

VOTING

your conscience
WITHOUT GUILT

Portland voters will elect a mayor on November 8th for the 1st time in almost 88 years, and a lot of people seem to want the job! Chances are, with 15 candidates, nobody will win 50%+1 of the vote in such a crowded field. How, then, is the will of the majority supposed to be satisfied? Through Ranked Choice Voting, of course!

RCV a simple method of voting. all you have to do is:

Decide who your favorite candidate is and mark them as your first choice. Do you have a 2nd choice? If so, indicate by filling in "2". Repeat the process for all candidates you have an opinion on, indicating order of preference.

You don't have to rank all candidates. But the more you rank, the more likely it is that your vote will be counted!

How the votes are counted:

First ranked choice votes are counted. Did someone get at least 50%+1 of the votes? If yes, they win! If not: the candidate(s) with the fewest votes will be eliminated. All 1st ranked choice votes cast for the eliminated candidate(s) are now reassigned based on their 2nd ranked choice. Votes are counted again. Did someone get at least 50%+1 of the votes? If yes, they win! If not: The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated & voters' ballots are reassigned to their highest ranked candidate (that has not already been eliminated). The elimination & reassignment process repeats until one candidate has 50%+1 of votes!

RCV takes the guilt out of voting. How often have you wanted to vote for candidate A but voted for candidate B because you were worried candidate C - an unrepentant puppy eater - might otherwise win? You don't have to worry about that dilemma when you pick your new mayor. Just vote your conscience and sleep well on election night.

Want to know how we used Ranked Choice Voting to endorse our slate of 5 candidates at Project Vote? Check out this website:
<http://archive.fairvote.org/sfrcv/makingendorsements.htm>

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About the league of young voters

The League of Young Voters empowers young people nationwide to participate in the democratic process and create progressive political change on the local, state and national level - with a focus on non-college youth and youth from low-income communities and communities of color. The League makes political engagement relevant by meeting young people where they are, working on issues that affect their lives, and providing them with tools, training, and support to become serious catalysts for change in their communities. Founded in 2003, the League has become one of the strongest youth organizations in the country fighting for progressive change.

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WATCH VIDEO of them in action.

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