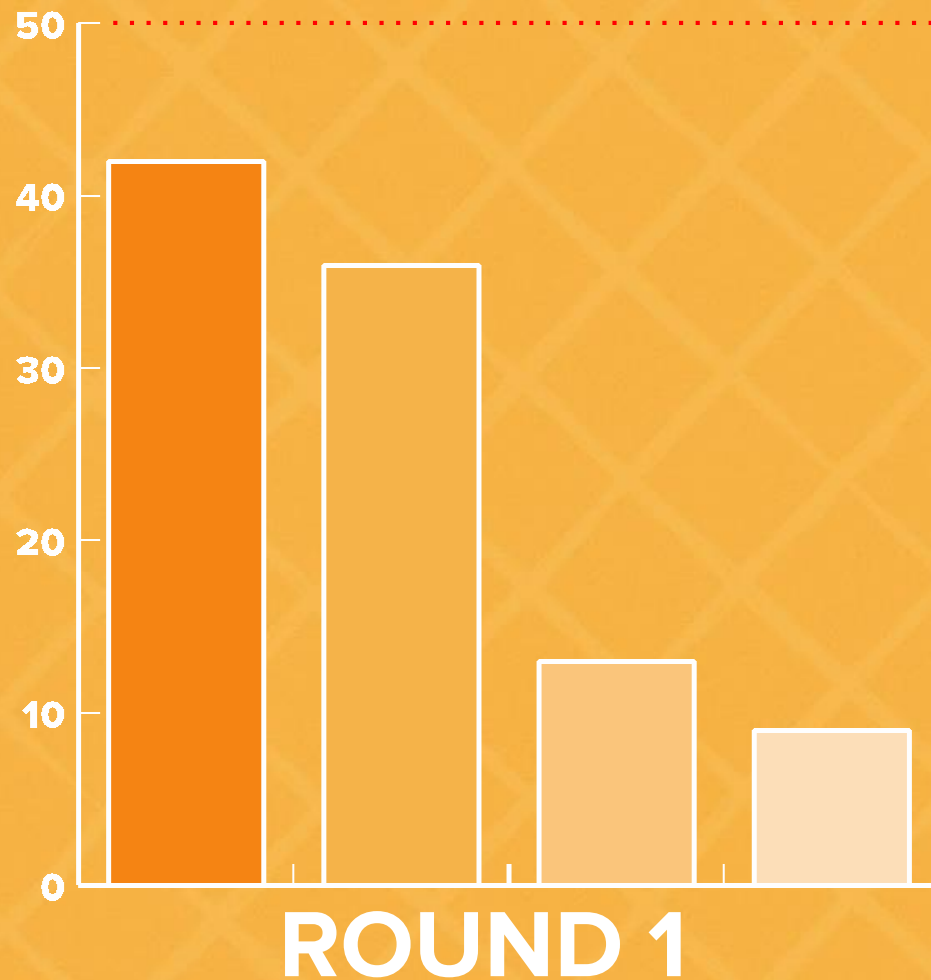
Turnout declines hurt communities of color hardest.

In 2018, Latino voter turnout declined **55%** in primary runoffs, compared to 44% for white voters

