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TO: Minnetonka Charter Commission
FROM: Corrine Heine, City Attorney
DATE: Nov. 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Addendum for Nov. 15, 2002 Charter Commission meeting

Attached to this memo are two items to be added to the agenda packet for the Nov. 15 meeting:

- Attachments for the memorandum from Moranda Dammann (Agenda Item 4). These attachments (55 pages in length) were mistakenly omitted from the packet.
- A supplemental memo from the city attorney (Agenda Item 5). This includes a report on various ballot measures that were considered in the state, for amendments to city charters. The election results on the ballot measures was not available at the time the packet was originally distributed.



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SUBJECT: 2021 Communications/Education Campaign Timeline and Election Dates

2021 Communications/Education Campaign Timeline

- **February/March**
 - Revamped ranked choice voting page on website to focus on voter education, included a timeline, and was updated throughout the year.
 - Began working on print materials (brochure, postcard), video, etc.
- **April 25** – May Memo delivered
 - Included article about candidate filing moving later due to RCV, include basic RCV voter education
 - Ordered swag
 - Created frequently asked questions
- **May 25** – June Memo delivered
 - Included an article encouraging people to visit the RCV booth at Farmers Market and Summerfest
 - Held internal Mock election with Hennepin County on May 20, 2021
- **Early June** – Developed materials for community engagement (Farmers Market, Summerfest, etc.) including:
 - Informational brochure
 - Created two educational video(s)
 - Mock election ballots
 - Signage for booths
 - Beverages for rankings
- **July/August – Candidate filing**
 - Included articles in July and August Memo about candidate filing and RCV education
 - Digital communications about filing with RCV education reminders
 - Held Mock elections (July 13, Aug. 17)
 - Held an RCV education for senior services
 - Launched RCV videos
 - Held candidate Information Session w/ City Manager Geralyn Barone (Aug. 11)
- **Aug. 25** – September Memo delivered
 - Included article about absentee voting and RCV education

- **Early September**
 - Direct mail to each resident with RCV voter education and sample ballot
 - Digital billboards were displayed throughout Minnetonka
 - Posters/flyers were delivered apartments, businesses and city facilities

- **Mid-September**
 - Absentee voting began
 - Digital communications about absentee voting and RCV voter education

- **Sept. 25** – October Memo delivered
 - Included an article with absentee voting and RCV reminders
 - Mailed out polling place changes

- **October** – Digital communications and reminders
 - Additional “how to vote” mailer sent to each resident

- **October 25** – November Memo delivered
 - Included an article with Election Day details and RCV education
 - Open house RCV booth

- **Nov. 2** – Election Day
 - Digital Communications – Where/how to vote on Election Day and RCV education

- **Post-Election Day**
 - Survey on Minnetonka matters
 - Survey to Minnetonka election judges

2021 Election Dates

- **July 27** Candidate filing opened
- **Aug. 10** Candidate filing closed at 5 p.m.
- **Aug. 11** Candidate information session at 3 p.m.
- **Aug. 12** Candidate withdrawal deadline at 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 17** Absentee voting began
- **Oct. 26** Direct balloting period began
- **Oct. 30** Open Saturday for absentee voting from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 2** General Election Day
- **Nov. 8** Canvass Election results at regular City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 10** Post-election review

Number of Responses : 38

1. The depth and scope of the content covered in the Ranked Choice Voting Training was sufficient for introducing election judges to RCV and preparing them to assist/instruct voters on Election Day.

Strongly Agree	17
Agree	18
Neutral	1
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	0

2. The RCV Talking Points document was helpful on Election Day.

Strongly Agree	14
Agree	16
Neutral	7
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0

3. Was using the laminated Demonstration Ballot better or worse than using the conventional Demonstration Pads to instruct voters on how to mark the ballot?

Better	24
About the Same	10
Worse	0
Unsure	4

4. Based on my own observation and accounts from election judges working at my polling place, voters had questions about RCV:

Never	0
Rarely	5
Occasionally	21
Frequently	7
Unsure	0
Other	5

5. Based on my own observation and accounts from the election judges working at my polling place, voters had questions regarding:

Why we are using RCV	14
How votes are counted	20
How to mark the ballot	25
Ranking 3 candidates	35
Ranking the same candidate	33
When are we using RCV	6
Other	3

6. The election judges at my polling place refrained from making subjective comments (either positive or negative) about RCV.

True	37
False	1

7. There were voters at my polling place who made subjective comments (either positive or negative) about RCV.

True	28
False	10

8. I think more information should be included in Ranked Choice Voting Training regarding:

How to mark the ballot	7
Ballot marking errors	9
How votes are counted	19
Other	8

9. Do you think it would be helpful to provide a script to the Demonstration Judge to follow/refer to when instructing voters?

Yes	25
No	13

10. Overall, I think Minnetonka's first time using Ranked Choice Voting in the 2021 Municipal General Election went well.

Strongly Agree	17
Agree	14
Neutral	6
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0

Voter Experience Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

24 January 2022 - 04 February 2022

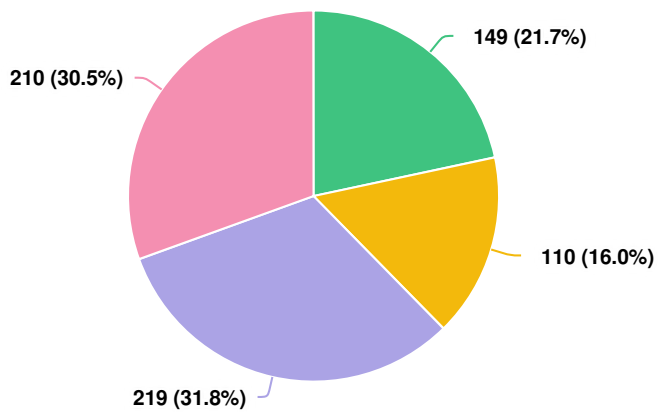
PROJECT NAME:

Minnetonka Voter Survey



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which Minnetonka Ward do you reside in? Use the Secretary of State's pollfinder to identify your ward.

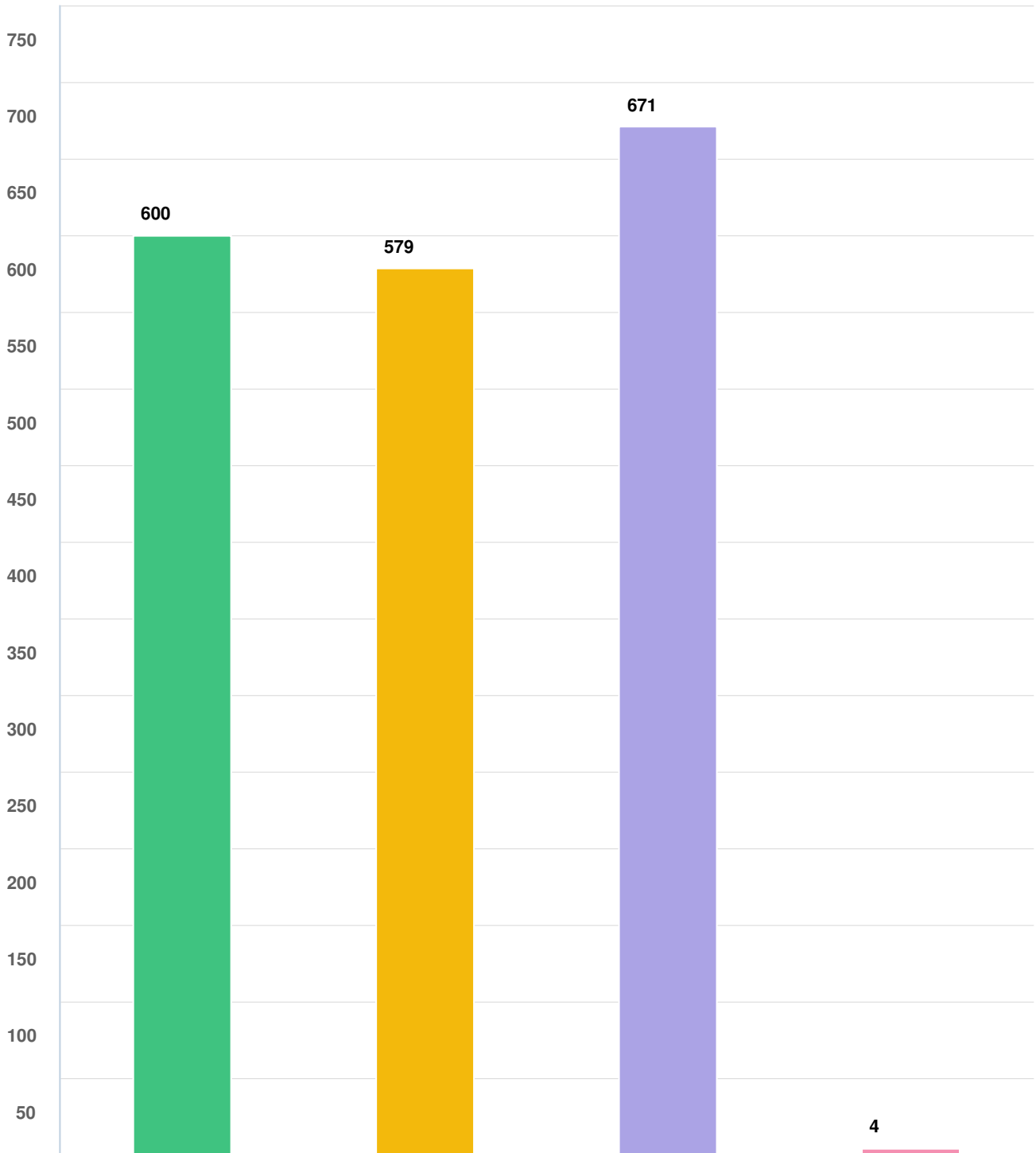


Question options

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4

Mandatory Question (688 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 Which elections do you typically vote in?Select all that apply.

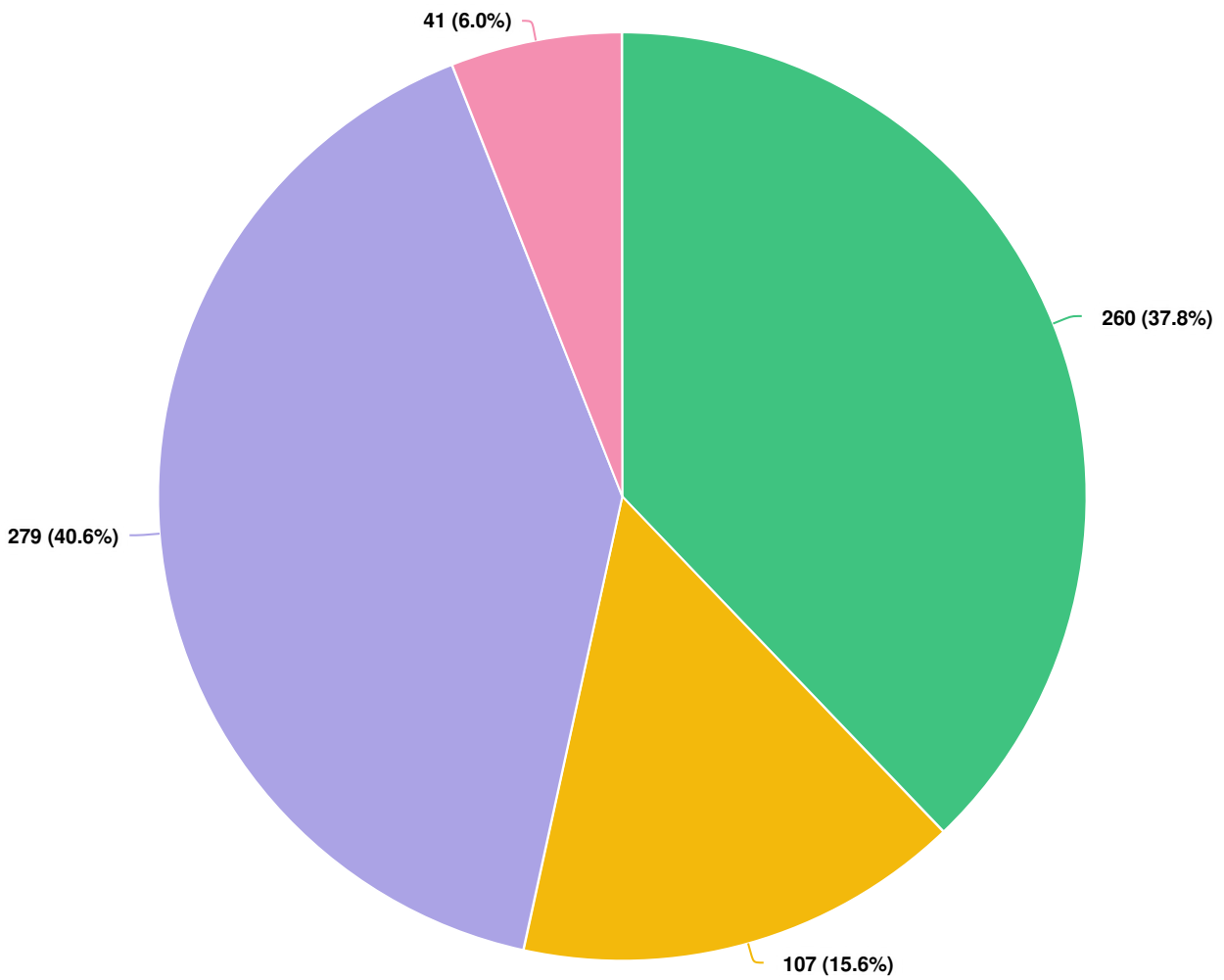


Question options

- Municipal/School District Elections
- State Primary Elections
- State General Elections
- I do not typically vote

Optional question (686 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 What is your preferred method of voting?

