

# What is Ranked Choice Voting?

In 2019, voters in New York City came together to pass a new way to vote called Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). RCV allows voters to **rank up to five candidates**, instead of choosing only one candidate.

## When do we use RCV?

**NYC Primary Elections** are held to vote for Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, City Council Members and Borough Presidents. You can only vote in a Primary Election if you are registered with a political party holding a primary to choose their candidate for the General Election ballot.

**NYC Special Elections** are held if an elected official leaves office before the end of their term, and are open to any registered voter regardless of party.

It is **not used** for District Attorneys. Though responsible for each borough, they are State officials.

## Why do we use RCV?







- It **encourages candidates to connect with more voters** who might rank them in their top five.
- It **saves public money** (your money!) by not having a runoff election if no candidate wins more than 50% of all votes.
- It **gives voters more say** because they have multiple choices.

## How do you fill out your ballot?

Ballots can have more than five candidates but you can **rank only up to five**.

### CORRECT BALLOT

You can vote for only one candidate **OR** you can rank up to five.




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Don't rank more than five even if there are more than five candidates.




### INCORRECT BALLOT

Your ballot won't count if you:

MAYOR	1	2	3
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Don't rank a candidate twice.

MAYOR	1	2	3
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Don't give the same ranking to multiple candidates.

# How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

To win the election, a candidate must receive **more than 50%** of the votes.

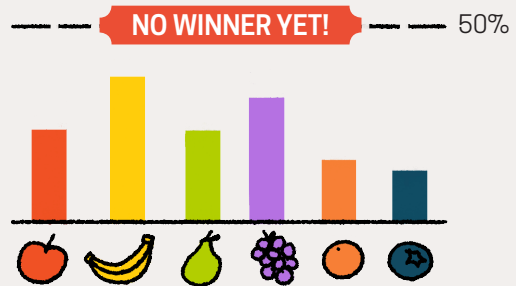
## FIRST ROUND

All votes are counted and either:



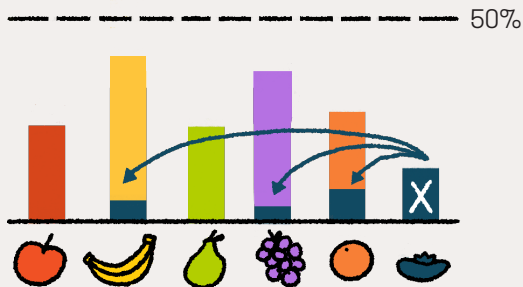
One candidate receives more than 50% of the total votes.

OR



No candidate receives more than 50% of the total votes, so a second round begins.

## SECOND ROUND



The candidate with the fewest votes in round one is eliminated. If a voter's first choice was eliminated, then their second choice is counted. If no candidate gets 50%, a third round begins.

## THIRD ROUND



The candidate with the fewest votes in round two is eliminated. If a voter's second choice was eliminated then their third ranked vote is counted.

## FINAL ROUND



This process continues until one candidate receives **more than 50%** of the votes and wins!

## Questions?

To learn more about each candidate visit, [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) and [lwnyc.org](http://lwnyc.org)

Call the League of Women Voters NYC election hotline at **212-725-3541**



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