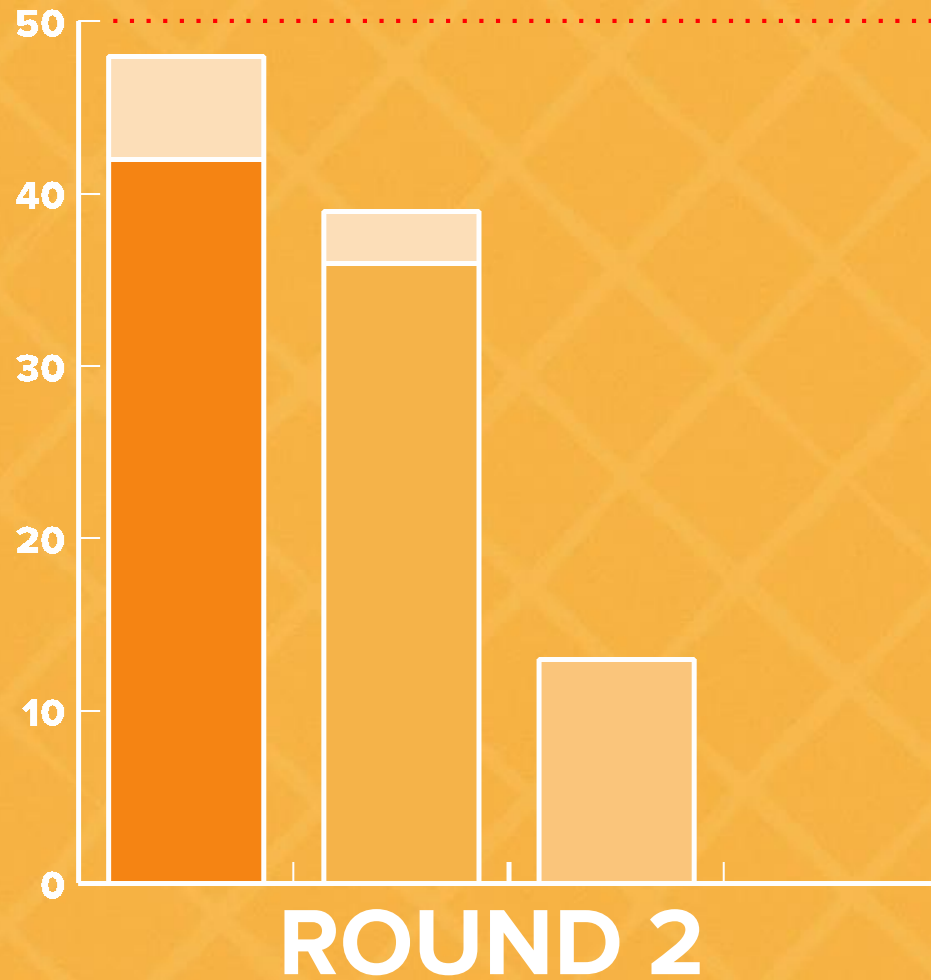
RANKED CHOICE VOTING

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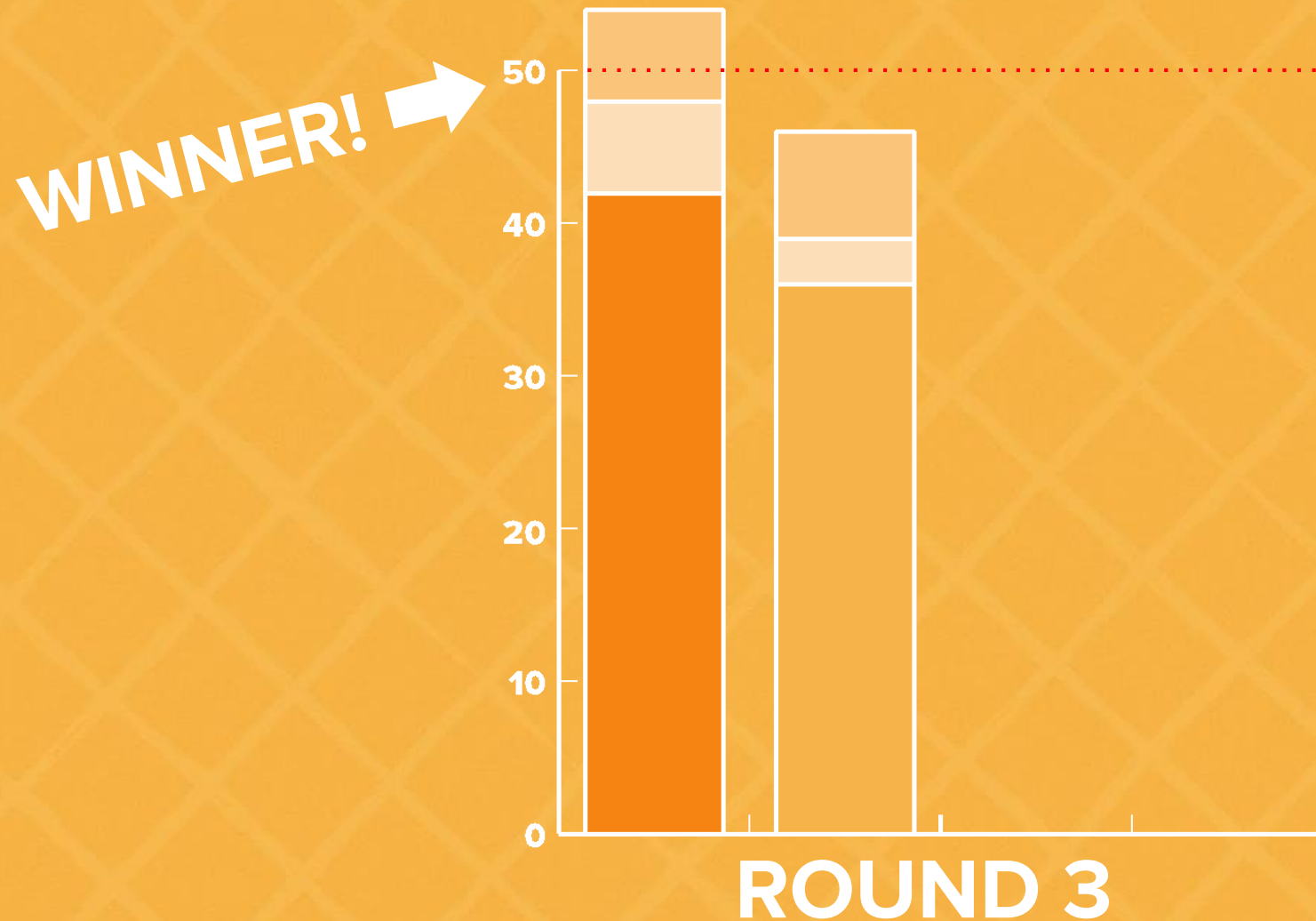
HOW IT WORKS



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RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN MAINE