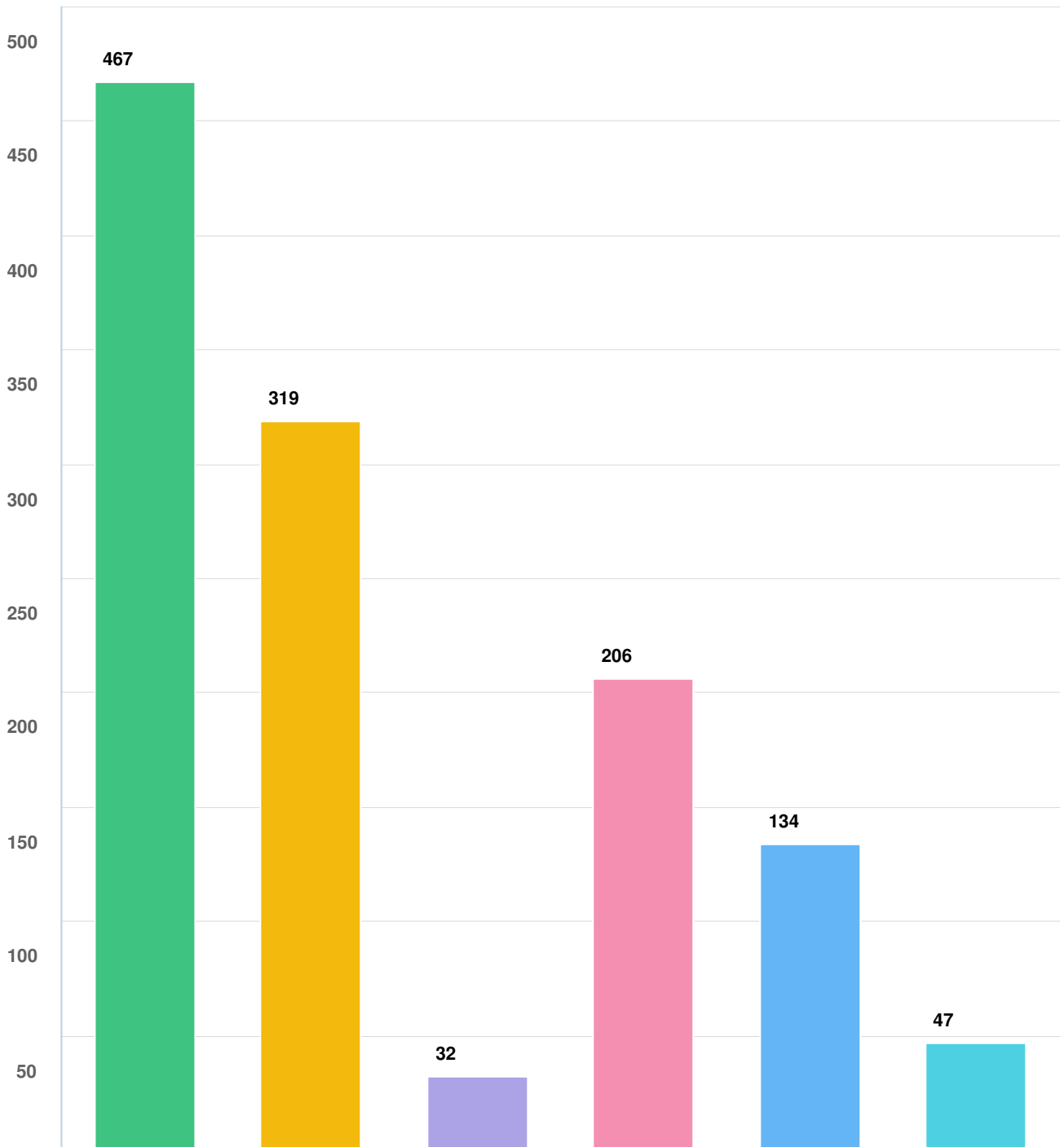


Question options

- In-person before Election Day (early voting)
- By mail
- On Election Day at my polling place
- No preference

Optional question (687 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 Which of the following factors affect what method of voting you use in an election? Select all that apply.

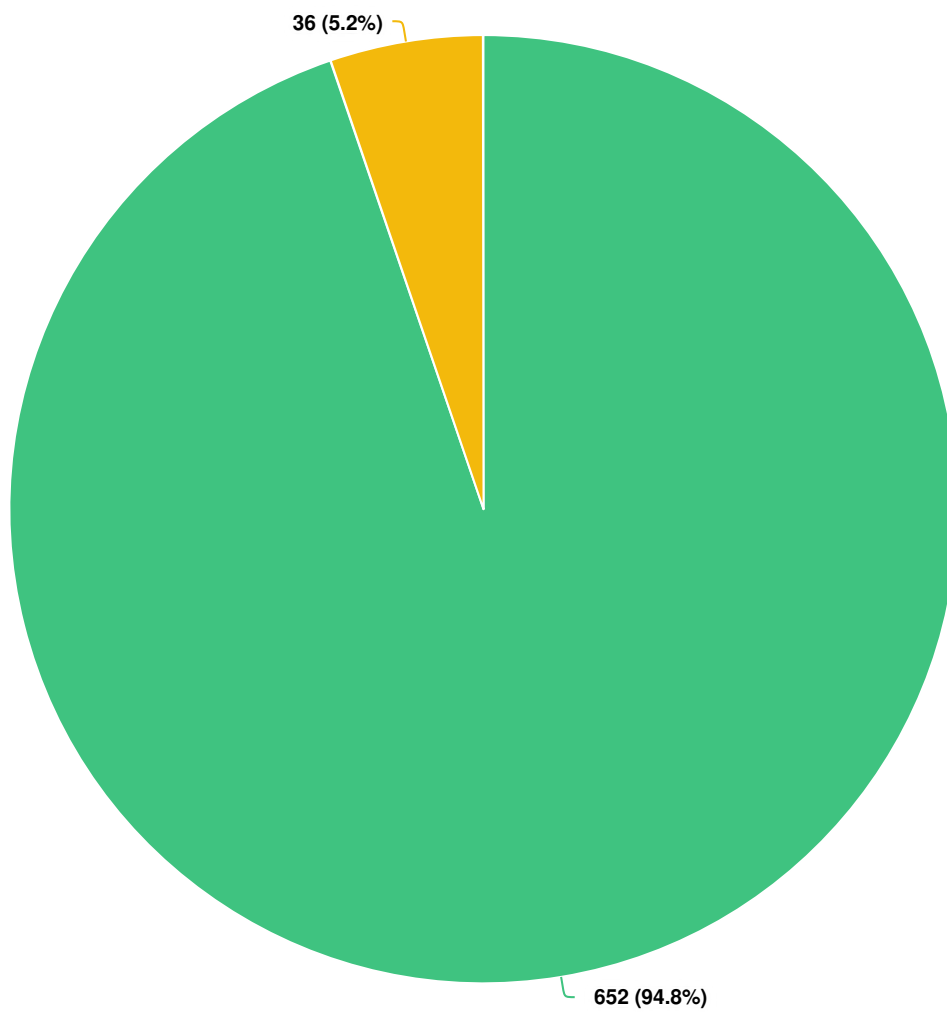


Question options

- Convenience
- Health and safety
- Transportation
- Familiarity with particular voting process
- Distrust of a particular voting process
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (682 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Did you vote in the Nov. 2, 2021, General Election?

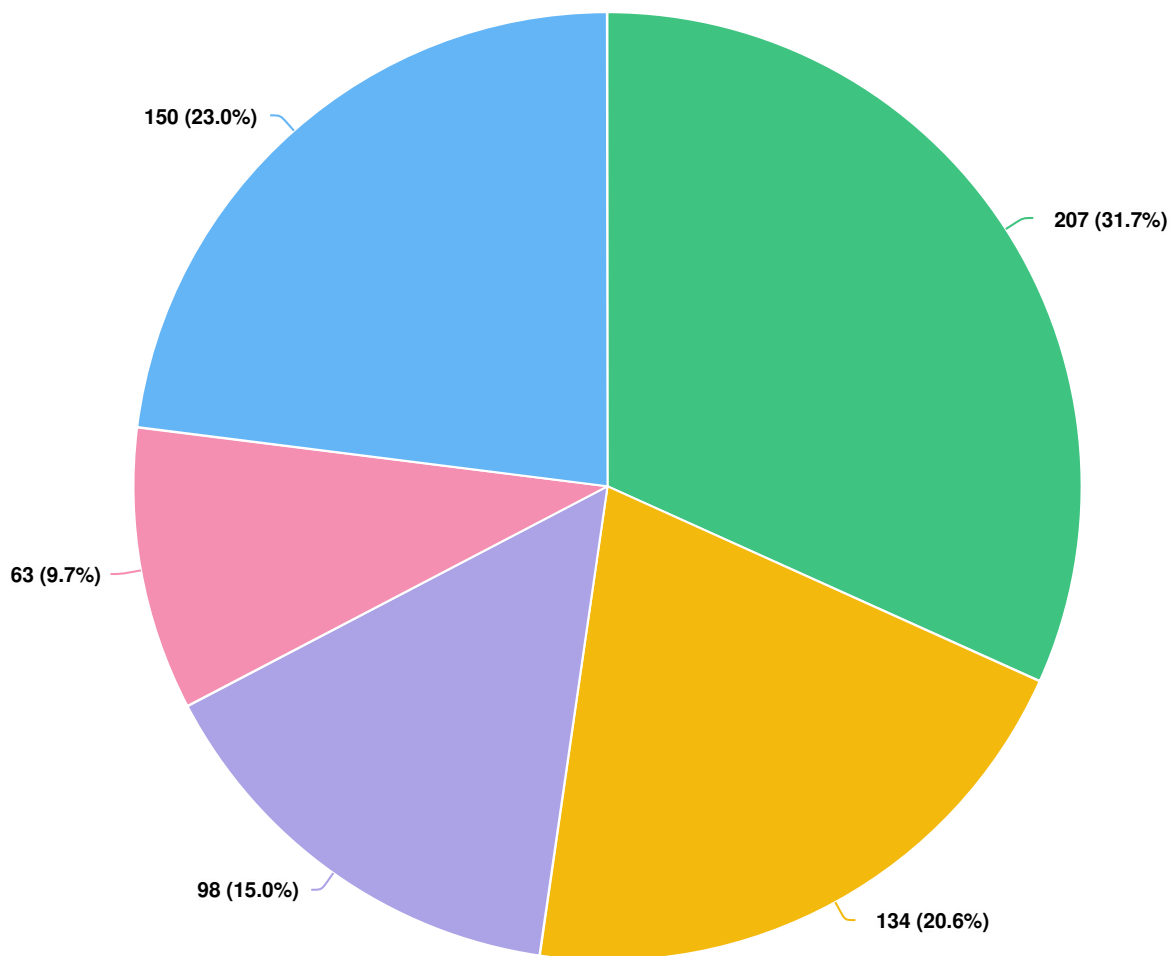


Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (688 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q6 The 2021 municipal election was the first time the City of Minnetonka used the ranked choice voting process. How would you rate your overall experience using ranked choice voting to elect the Mayor and the At-Large Councilmembers in the Nov. 2 elect...

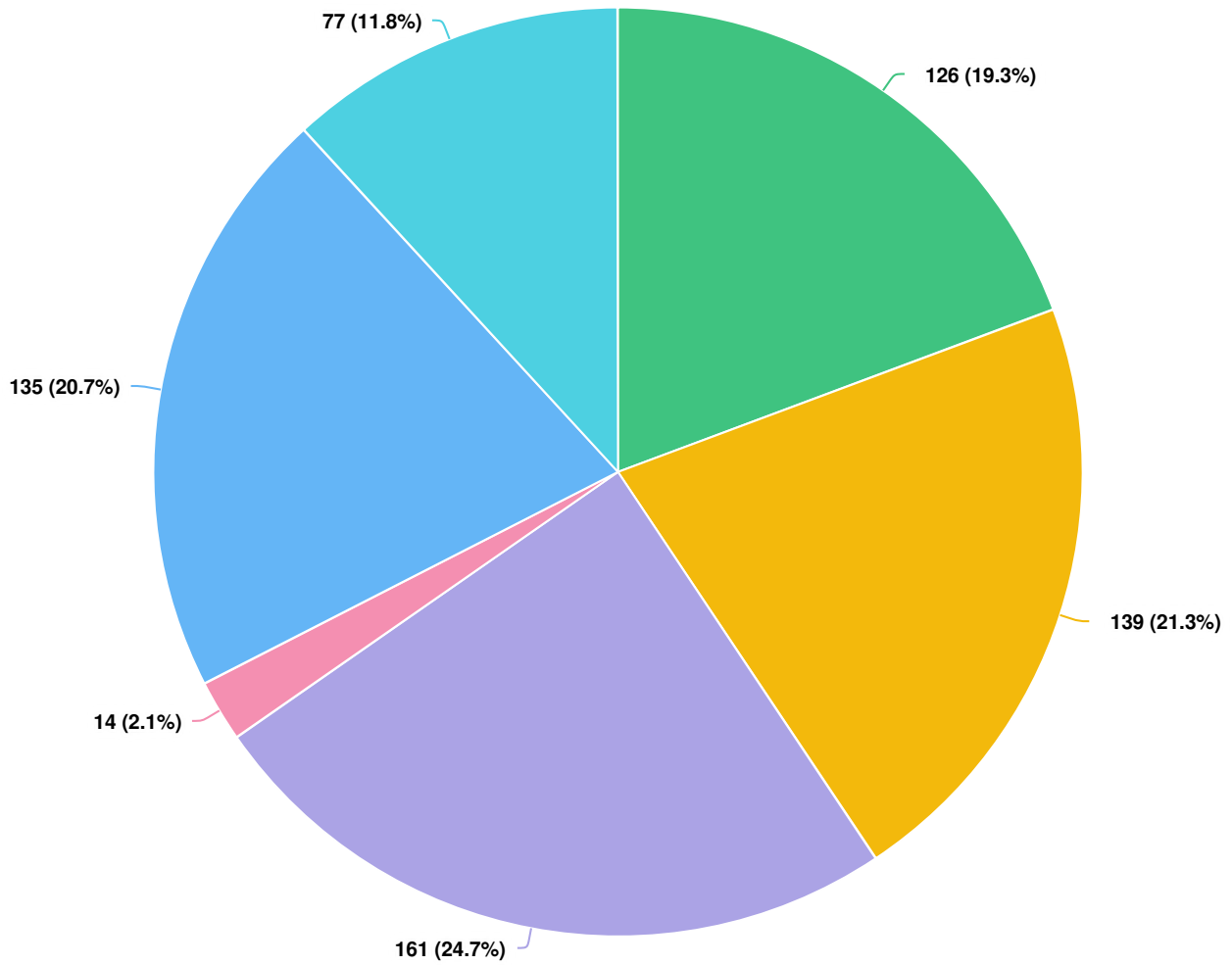


Question options

- Excellent
- Good
- Neutral
- Poor
- Very Poor

Mandatory Question (652 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 When preparing to vote in the Nov. 2 election, what was your primary source of information about ranked choice voting?

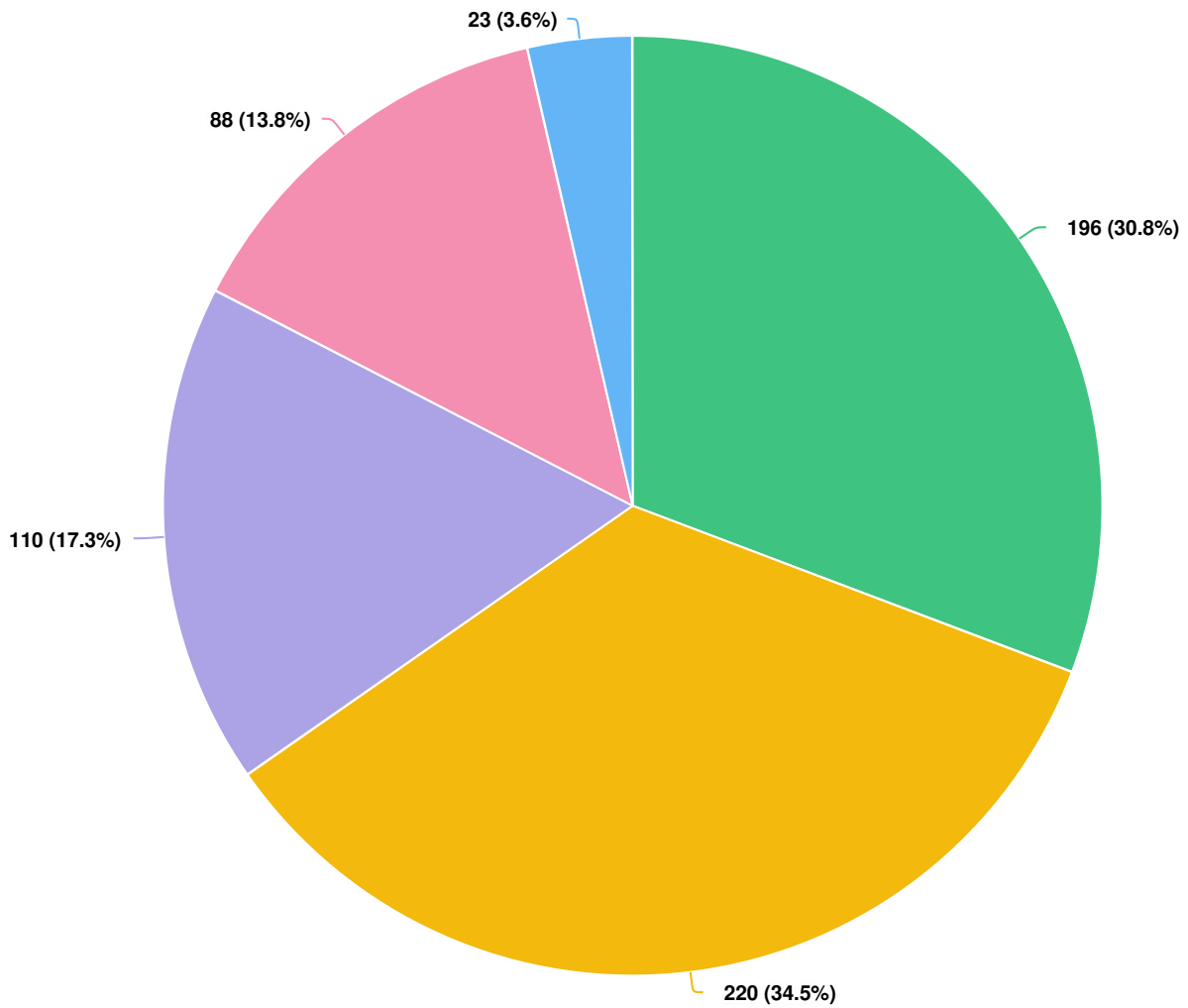


Question options

- City of Minnetonka website
- Minnetonka Memo
- Mailings sent by the City of Minnetonka
- City elections staff
- Other news sources
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (652 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 The resources and information provided by the City of Minnetonka were effective in informing me about ranked choice voting.

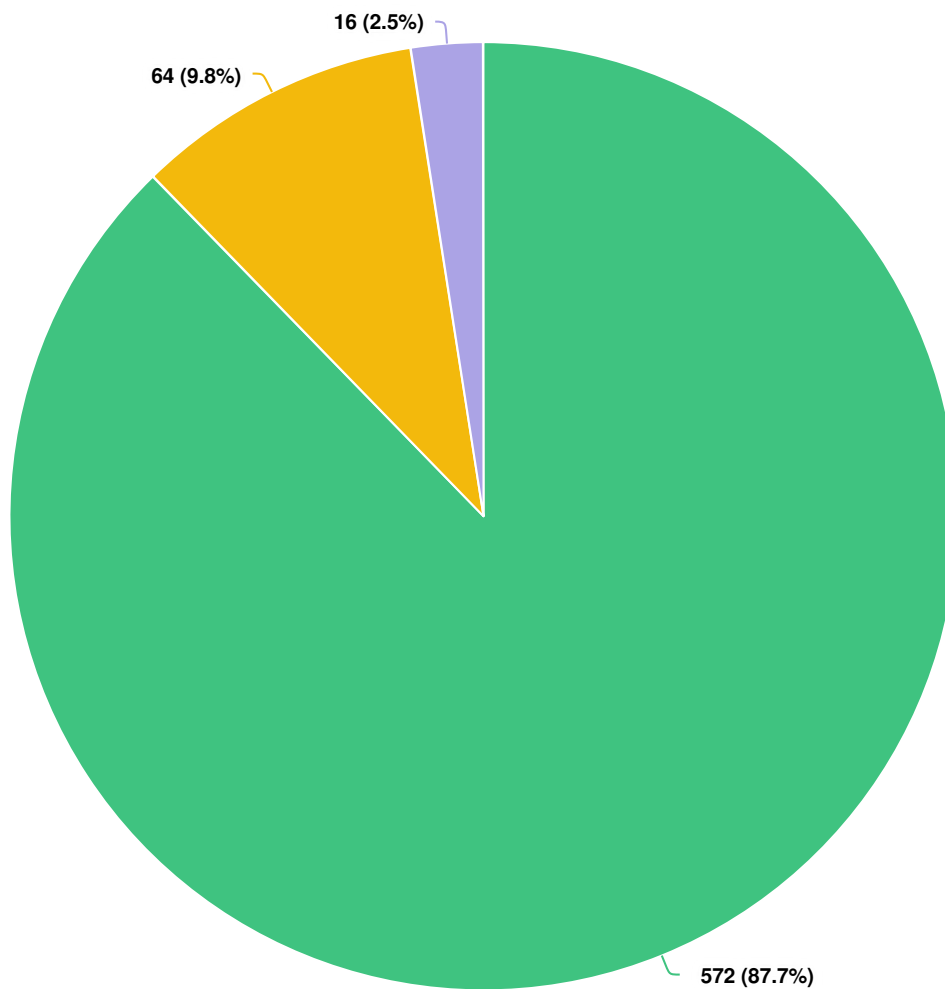


Question options

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Optional question (637 response(s), 51 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q9 Did you feel prepared to mark and cast your ballot when you voted – whether that was early in-person, by mail or at your polling place on Election Day?

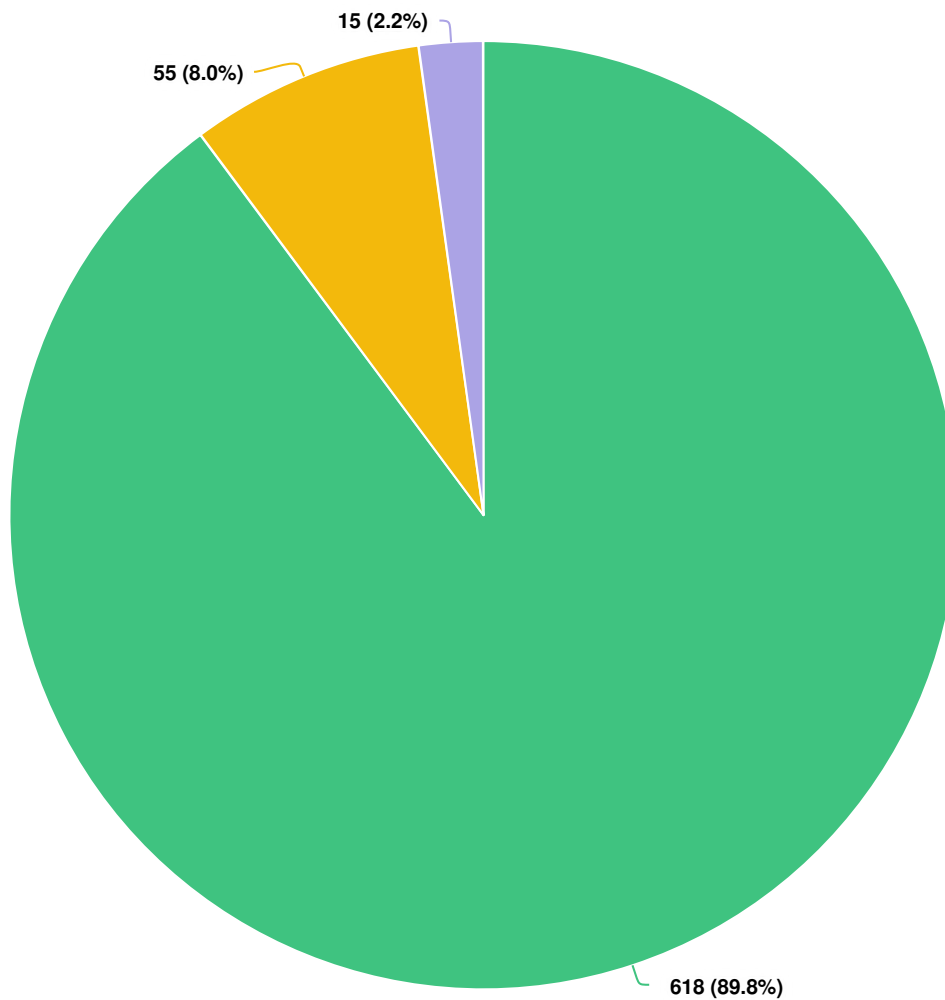


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (652 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 Have you previously voted in a city council/school board election?