Maine, CD-2 2018 General Election			
Candidate	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Jared Golden Democrat	45.6% 132,013 votes	46.3% 133,216 votes	50.6% 142,440 votes
Bruce Poliquin Republican	46.3% 134,184 votes	47.0% 135,073 votes	49.4% 138,931 votes
Tiffany Bond Independent	5.7% 16,552 votes	6.7% 19,173 votes	Defeated
Will Hoar Independent	2.4% 6,875 votes	Defeated	

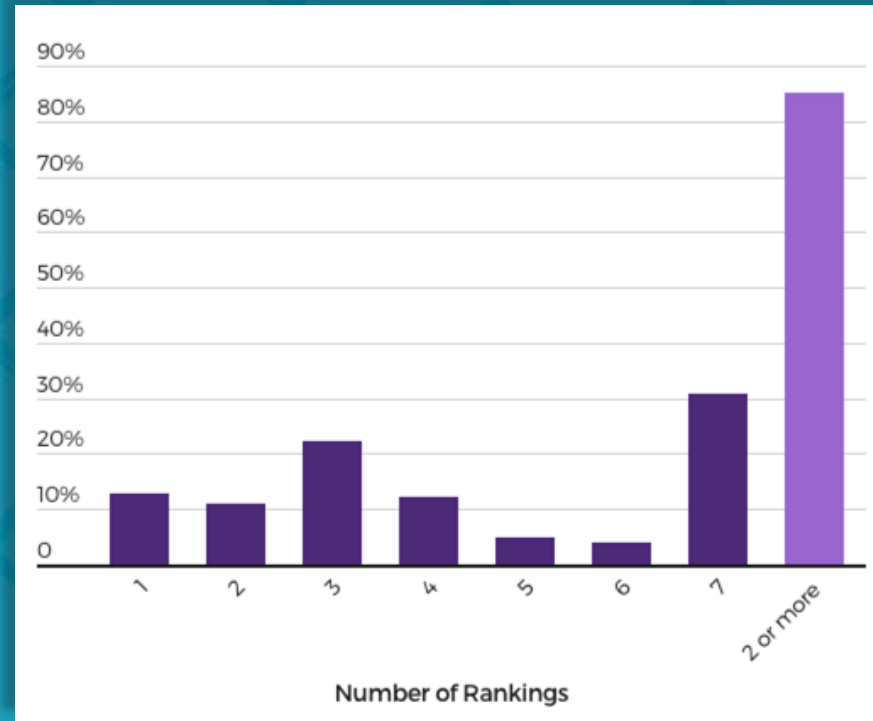
RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN MAINE