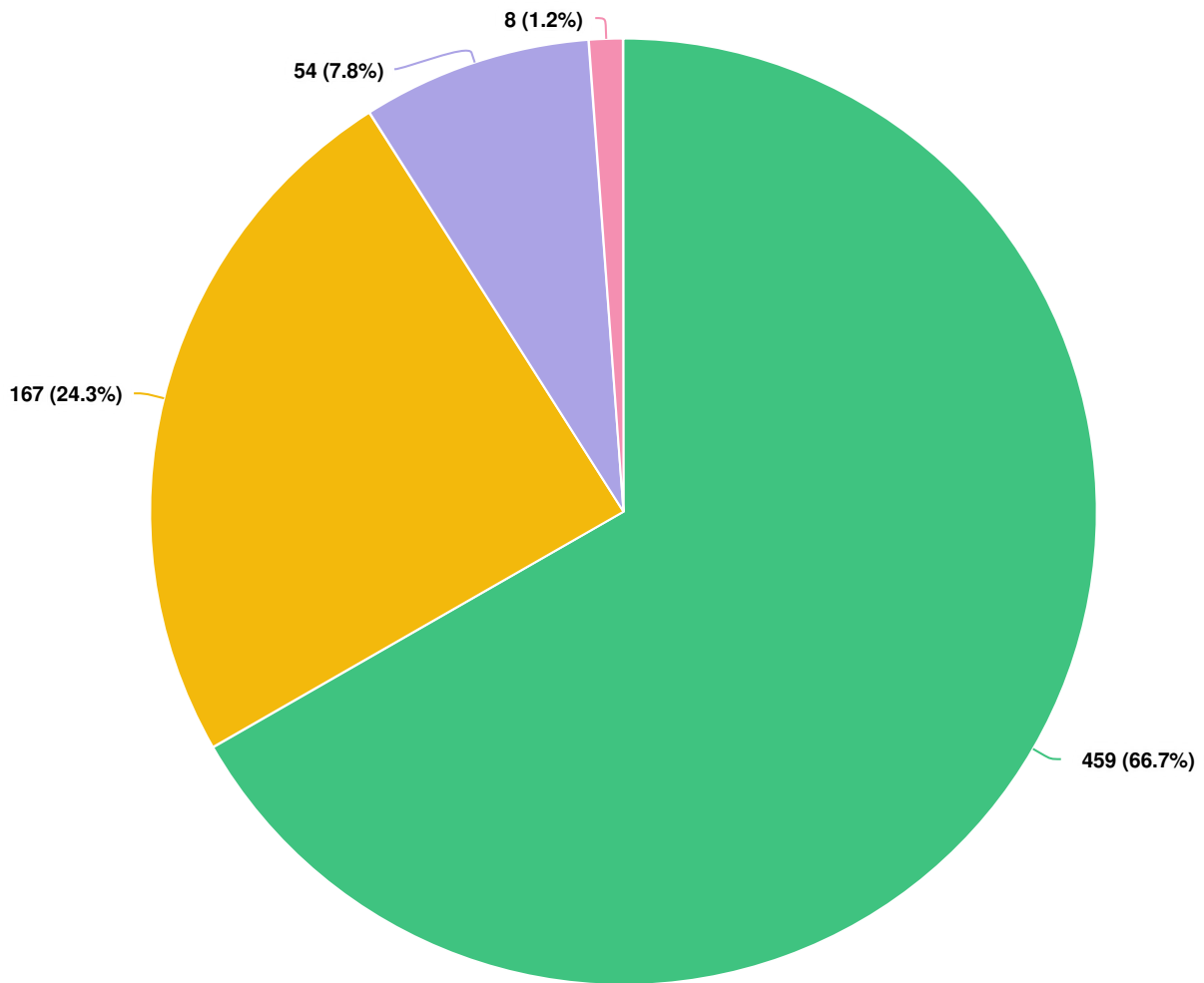


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (688 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | The 2021 municipal election was the first time the City of Minnetonka used the ranked choice voting process. How would you rate your understanding of ranked choice voting?

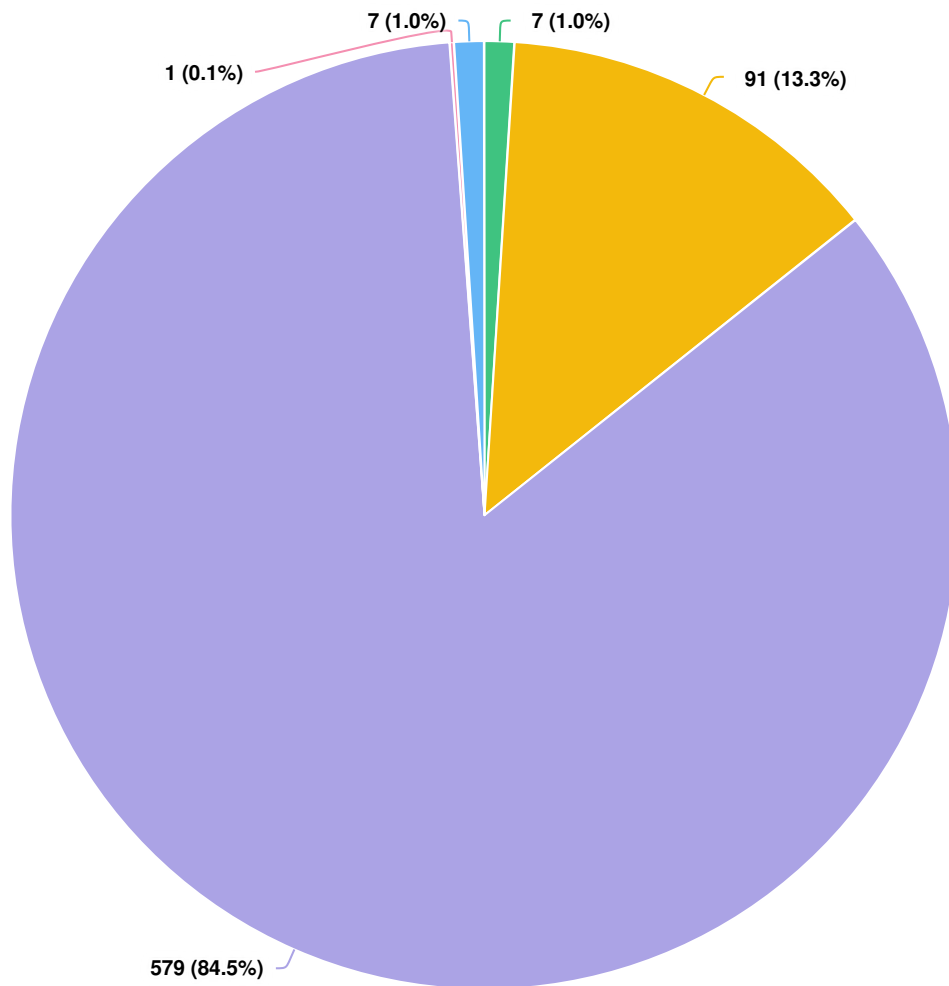


Question options

- I understand ranked choice voting
- I somewhat understand ranked choice voting
- I do not understand ranked choice voting
- Unsure

Mandatory Question (688 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Do you plan to vote in any of the state elections to be held in 2022?

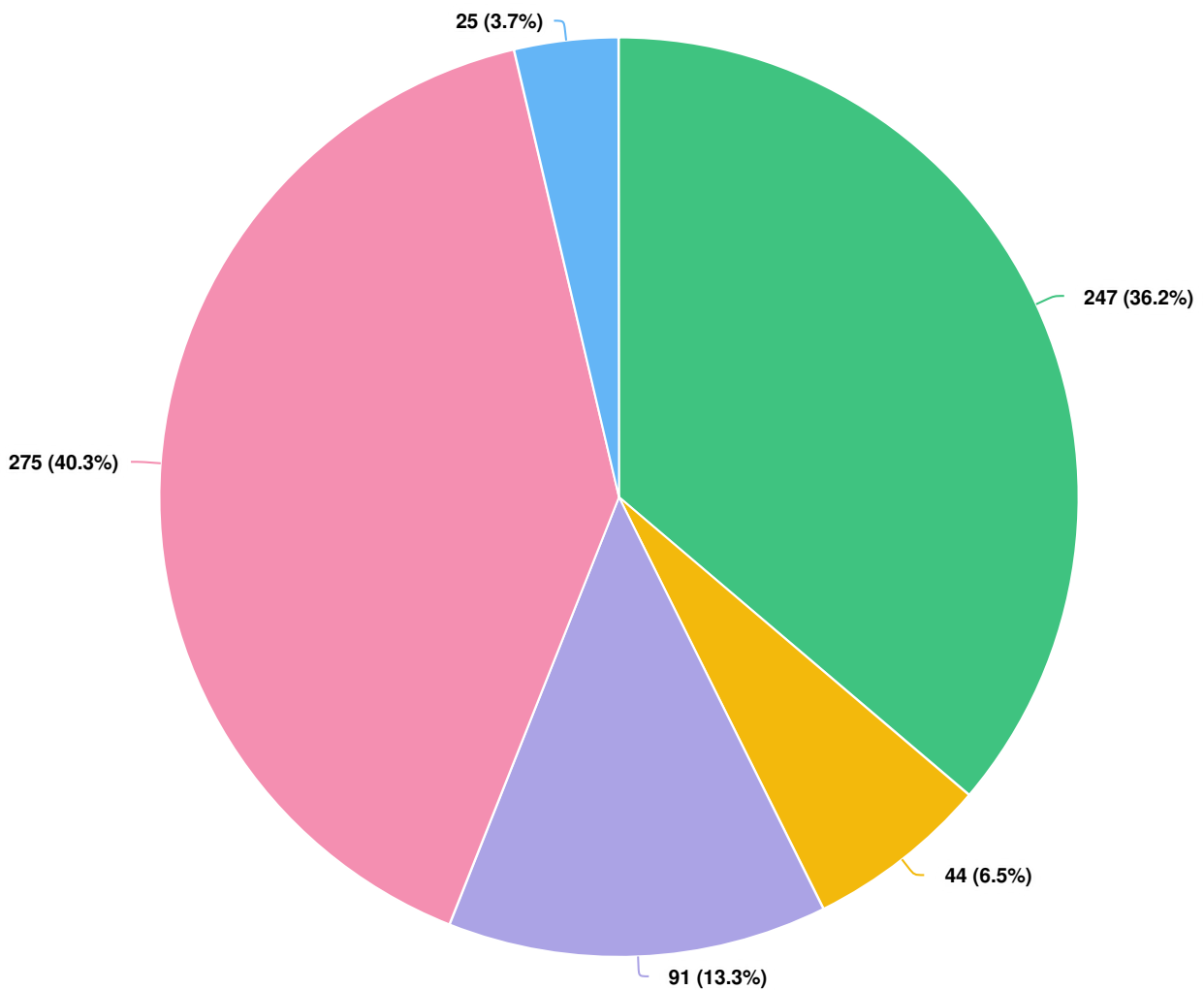


Question options

- Primary (Aug. 9, 2022)
- General (Nov. 8, 2022)
- Both Primary and General
- Neither
- Undecided

Optional question (685 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 | If you plan to vote in at least one election next year, what method of voting are you most likely to use?

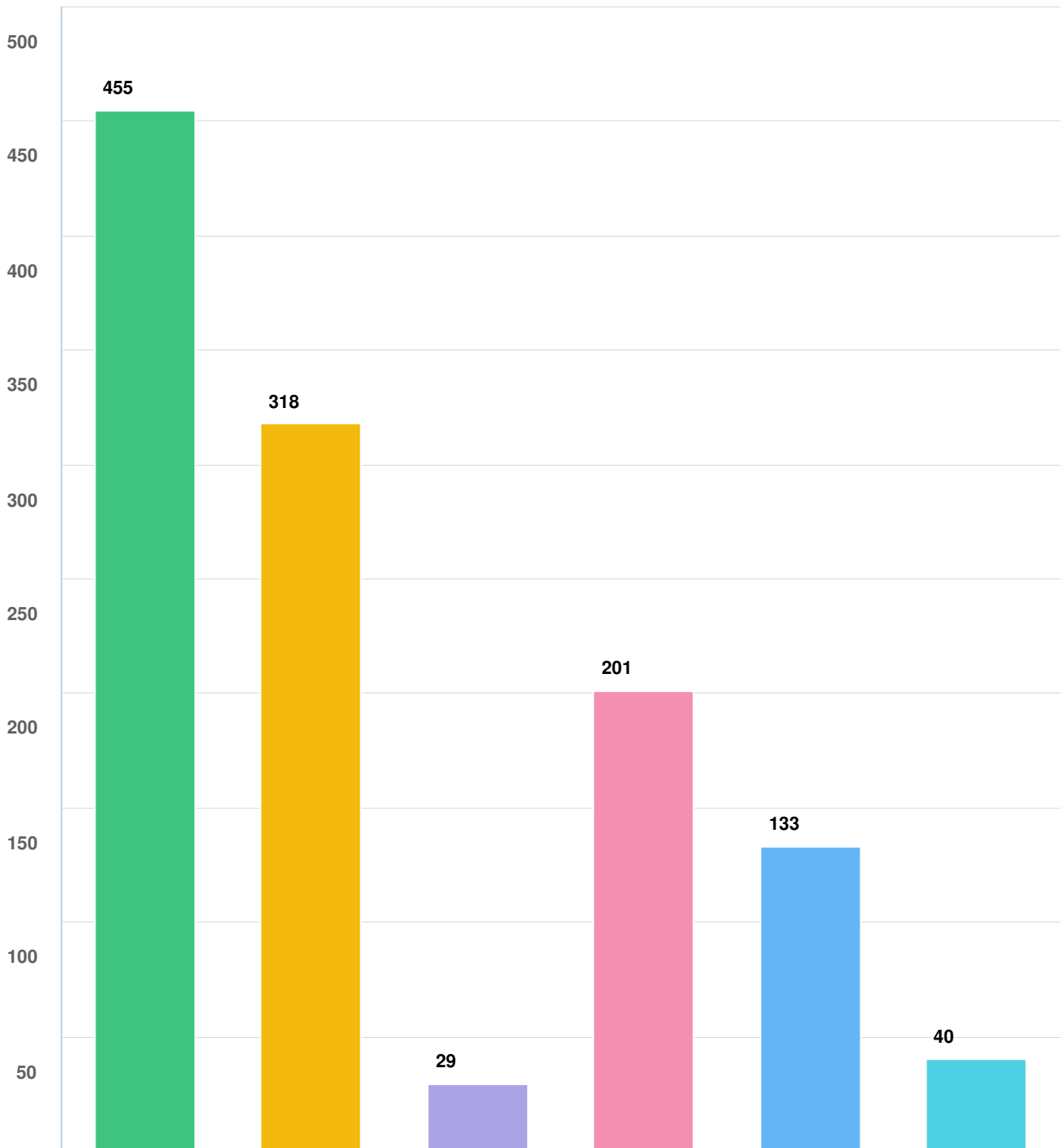


Question options

- In-person before Election Day (early voting)
- Receive a ballot by mail and return it/drop it off in person
- Receive a ballot by mail and return it by mail
- On Election Day at my polling place
- Unsure

*Optional question (682 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q14 Which of the following factors affect what method of voting you use in the 2022 election(s)? Select all that apply.



Question options

- Convenience
- Health and safety
- Transportation
- Familiarity with particular voting process
- Distrust of a particular voting process
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (676 response(s), 12 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q15 | Please share any additional comments about your voting experience or ranked choice voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:39 AM

The city did a great job of educating residents! I did have a few questions, but the resources were there to answer them.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:41 AM

No to rank choice voting. Require id/proof of residency. Same day voting in person unless absentee voting rules followed.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:42 AM

Thank you for all your hard work to make our elections run smoothly; and being a trustworthy organization, leaving no doubt my vote is always counted!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:42 AM

The volunteer election staff at city hall did a terrific job of helping voters with the process - they were very patient and explained things well!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:42 AM

The election staff were not prepared to use the OmniBallot machine. They had a hard time figuring it out, which suggested to me they did not run a text ballot through the machine. They weren't sure where to insert the ballot or the proper orientation for the second side.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:43 AM

I was only confused when two options were available, is ranking still required. (2021 mayoral election for example)

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:44 AM

Keep ranked-choice voting please! If people can't figure out something so simple, they shouldn't be allowed to vote.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:45 AM

I was clear on who I wanted to vote for before I got to the poll. I was not familiar enough with the other candidates to effectively make the 2nd and 3rd choice. Will research more before the next election.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:45 AM

Citizens should be responsible enough to take the time to understand the process and whenever possible to vote in person on day of

election, or at least to understand how to votes early.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:46 AM

Do not believe in ballot by mail voting. Believe in voter i.d.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:46 AM

Mail in had to much delay when you have issues on a ballot to get it corrected in time. Ranked choice unfairly selects candidates with low votes instead of allowing for a runoff with voters hearing from candidates to make a best informed choice. A candidate should win with more than 50% on the final ballot instead of getting the most second, third or fourth choice votes as happens in most ranked choice elections

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:46 AM

Love rank choice voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:47 AM

I don't really see the point of ranked choice voting personally and found in this last election there weren't enough candidates I felt strongly enough about to want to fill all the options I was allotted.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:47 AM

I've voted early voting last few years. Easy. Convenient. Professional. Ups guys are definitely doing it right to maximize voting and ensure voting integrity. Minnetonka should feel confident those elected were elected fairly. Transportation may be an issue for some. I am curious if there are any efforts to address this challenge.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:48 AM

Ranked voting is more expensive for a more complicated way of voting. We should go back to voting for our top candidate in each category...end of story!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:49 AM

Dislike it

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:50 AM

I feel we should not do the rank choice, Initially I thought it would be a money saver- ie: no primary, but after going through one season I think it is not a logical way to do the election.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:50 AM

Ranked choice voting is confusing and just doesn't seem like a good way to run elections.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:51 AM

One question that I heard asked over and over again is whether it made sense to vote for the same person in all three ranking spots if you really wanted that candidate over all others.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:51 AM

I'm interested in the experience over time.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:51 AM

Having a sample ballot helped.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:51 AM

You can elect a candidate without a majority.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:52 AM

The process of rank choice voting is to enable fringe candidates into office with out majority vote. Please go back to majority voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:52 AM

Rank Choice Voting is nothing more than an attempt to steal our elections and make sure the Democrat party remains in power in this city and our once great state. We used to have a functioning city that was safe for its residents. That's no longer the case and will not be the case again until the party that values law and order is elected to lead this city and our state. Ranked Choice Voting will ensure that never happens.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:53 AM

Elections in the US, whether at the local (Mkta) or national level, are safe and secure. Anyone who believes otherwise is an idiot. (Hops off soapbox).

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:53 AM

Well communicated, well executed! Keep up the good work.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:53 AM

RCV is intended to confuse the average voter and disenfranchise their vote

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:54 AM

Rank choice voting is a horrible way to select candidates. Go back to straight ticket voting!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:55 AM

It would be nice to have a centralized place that identifies all upcoming candidate forums, debates, etc so that citizens can make informed decisions. Different organizations organize events but we do

not always have that information available. Thank you

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:56 AM

I am definitely concerned about voter-restriction efforts around the country (much more concerned than I am about voter fraud), and I support a wide range of voting options.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:57 AM

Eliminate ranked choice voting

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:58 AM

My neighbors and friends liked RCV. Easy ballot to understand. More candidates to choose from without fear of electing someone with less than majority of the vote.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:59 AM

I thought the recorded forums were good, but the candidates didn't provide a lot of info that distinguished themselves from each other.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 11:59 AM

It seems that ranked choice voting did nothing different versus regular voting except to sort of confuse what the candidates stood for. I also learned later that a political organization influenced the decision to go with ranked choice voting, which feels unseemly. If that is the case, many should be ashamed of themselves.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:00 PM

This is the dumbest and most confusing method of voting ever. It feels like a high school popularity contest. I thought we were grown-ups? I guess not. Then again, this seems ideally suited to confuse people intentionally in order to get the results desired by those running, rather than those voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:00 PM

I'm a huge fan of Becky Koosman. Very professional and exceptionally helpful.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:00 PM

I hate rank choice. I don't have a second choice 99 percent of the time. I don't like it at all

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:01 PM

Ranked Choice Confusing. Too much to process

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:01 PM

Overall great experience. Would be beneficial to have a list on the Minnetonka Website of all of the people running and a link to their

website. It was a lot to research the ballot and then individually research each person. Would be nice to have it centralized (if possible) for local elections.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:02 PM

First of all, when you ask most folks to look up their 'ward', they have no idea what you are talking about. And, even though I knew, I went to the Sec of State and yes, it references congressional district, not ward. I will guarantee that most people know their polling place, but nothing else.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:02 PM

Thank you for these options

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:03 PM

From the comments I've heard in the community it appears some people took out their frustration on the fact voters chose ranked choice voting on you and your staff. I am sorry you had to experience this. It was not your decision, it was the voters'. I appreciate the variety of ways you used to teach voters about ranked choice voting and the work you put into making this a straightforward process. I also appreciate the planning and implementation that assured we have lots of options for casting our ballots, along with the ballot security and documentation that goes along with it. Thank you.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:05 PM

We witnessed confusion at the polls about RCV in two ways: 1) because there were only two people running for mayor, folks were confused that RCV didn't have a role in that scenario so need to emphasize that the benefit/usefulness is in races with more than 2 candidates; and 2) people were thrown by the fact that school board was not RCV and wondered why one side of the ballot was RCV and one was not.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:05 PM

I do not vote with ranked choice voting. I vote for one candidate and that candidate only. I understand ranked voting but do not agree.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:06 PM

I hope this is not rehashing if we should have ranked choice voting, I hope it is to find out if more education is needed. Also, the link to the Sec of State website to find your Ward does not tell you what Ward you are in very clearly, it is coded into a long Precinct code that does not make it easy to tell. Why not just link the city Ward map?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:06 PM

I don't like ranked choice voting. Most often the winner isn't the majority

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:09 PM

No one or any article in the newspaper explained rank choice voting so ai could understand it. I am a college graduate with a teaching certificate. If I had trouble, and I spent ti,e trying to understand it, I am sure many people did not understand it the way it has been explained!!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:09 PM

Not yet a proponent of ranked choice

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:10 PM

We don't like it,

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:11 PM

The process of adopting RCV was not fair to Minnetonka's voters and this system should be rescinded. Going to even year elections would have solved the proponents' main issue of low turnouts for primaries but the city ignored it as an option. If we are going to carry on with RCV, put quantified requirements in place (without the help of FairVote) that the system has to meet. If it does not meet the requirements (ex: 10% or less ballot exhaustion for any race), then remove this flawed system. Why adopt a system that puts the voter in a position of their ballot possibly going to someone that they do not support when the voter ranks all candidates or, if the voter does not rank all candidates, having their ballot removed from the process?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:11 PM

Ranked choice voting was a mistake. There WILL be people elected on a single issue, leaving the council weak and self interested.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:12 PM

it's a convoluted process and in theory sounds good but the actual experience makes the voting process more complicated

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:13 PM

I don't like rank choice voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:13 PM

I understand the reasoning behind ranked choice voting, but I believe it is too confusing to be an effective way to elect an official

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:15 PM

Ranked choice voting felt like a crap shoot - not because of the way the city explained or handled it - but because there was very little opportunity to evaluate the candidates. Part of this was due to the pandemic, however most of the candidates seemed to do very little

other than file for election. Campaign literature and candidates websites were not very helpful for decision making. The League of Women Voters forum was the most helpful even though many candidates chose not to participate. Ranked choice voting in the 2021 municipal election seemed more like a gamble than an expansion of democracy. While a primary election may be more work to administer, it gives serious candidates an incentive to put themselves out there to be seen and heard if they really are committed to run for election and perform the duties of elected office. I do not believe that ranked choice voting is a good thing for this city's future. I am satisfied with the outcome of the last election. However I fear that picking between many ranked choice stealth candidates is not an improvement over the previous primary and general election process.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:15 PM

Ranked choice voting is very bad

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:16 PM

Hate ranked choice voting. No one can even explain it - not even the volunteers when I voted. Totally stupid method of voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:18 PM

So very grateful for all the election judges. Thank you for training and supporting them.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:19 PM

Always appreciate the work of neighbors who assist with voting and helping people get to polling places. Have had wonderful experiences never missing an election in 55 years!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:19 PM

I am an election judge which is why I voted early in person. Otherwise I prefer in person on Election Day. No more cheat-by-mail! We just got a fraudulent president doing it that way...