More than **60%** of Maine voters favor **keeping**
or **expanding** RCV in Maine

RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN MAINE

74% of voters said RCV was “**very easy**” or “**somewhat easy**.” Only 10% said it was hard.

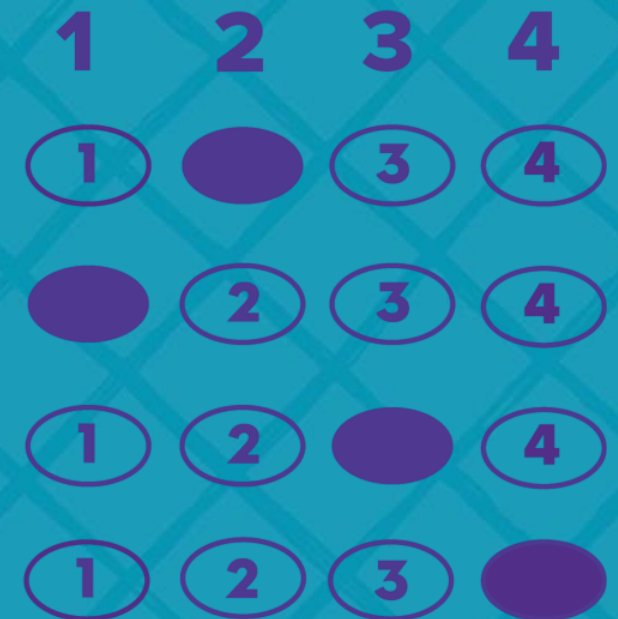
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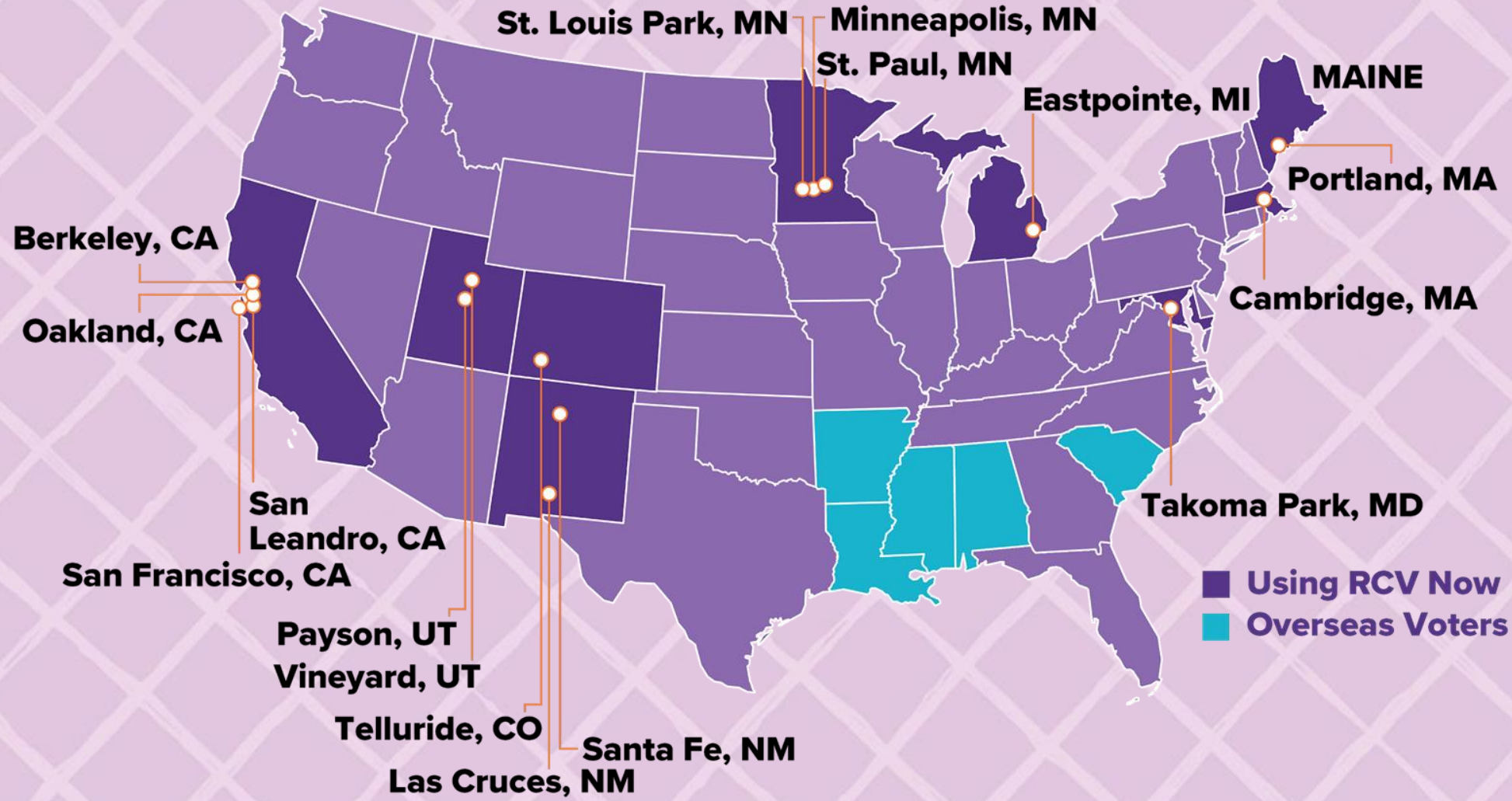
Maine 2018 Democratic primary for governor