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:20 PM

Voting needs to take place in person on voting day in order to protect voting integrity.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:21 PM

Ranked choice voting makes much more sense, when there are more than two candidates for a given office. My preferences as to how I vote have more to do with three factors: I have multiple disabilities, which prevent me from driving, and require that I use paratransit to get to vote; I live in a senior living community, and I am a 24/7 caregiver for my two 93-yr-old parents, who have mobility and cognitive issues to accommodate. Ranked choice voting is not the

determining factor in whether and how I and my parents vote.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:22 PM

Ranked choice voting allows fringe candidates that few people actually support to win. I hope we can get it back on the ballot to remove it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:24 PM

We appreciate the voting alternatives, the pre-vote information, and the staffing provided at all sites. Voting should be easy for all. And all should be informed. We had some difficulty this year obtaining clear information about school district candidates (BUT THAT IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH THE VOTING PROCESS.). THANKS FOR YOUR WORK.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:26 PM

How I vote will depend on the corona virus activity

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:27 PM

I thought it was confusing that they had the ranking for mayor when there were only two candidates. I understand that there could be write-in's but it still seems to over complicate things. Also, if you don't really care who is elected if your first choice is not, do you just leave the rest blank?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:28 PM

Ranked Choice Voting is NOT a good system. I would like to go back to the way it was previously.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:30 PM

Ranked Choice Voting is a great option and should continue!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:30 PM

I regret voting for ranked choice. It seems way too complicated.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:31 PM

Mail-in voting is inherently and horribly flawed.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:37 PM

I really liked the ranked choice voting, it was easy to understand. When there are a lot of candidate choices or a lot of nonpartisan races I prefer to fill out my ballot at home when I can go slowly, but I like to come in with my ballot to put it in the counting machine myself.

Anonymous

I absolutely do not trust ranked choice voting. It's not so important in

1/24/2022 12:38 PM

the voting experience we just had but I don't see the need since we don't have multiple parties similar to Australia or the UK. There is too much chance for coalitions to be made by the lesser known party candidates in order to get more of a voice.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:41 PM

My wife and I have successfully submitted early ballots at City Hall, but we live a half a block from our polling place so that works well.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:41 PM

Love it all!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:43 PM

With ranked choice, there are too many candidates to research and minimal places to get that information. I spent a great deal of time trying to get this info--I doubt many voters will. Few mailings were sent out and the "debates" were not publicized anywhere I could find. Most voters probably went with name recognition from mailings. Several candidates sites all said the exact same thing--how could anyone make an informed choice?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:44 PM

RCV was poorly explained by the city, it was confusing.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:44 PM

Minnetonka is great! Voting has always been easy and convenient and especially during covid - safe. Hats off to all who enable us to vote via different options!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:44 PM

I am not convinced ranked choice voting is needed or better than the traditional voting methodology. Perhaps the 2021 Minnetonka election slate and/or the number of candidates was not situationally significant to demonstrate the efficacy of the change. I am all for building a better mousetrap, just not building a better mousetrap without a more powerful need for one. Again, maybe it just wasn't the right time/place.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:48 PM

Not a fan of ranked choice voting. Not sure of the best "strategy" in selecting 2nd and 3rd candidates. Plus, in municipal and school elections, it's harder to find detailed, truthful info about all the candidates, which makes it harder to select 2nd and 3rd choices. And it takes a lot more time and effort to research all the candidates -- which I did do for this last election, but I fear many voters won't and some crazy candidates will get elected. That said, I thought the city staff did a great job informing me about the election process with this

new type of voting. Just don't like ranked choice.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:48 PM

Struggled a bit with how to vote if I only liked one of the choices.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:49 PM

I don't understand why the City went to ranked voting because the City tried to fix a problem that did not exist. We have lived here for 32 yrs and never had any issues, so don't know why ranked choice voting was needed.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:50 PM

Make an id required to vote!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:50 PM

Info on local candidates very inadequate

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:50 PM

Ranked choice voting for city elections was the biggest mistake the city council made (by putting the choice to the voters especially with a simple majority). Now we are stuck with stupid. Nice job ...

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:50 PM

I believe the city of minnetonka did a good job preparing the public for RCV but like with all new systems, it will take time for the public to feel 100% comfortable.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:52 PM

Ranked choice is a complete joke of a voting process. The full process of this was never disclosed to the public of determining a winner in any race, especially if the magical 50% is not met. There is way too much HUMAN interaction with the ballots after they are cast to effectively determine the next steps, if needed. I feel it's very deceitful and lends to decisions being made that are not the voters wishes in how there vote is cast to "ensure a winner" Go back to the original style of voting! This is wrong, wrong, WRONG!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:57 PM

I was a bit confused by a mailing that I received several times with 6 names running for the 2 positions, I wondered why anyone interested in the city of Minnetonka would run for 2nd or 3rd place for council. Seemed like folks trying to mess with the system

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:58 PM

I am still not sure what I think of ranked-choice voting. Unclear on the benefits. I am still confused about the process and why it is better than the alternative. I kind of wish I hadn't voted for it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:58 PM

I have studied ranked choice voting, I understand it. I was jaw dropped listening to the election judges trying to explain it on voting day. They got it wrong! Bad voting process!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 12:58 PM

I think ranked choice voting is fabulous. It selects a candidate that represents a choice of more voters. It also has the potential to reduce costs associated with a run off election. I urge leaders to create a process for appointing someone to fill a vacancy and eliminate the need for special elections which are very costly, attract a small percentage of voters and mostly elect the choice of a select few.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:00 PM

Ranked choice voting is confusing.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:01 PM

I do not agree with ranked choice voting

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:02 PM

Ranked choice makes good sense.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:03 PM

The voting experience at my polling place is always efficient. Now that the community has experienced rank choice voting, i would like to have the opportunity to vote on it again in the near future.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:04 PM

Not a fan, do not enjoy it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:05 PM

Do not lose control of mail in ballots!!!!!!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:05 PM

I don't think ranked choice is progress

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:09 PM

I heard from many neighbors that they did not understand how ranked choice voting works. Some were told conflicting things at polling places. I am disappointed that we have implemented ranked choice voting for Minnetonka.

Anonymous

DON'T LIKE IT

1/24/2022 01:11 PM

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:15 PM

Ranked voting is ridiculous. Everyone gets a participation star. I found some of these people were running just to run

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:16 PM

My polling place isn't crowded, otherwise I would vote by mail due to COVID. I had some apprehension about how ranked choice voting would work, but was able to resolve my concerns before casting my ballot. I did NOT like the candidates who seemed to have a "ticket" for ranking your ballots. That created some confusion initially. I also wasn't pleased with how many candidates didn't seem to participate in the usual forums, etc. Not your issue, but wanted to mention it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:16 PM

I live close to Minnetonka City Hall so it is easy for me to just stop by, vote, and give my ballot.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:18 PM

I am very happy that Minnetonka adopted RCV! It eliminated the need for a costly primary and gave more people a chance to run for office. Sadly several candidates refused to participate in Candidate Forums or Surveys, making it more difficult to find out what they stood for so I could make an educated vote for 2nd & 3rd choices, which was unfortunate. I ultimately decided not to vote for anyone who would not openly share their views ~ that narrowed the field significantly. This situation of course, is not the fault of RCV or the City.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:21 PM

Against not showing ID to vote. Against illegal aliens voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:22 PM

I believe the people who run our elections have historically done an excellent job. The system is not broken and any effort to make it more difficult for certain groups to vote should be vigorously resisted

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:22 PM

I personally witnessed poll workers doing a great job handling questions about RCV as well as uninformed comments and complaints by clearly un/misinformed RCV opponents

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:25 PM

I feel voting in person is the safest way to vote and have my vote counted

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:27 PM

Have had a few conversation with rank voting volunteers for help in understanding

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:29 PM

Quit changing what works

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:31 PM

If it helps to seat the positions without runoff elections then it's worth it. Runoffs cost tax payers additional money.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:34 PM

I dislike ranked choice voting. I feel that poll workers and city election staff did an excellent job of running the election. The neutral ratings regarding the overall experience were lower because I dislike RCV. They are no reflection on the excellent job done by the city. I was disappointed with the city's communication about RCV. To me it seemed to promote RCV rather than just tell people about it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:37 PM

I am in huge support of Rank Choice Voting and am so grateful that the City of Minnetonka now has RCV; I have increased trust in the process and outcomes being the most accurate and representational of what/who our (wholistic) community-majority is voting for.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:40 PM

Go back to regular voting method.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:40 PM

I personally prefer in-person voting because I like the physical act of going to the polling place to act out my civic duty. However, I believe that voting is a right that should be accessible for all, and agree with all methods (early voting, mail-in, etc.) that allow that to happen.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:43 PM

I voted in the school board elections last year and wish there was one place that gave information on each candidate. I had to google search each candidate to learn more. Otherwise, voting was super fast and easy!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:47 PM

It works. I had the chance to meet each candidate at meet and greets. Some, however, chose to not show up.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:53 PM

I do not trust Ranked Choice Voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:53 PM

I think ranked voting is dumb. I'm only going to vote for one candidate, not someone I don't want.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:53 PM

Ranked choice is a poor choice. Election should go to the person who wins the most votes, not the least disliked common denominator. Fringe candidates on the same team flood the candidate process to game the system.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 01:56 PM

Ranked Choice Voting Sux

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:08 PM

I extremely dislike ranked choice. I still don't understand it at all. It is very confusing and no one can explain it in a way I can understand.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:10 PM

While I understand ranked choice voting was voted in by the community, I am completely against it. I also worry about the city's ability to maintain the integrity of voting with the surge in mail in voting. in

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:10 PM

For the next General election, who ever sent them out, I don't need 4 mail in voting sheets mailed to me, especially since I'm a one person household

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:12 PM

I moved to Minnetonka from Minneapolis recently enough to have had experience with rank-choice voting in Minneapolis. But even then it was not totally new; we used rank-choice voting in college as well.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:20 PM

Rank choice voting was an absolute waste of our tax dollars. They should have listened to the Charter Commission and got rid of it

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:20 PM

Rank choice voting has no place in our electoral system

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:38 PM

I do not like ranked choice voting and can not believe it passed

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:38 PM

Ranked choice voting is the dumbest things Democrats have ever came up with. It allows non competent people to win

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:41 PM

I just don't like it. It adds a level of complexity for some voters which either results in them not voting, or making voting mistakes that were not intended by them.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:44 PM

Very disappointed to see people at the voting place in Minnetonka this fall carrying those misleading cards about "you have three choices" for candidates this year. I had to ask the voting judges twice to ask people to take their cards off the tables. We need to be sure that kind of misleading promotional material is NOT repeated ever again, and that the rules at voting places are enforced. Also, I think the education about ranked choice voting could be better. Also, it was confusing trying to figure out who won one of the seats, because just looking at the county numbers didn't show the winner of the Kimberly Wilburn seat -- I think the city should use the results of the latest election to very clearly explain to residents more about ranked choice voting. Thank you!

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:45 PM

none

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:47 PM

The advantages of RCV cited by the promoters of RCV were not evident. The campaigns were More rancorous than in the past. There were more candidates, but they were mostly unqualified in my opinion, having No previous interest or involvement in any city activities or functions. In the past, such candidates were eliminated in the primary election. There was illegal activity in the campaign, as determined by the courts. There was inadequate information about how votes would be counted, and the impact of "wasted" ballots. While the promoters proclaimed that all winners would have a "majority of the votes," it was never made clear that if the count went beyond the first ballot, that would not be true; it would be the majority of what was left after discarding the "wasted" ballots. The lack of any public forums about RCV made it difficult to provide correct information or have a decent debate about the issue. I believe the city did the best it could under difficult restrictions.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:48 PM

If I am at City Hall for anything during early voting, I will vote in-person. If not, I will vote by mail. I would not make a special trip to City Hall to vote in-person.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:48 PM

What a great way to ensure the election of the best representative of the community

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:50 PM

Voting early and/or absentee ballot is essential! Please keep both available. It is so much easier than standing in a long line.

CMS

1/24/2022 02:51 PM

It is clear that very few understood / and / understand the impact of RCV. It is very hurtful to those who only have one focus on the ballot. People do not realize how much their voice is lost if they only have one person that they want to choose.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 02:56 PM

Do not like ranked choice voting

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:03 PM

I would not vote for ranked choice voting were it to come up for a vote. This is a change.

CMS

1/24/2022 03:05 PM

I disagree with the concept of RCV. It has compromised the integrity of a persons vote, especially if they only like one person on the ballot.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:07 PM

I think ranked choice voting helped more people file for the available positions and stimulated voters to find out more about the candidates.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:20 PM

Believe that the rank choice voting should not have been pushed through the system during a short time and during a pandemic. The advise from the charter committee was against the rank and choice. What was one more year to vote before everyone found out how much more money it takes and what voting freedom our voters lost. Name popularity. Is what it is. Sad loss .

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:22 PM

I don't like ranked choice voting

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:24 PM

Ranked choice was a mistake.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:35 PM

Strategizing for ranked choice voting is very, very confusing. I also think that candidates need to more overtly identify their political party.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:38 PM

Ranked choice voting is a terrible method. It is full of mischief. There are multiple ways to rig a candidates rake by plating off of different areas districts. It is very dishonest.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:40 PM

Ranked choice is too confusing

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:45 PM

I would like examples of how ranked choice voting precludes the least popular person from winning when preferences are split fairly evenly among the other candidates. For example, what happens when people vote for their preferred candidate but do not vote for a second or third choice. How likely is it that failure to vote for secondary choices results in a winner the voter does not want, someone who may have initially gotten a low percentage of votes.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:48 PM

Include me among those who question the need for a new, cumbersome voting method that, I believe, can result in a winner who would have lost using traditional voting

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:48 PM

Ranked choice voting is confusing, the flier helped and the person explained it - it sounds like if you vote for the same person more than once your vote isn't counted? I don't think people realize this - they think they need to fill in all of the choices even if not enough candidates so they double up.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 03:56 PM

Voter ID is necessary

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:02 PM

Do away with RCV.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:05 PM

I don't like ranked choice voting. I want to vote for one individual and rarely have a 2nd choice. I think this method is a little confusing.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:06 PM

While the City and Staff did an excellent job of informing the public about ranked choice voting, and while I was initially ambivalent about it, I now think it opened the door to fringe candidates and additional political division and am strongly opposed to it now.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:22 PM

I greatly appreciate the options for voting, especially given the crazy times we're living through. In the past two years I have taken advantage of two different methods of voting to vote in a manner that felt safe and effective. However, I appreciate the options even more from the standpoint of upholding the importance of voting in a democracy. I understand that my work schedule which allows me to

be at home and get to the polls on election days is not something everyone is able to do, but everyone's voices should be heard. Making voting available in a variety of formats is imperative to our democracy fully representing everyone who chooses to participate.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:22 PM

Thank you for all you do to have an informed electorate and make voting safe and honest.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:26 PM

Remove RCV no one trusts voting process anymore and RCV confuses lots of people

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:28 PM

We should not use computers to vote. They are manipulative.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:29 PM

I liked it

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:40 PM

Ranked choice voting is dumb.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:42 PM

I once voted early at Mtka City Hall and had to stand in a long line to vote. I have since gone in an early evening time to my polling place.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:49 PM

Could the city advertise where information about the candidates can be found. What happened to the debates sponsored by the league of women voters?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 04:57 PM

I am not happy with ranked choice voting ,

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:09 PM

Ranked choice does not deliver any of its promises

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:10 PM

A mail ballot is very convenient. It lets me check my information on candidates and make an informed decision on who and what I am voting on.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:13 PM

I hate the ranked voting, I think it's stupid.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:19 PM

I think ranked choice is complicated and unnecessary. It muddles the election

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:23 PM

My husband and I worked together on using the rank voting and hoped we were successful with the persons we wanted.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:48 PM

I like that each State runs it's own elections. I believe that is a strength of our system. I don't like any move at the Federal level to control State election processes. The more Centralized something like elections is, the more subject they are to being corrupted wholesale. (If something is corrupted at a State level, it is diluted in it's negative impact for a Federal position.) I did not vote in favor of rank-choice. I didn't see enough proof of something being wrong with how we handled elections to warrant the change. Changing such a vital process should not be taken lightly. I am open minded, if someone is willing to share the flaws now corrected and not replaced by worse flaws by adopting rank-choice. Thank you for the survey and keep up the good work.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:53 PM

I received a mailer in the 2021 Municipal Election that confused me about whether the City of Minnetonka endorsed certain candidates because it looked like an instruction about ranked choice voting. Recently I learned that someone filed a complaint and the Board (judge?) ruled against those candidates. I think it's important to keep our elections above board and enforce examples like that.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 05:53 PM

I believe everyone should show their IDS when voting. And rank choice voting is a scam.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:00 PM

Ranked choice, why?

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:16 PM

I believe ranked choice voting is an essential way to ensure that under-represented voices in our community can be heard.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:28 PM

Ranked choice voting is unnecessarily complicated. There were several opportunities to learn about RCV, I read them all, I'm an intelligent person, yet I still feel that I only have a very thin grasp on it. It also led to flyers going out telling people how to vote to ensure the desired candidates won. Frankly, it makes me distrust the whole process.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:36 PM

I hate ranked choice voting I don't think it reflects well the desires of the voters

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:38 PM

Found it challenging to understand which candidates were running against each other - or for another seat, which made ranked choice harder to use effectively. It would be helpful to see the ballot before voting. Mail in ballots seem like an easy way to solve it.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:41 PM

I am not a fan of ranked choice voting.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 06:51 PM

I am satisfied with the options offered,.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 07:02 PM

As a relative new member of the community, I appreciate all the information I receive from the Minnetonka Memo. I appreciate all the secure methods available to me to vote.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 07:12 PM

Ranked choice voting is a progressive, political scam that disenfranchises many, and perhaps a majority of voters from the end result and where the candidate that was the top choice of the electorate can loose and the winner can win without a majority of the votes cast. Ballot exhaustion, the result of people not ranking all of the candidates in a race, plays a significant role in this outcome. Ranked choice voting is also a disservice to the candidates in a given race also removes the opportunity to cast votes for the top candidates based on good comparative information such as debates, etc. Ranked choice voting is a very bad idea that should have never passed in Minnetonka, but probably did because voters did not understand the implications. As a result of these serious flaws, ranked choice voting has weakened the credibility of Minnetonka's elections. Again, ranked choice voting is a very bad idea.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 07:25 PM

I think you did great

Anonymous

1/24/2022 07:31 PM

We need more information on ranked choice voting to make sure our votes work the way we want them to--no unintended consequences.

Anonymous

Only votes for one candidate in the rank choice. Only wanted to vote

1/24/2022 08:02 PM

for my best choice.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 08:35 PM

It was a terrible idea to start using this process.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 08:36 PM

Ranked Choice Voting. I do not like it. I think it leaves the door open for cheating. I hope we abandon this form of voting in the future.

Anonymous

1/24/2022 09:43 PM

In person only to avoid scams

Anonymous

1/24/2022 10:08 PM

Keep it open for all voters

Anonymous

1/25/2022 04:21 AM

While I understand ranked choice voting, many I spoke with were very confused. I do not know if I support a system that the top vote getter in (first round) can still lose.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 05:36 AM

I am not a fan of ranked-choice voting and would prefer to go back to one person/one vote. BUT voting is imperative to maintaining a democratic society.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 05:47 AM

If there was a 24 hour drop off that didn't require going in the building for mail ballots I would return my ballot that way instead of the mail.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 06:31 AM

The line to vote early the weekend before the election was so long and poorly spaced that it did not feel safe. Very crowded in the room too.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 06:42 AM

Covid forced mail in ballots for me in 2020 & our local election in 2021. I also read up more thoroughly on the School Board candidates this last election. I was more informed this time because of the ranked choice voting. It's a good thing.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 06:50 AM

They do not allow cell phones into the voting booth but it's the only way that I can remember how I wanted to rank each candidate. It was easier when you just looked at one person and voted.

Anonymous

I believe the ranked choice voting is too complicated for members of

1/25/2022 07:22 AM

our community that may have a more difficult time understanding how to vote. It may end up with their vote being counted for someone they don't want. I don't agree with this system.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 07:40 AM

The poll workers and volunteers where very helpful when explaining the process to people.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 08:06 AM

Voting was easy, and I was very proud to hear how many people showed up to vote this year. Election judges seemed well educated on RCV and were able to inform unsure voters of correct processes.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 08:11 AM

I used an absentee ballot for this past election and was grateful I did because I was able to do my research and fill in my selections as I went. I think it would have been a bit more challenging if I voted in person because with ranked choice voting you are voting exponentially more so I definitely would have needed to bring a "cheat sheet" to remember my selections.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 08:28 AM

I appreciate all of the volunteers and Minnetonka staff who allow us to vote in person early.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 09:18 AM

Ranked choice voting worked very well. Good job getting information out about it.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 09:26 AM

does this really save the city money?? lots of seniors here who would probably prefer the familiar method of voting

Anonymous

1/25/2022 10:01 AM

ranked choice voting is a scam used to game the system. We need a primary in order to actually vet candidates before we get to the general election. You should be ashamed of yourselves for allowing this on the ballot without adequate time to educate voters on the dangers of rcv. During a pandemic. Let's not forget that rcv passed with a minority of voters voting yes. This should not have been allowed. If you wanted a fair election, you would have counted blank votes as "no" votes, which is what is supposed to happen when a ballot question has costs associated with it. I can't wait to repeal this ludicrous way of voting.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 10:40 AM

I appreciated the ability to rank my choices. I found the process easy to understand.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 11:13 AM

Drop Ranked voting - dumb idea

Anonymous

1/25/2022 11:16 AM

I love having the choice to be able to go in ahead of time, to vote in person at City Hall. I also support the flexibility with mail-in voting in case I would not be able to vote in person.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 11:22 AM

Ranked Choice Voting is a misguided way to elect officials. It allows bad actors to flood the field with poor candidates in an effort to muddy the waters of qualified candidates. A Primary is the best way to set the field of candidates.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 11:35 AM

Hope more places adopt ranked choice voting!

Anonymous

1/25/2022 12:25 PM

I understood ranked choice voting after quite a bit of research, but many people in the community that I spoke with ON election day still thought that they could just vote for the same person each time and that it would count. I think the lack of understanding on how to vote in this way can skew the results in a major way. In my opinion, this is not a time for people to not understand how to properly vote. Based on this recent experience- its a way of voting that seems to misrepresent what the people may actually want (because if the voting is done wrong, the ballot is thrown out- correct?)

Anonymous

1/25/2022 12:33 PM

When I showed up to vote, I was shocked that they did not ask for my identification. Only my name and address. Someone could go in there 4 times, giving names/addresses of neighbors or others and vote multiple times. The system has totally gone downhill. I couldn't believe it.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 12:57 PM

Rank choice voting caused a lot of confusion with people I knew. People I know voted for the same person twice which would have caused their ballot to be thrown out because they were not well informed on ranked choice voting.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 12:57 PM

Ranked choice voting adds confusion to the voting process. I prefer the previous method of selecting one person per race.

Anonymous

I think this is a terrible way to vote. Seems to me this is another way

1/25/2022 01:26 PM

to manipulate the system and get certain people in that would otherwise never be considered. I grew up in MINNETONKA and I no longer recognize the city. Do you want us to be like (Minneapolis)? This is how I view the current city council. They want to run our city into the ground like the (Minneapolis) Council did theirs.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 01:36 PM

Found ranked choice ballot confusing and exasperating. Was well prepared with notes. Eliminate this "choice!!"

Anonymous

1/25/2022 06:48 PM

Same day, in person voting! Let's get back to basics

Anonymous

1/25/2022 06:54 PM

I found the ranked choice voting to be much more complicated than voting typically is. I would prefer to go back to the standard way of voting.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 07:58 PM

Ranked choice voting is very confusing and just adds to the complexity of an already difficult process. It leads to many ballots being thrown out from mistakes of the voters. Not a good process and should be reconsidered

Anonymous

1/25/2022 08:04 PM

Strongly dislike ranked choice.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 09:05 PM

It was obvious that there was mass confusion as to the process with the voters I encountered. We need clear, simple and fair elections again in Minnetonka. Ranked choice voting provides none of that...only what appears to be "rigged" outcomes. How in the world did we end up with this mess?? Please bring back one office, one person, one vote.

Anonymous

1/25/2022 10:19 PM

NIL

Anonymous

1/25/2022 11:49 PM

Rank choice voting is ridiculous and a sham. Any politician supporting this should be fired.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 12:09 AM

Ranked choice voting is a scam. Elections should be in person on one day. Any other method invites fraud.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 04:57 AM

Lack of transparency in the final count.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 05:11 AM

Ranked choice voting was pushed upon us by forces outside of Minnetonka. The results of this voting are unfair. We are strongly NOT in favor of this type of voting. We need to get rid of ranked choice voting and give Minnetonka residents a fair choice again.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 05:22 AM

Love use of ranked choice. Well done Tonka!

Anonymous

1/26/2022 06:49 AM

I feel that mail in voting can be completely manipulated (voting fraud)

Anonymous

1/26/2022 06:54 AM

This is needlessly confusing for senior citizens.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 07:03 AM

We hate ranked choice voting. We do not support any candidate that fosters this trendy scam on us.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 07:29 AM

I fully understand and fully HATE ranked choice voting. It's a trendy scam. One person one vote. I'll not support any candidate that supports ranked choice voting.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 07:43 AM

We will not support any candidate that supports ranked choice voting. It's silly voting. One person, one vote. Simplicity itself.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 08:05 AM

Only idiots support ranked choice voting

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:12 AM

The poll workers were also very well versed on the process and able to answer any questions as they arose!