BENEFITS OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

- Choices without “spoilers”
- Majority winners
- Civil campaigns
- No exhausting and expensive runoffs



WHERE IS RCV USED NOW?



UPCOMING USES

New uses in 2020

Palm Desert, CA

Benton County, OR

New uses in 2021

New York, NY

Amherst, MA

Easthampton, MA

RCV IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

NEVADA PRESIDENTIAL EARLY VOTE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

Read these instructions before filling out this ballot.

Fill in the oval like this: 

You must choose at least three candidates.

You may choose up to five candidates.

If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

To make sure your vote is clear, do not cross out your choice.

Do not fold your ballot.

Select candidates in the order of your choice. Fill in the ovals:

- In the 1st column for your first (1st) choice.
- In the 2nd column for your second (2nd) choice.
- In the 3rd column for your third (3rd) choice, and so on.

Only fill in one oval per column.

When asked to write, please use clear handwriting.



Do not leave without returning this sheet to the designated drop box.

Turn over to begin voting



EARLY VOTE BALLOT

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Voter PIN

Today's Date 02 / ___ / 2020

Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Early Vote Location

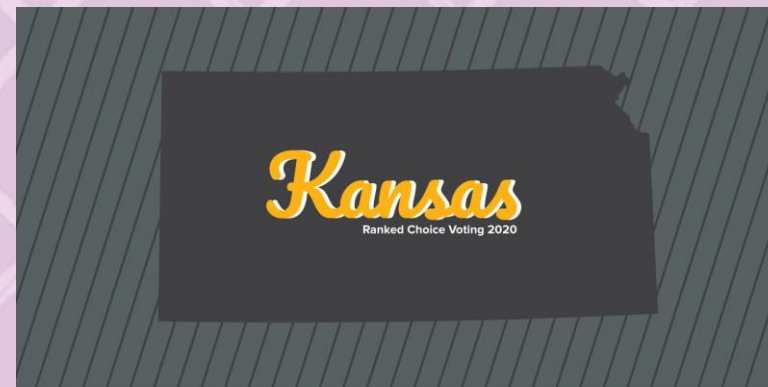
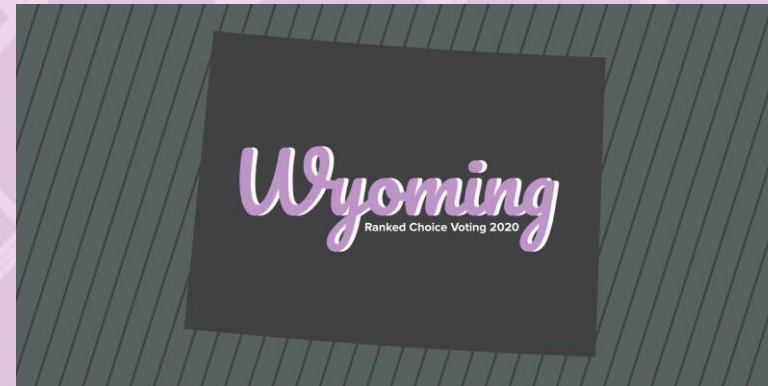
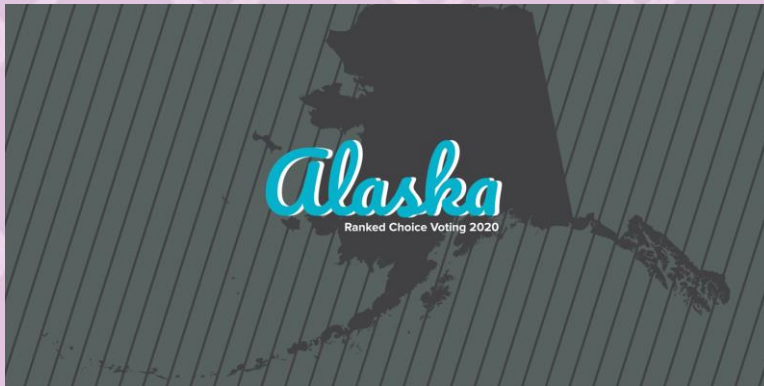
Check here if you registered to vote today

VOTER SIGNATURE

Select candidates in order of your choice:	1st choice REQUIRED	2nd choice REQUIRED	3rd choice REQUIRED	4th choice OPTIONAL	5th choice OPTIONAL
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Caucus



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- 70,000+ Early voting turnout
 - 84,000 caucused in 2016
- 60 percent first-time caucusers
- Overwhelming support for RCV

Where We've Been



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- Need for election reform conversation started - 2013
- Top – Three primary with RCV general bill introduced in NV legislature – 2015
- Top-Two primary bill introduced in NV Legislature – 2017
- Greater Choice - Greater Voice initiative filed – 2018
- Legislator sponsor for local option bill told not to waste their time - 2019

Where We Are



- Conversation for RCV continues
- Nevadans for Election Reform recognized as election reform leader
- Nevada Democratic Party using RCV in 2020 caucus
- Top-Two primary initiative filed by GOP legislator

Where We're Going



- Push for local option RCV bill for 2021 legislative session
- Engage with local governments that have express interest
- Use successful caucus use to advance discussion
- Use Top-Two initiative to advance momentum

What Non-Profits Can Do



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- Start or continue to promote RCV in their communities
- Coordinate with FairVote.org or your local election reform organization for help in presenting RCV
- Disseminate information on how growing sectors of electorate are being disenfranchised and how RCV impacts change

Question & Answer

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Thank You!

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