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:20 AM

I would have liked more information about the candidates. It was difficult to find for some of them. Ranked choice voting seems great and I'd love to see it for state and federal elections. The single vote method does not allow me to support candidates outside the two dominant parties, keeps those two parties in power, encourages division of everyone into two camps, and does not reflect our diversity.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:23 AM

1. I arrived to find that MASK WERE NOT REQUIRED. That is like being forced at that point to enter anyway. It puts EVERYONE at risk unnecessarily. You should mandate in-person masks and if the sociopath anti-maskers want to vote let them =note outside or provide a mask for those who ask. 2. You ran out of ballots for a half-hour at the church on Groveland. It was good someone eventually came but several people left in the meantime

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:36 AM

While I was very comfortable with the idea of RCV prior to the day of voting, I also know MANY MANY people do not read and were confused. I was very impressed with the way the on-site pollworkers that i observed were going out of their way to educate / inform each and every voter about how to cast their ballots using RCV.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:44 AM

Easy and a better result

Anonymous

1/26/2022 10:53 AM

I like ranked choice voting because I feel I can vote for the candidate I like best, even if she/he is unlikely to win, and rank my 2nd choice too.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 11:06 AM

Love ranked choice voting, the best way to elect qualified candidates.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 11:07 AM

I think ranked choice voting should be used in all elections.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 11:12 AM

I needed to know more about the candidates. I know who I wanted to be the top candidate but after that, I should have had more info on the rest of the candidates.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 01:01 PM

Ranked choice voting is for the naive. Should be one person, one vote. Simplicity itself. Anything else is a trendy scam.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 01:19 PM

I am very pleased that the City Of Minnetonka adopted ranked choice voting. It was easy and the information was informative.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 01:22 PM

I will only support candidates who oppose ranked choice voting. It's ridiculous!

Anonymous

1/26/2022 01:22 PM

I love ranked choice voting! I think it will help support candidates in the middle of the political spectrum. So glad we passed this!

Anonymous

1/26/2022 02:03 PM

Prefer early in person but also like mail in/drop off ballot

Anonymous

1/26/2022 02:50 PM

The elections staff always does a fantastic job. Thank you for your professionalism!

Anonymous

1/26/2022 03:26 PM

Ranked choice is a poor alternative for school board elections when there is no information available about candidates. May as well skip voting on the school board slate.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 05:49 PM

Had to contact other organizations and outlets to get full information on candidates, especially for Hopkins School Board. Local newspapers had large gaps, and transparency of some candidate mailings were suspect.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 07:19 PM

Really dislike rank choice voting. Disappointed Minnetonka is following In the disastrous footsteps of Minneapolis.

Anonymous

1/26/2022 07:36 PM

Once the city mailings came out, I thought it made sense.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 04:18 AM

I think ranked choice voting stinks, and mail-in ballots and ballot drop boxes are only good for cheaters.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 04:53 AM

RCV is not an acceptable form of voting and I don't trust the process (or the outcome)

Anonymous

1/27/2022 06:28 AM

There were ample opportunities to learn about RCV, both in print (mailings, newspapers, online) and at events. It makes perfect sense. I'm thoroughly disgusted with the group of candidates who ran as a block, and tried to confuse people about the election and about RCV. They should be banned from ever running for office again.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 07:22 AM

I can't even begin to understand the rationale of ranked choice voting, as it comes across as making what was once our most important task

as American citizens, to having evolved into a situation where no matter how limited someone's credentials are, that if enough people toss them into a lower choice ranking they could STILL potentially win an election. I'm not sure how the ultra progressives got this approved, but I for one won't ever vote for more than whom I believe to be the best candidate for any given election. Similarly all this nonsense of opening up the voting where most anyone can show up without any identification and still cast their votes wherever they decide to show up to vote is incredibly sad.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 07:22 AM

We are not supportive of ranked choice voting however it does affect the way we vote. We think RFV makes the process unnecessarily complicative. It's all about making a decision.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 07:50 AM

Ranked choice voting turned out to be easily manipulated by a group(s) of small interest groups. Many people it seems did not understand the process. Process enabled candidates who had know chance of winning to stay in the race to water down the votes for opponents and helping "buddies" - this tactic costs legitimate candidate additional time, energy and money to run their campaign etc.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 11:34 AM

The example analogy the city staff made with voting for our favorite tree was helpful in understanding the ranked choice voting process

Anonymous

1/27/2022 12:15 PM

I was quite pleased with the quality and quantity of info about RCV that was distributed/made available before the election. I was already familiar with the concept and comfortable using it, but it was still encouraging to see!

Anonymous

1/27/2022 01:58 PM

I do not like rank choice voting and I think that it should be voted on again, now that people have had to use it I don't think it is popular and should be removed as an option.

Anonymous

1/27/2022 03:02 PM

It's stupid!!! Now my taxes pay for someone to manage it!!!!

Anonymous

1/28/2022 07:53 AM

Ranked choice voting is for idiots. Anyone supporting this short be fired.

Anonymous

Just look to the Minneapolis Mayor and City Council members to see

1/28/2022 09:59 AM

the disastrous consequences of RCV. RCV is nothing more the a "fixed" or "rigged" voting system that only benefits the far-left. It's nothing more than another dangerous way for Progressives to destroy our cities, counties, states and country.

Anonymous

1/28/2022 10:35 AM

Ranked Choice voting is very confusing to everyone I talked too as well as myself. Do not like RCV!!! Too many candidates to get to know and counting of RCV seemed very difficult and NOT transparent. I hope the city does not use RCV again.

Anonymous

1/28/2022 01:05 PM

We don't believe in rank choice voting! Everything that has worked forever is now being wiped out! Including censorship, more government control, freedom of speech. You just wait. My husband lived it and flys the flag every day. But he came here legally, went to night school to learn English at 23. And is proud to be an "American". And not a blank American Etc! When did we start that? Just an American!

Anonymous

1/28/2022 03:48 PM

I spoke with numerous people who didn't understand it and don't like it

Anonymous

1/28/2022 05:48 PM

Really appreciated the explanation of ranked choice tally on the Mtka website following the election . Clear text and visually interesting.

Anonymous

1/29/2022 12:47 AM

We HATE ranked choice voting. We understand it, we just think it's trendy and only for fools. We won't support ANY candidate that supports rank choice voting.

Anonymous

1/29/2022 06:15 AM

The reason I vote in person is because one year my absentee ballot was rejected and I was informed AFTER Election Day. They said my signature did not match when in fact it should. This was the year where our local State rep, Yvonne Selcer won by only a few votes and my vote would have made a difference. Knowing that is was not counted made me never use another method for voting besides at the voting place on Election Day. I did support ranked choice voting in the beginning. I assumed it would make candidates more civil since my vote could matter even if they were my second choice. But what I saw was candidates running in groups and I feel that was not appropriate and resulted me in not voting for anyone in a group. I just want the negative campaigns to stop and for candidates to talk about what they stand for and not how they feel about their opponents. I never vote for candidates that are negative. As of now, my support

for RCV is neutral. I do feel that the City of Minnetonka did an amazing job educating the citizens of Minnetonka.

Anonymous

1/29/2022 04:01 PM

We need voter ID to vote.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 08:26 AM

Please require voter ID.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 10:13 AM

I love that ranked choice voting gives us more than 2 options without 'wasting' our votes.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 11:04 AM

I completely support RCV and wish it were in use in ALL election scenarios.... ESPECIALLY at the state and federal level.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 05:33 PM

I want to return to the traditional way of voting. RCV is too convoluted and confusing for reliable democratic process.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 05:51 PM

I was so confused by ranked choice voting, I didn't vote.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 06:01 PM

I don't see any value in RCV. I read the materials sent out by the City and I also asked the poll workers to explain the approach. The poll workers, while very polite, were unable to explain it clearly. This process is confusing.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 06:02 PM

Please consider eliminating RCV. It's non-inclusive and troubling to shift to this method, especially now.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 06:07 PM

Cell phones should be allowed in the voting booth so that I can place the candidates in the order that I had chosen. Before RCV I didn't need to bring my cell phone because I had only one person that I wanted to vote for now I have 3-8 people to choose from in a particular order that I have ranked out.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 06:44 PM

It is confusing. I read all literature that I could get my hands on to try to understand it. I put much effort into being prepared and it was still difficult. Afterwards, I did not understand how to read the results. After Election Day, many of my neighbors said they had no idea how to vote and were upset over the confusion. This confusion breeds

distrust in the system. The original way was better. Please get rid of this terrible experiment.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 06:46 PM

While I fully understand RCV and how it works, it is a terrible process which does not achieve any of the stated goals. Should be done away with entirely.

Anonymous

1/30/2022 07:41 PM

I do not like Ranked Choice Voting - I would like it to be repealed

Anonymous

1/30/2022 08:07 PM

Traditional voting is much less complicated and more clear cut. RVC is exhausting for the user in researching all the candidates and just isn't necessary. Plus the trust in voting is weakened with RCV

Anonymous

1/30/2022 08:10 PM

Please protect against voter fraud—it is not that Hard to do!

Anonymous

1/31/2022 12:09 AM

Ranked choice voting is for idiots. One person, one vote.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 12:22 AM

What idiots pushed ranked choice voting?! The tradition method works best. Show up at your polling place and vote for your preferred candidate. Simple and elegant. Anyone who supports ranked choice voting should be kicked out of office.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 03:11 AM

Am iunpleased with rank voting. Forces my vote to someone I don't want to vote for.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 05:12 AM

I didn't care for it as a method in a final election. It might make sense in a primary but it doesn't provide near enough benefit compared to how much disruption changing long standing voting norms cause. I actively tried to be informed beforehand and still felt underprepared, and that shouldn't be the experience when a person is trying to vote. In order to build confidence, the process can't be confusing

Anonymous

1/31/2022 05:30 AM

I do not support ranked choice voting. It unfairly represents the people's choices

Anonymous

1/31/2022 06:22 AM

Ranked choice voting is gimmicky and un-democratic.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 06:44 AM

I believe the person who gets the most votes should win.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 07:06 AM

I carefully studied materials both from the city and from candidates. I understood how to do it, but it is not straight forward and clear. It is confusing. It was especially confusing for my elderly in-laws who have been voting the regular way for 65 years! I don't understand why it had to change; it doesn't seem like it was really an improvement.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 07:38 AM

As an election judge I saw a dozen voters give up and send a ballot with errors through the machine rejected and not corrected disqualify their votes because they did not want to get a new ballot and try to figure it out

Anonymous

1/31/2022 07:40 AM

RCV is a waste of time and energy. It's difficult to understand, and really unnecessary. It certainly did not accomplish it's stated goal of having more people run for office in Minnetonka.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 10:21 AM

Please repeal RCV.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 10:47 AM

The distrust I have in a particular voting process is anything other than election day at polling place - and even there I have some distrust because no ID is required

Anonymous

1/31/2022 12:23 PM

I no longer trust the voting process

Anonymous

1/31/2022 12:29 PM

Voting needs to be in-person, provide an ID as proof of person voting. Election integrity has been lost through mail-in ballots. Mail-in ballots should be reviewed against voter registration files to ensure compliance. Rank choice voting allows a candidate to win a commission seat with less than 50% of the vote. Not a true representation of democracy!

Anonymous

1/31/2022 02:00 PM

RCV is a fairly recent invention for voting that does not serve our democratic process. I have read opinions by leaders from both sides of the political spectrum who have that opinion. It is a very confusing way to vote and I recommend that it be repealed as quick as legally possible!

Anonymous

1/31/2022 02:04 PM

Keep up the good work, I feel like opting for me is always so easy and convenient, and I wish it could be so for all voters across the nation. We are very fortunate this out elections are runs so well!!!

Anonymous

1/31/2022 03:10 PM

There was nothing wrong with the previous way of counting, why make it confusing. A total percentage of one vote should suffice. That's crystal clear! Simplicity is better!

Anonymous

1/31/2022 03:17 PM

Rank choice was not approved by a majority ; non vote ballots were not counted as no like a school bond referendum. Charter commission recommendations were not advertised or emphasized.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 03:27 PM

RCV was pushed through in a COVID year without in -person discussion. A change to our city charter is a serious proposition. The commission of former city leaders chosen to study RCV said it was not good for our city and the council went ahead and put it on the ballot anyway. Truly reckless behavior.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 05:24 PM

I was very disappointed with the adoption of RCV in MTKA. I bought a home in MTKA over MPLS precisely over this issue. An unfortunate digression in our democracy.

Anonymous

1/31/2022 07:21 PM

I think the city of Minnetonka makes it easy to vote. There are convenient polling places and the city hall is easy to get to and park.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 04:01 AM

I am not sure if we have gone to this yet, but I strongly disagree with mail in voting if no ID required - Absentee I agree with as ID is required. Disagree with rank choose voting.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 06:11 AM

I don't like it! Look what Minneapolis got stuck with.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 07:49 AM

Early and mail in voting should only be allowed under certain circumstances

Anonymous

2/01/2022 08:59 AM

the early voting judges are very well informed and impartial. this is a good option.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 09:12 AM

Booth at the Farmer's Market with a sample ballot and opportunity to talk with election staff was very helpful to understanding ranked choice voting.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 09:24 AM

RCV was rushed through the City Council. There were no public forums to discuss the pros and cons. Outside dark money was involved with the FairVote community organizer. RCV should be done away with.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 12:20 PM

I think it could confuse some voters and might end of not voting for their actual choice. I do not think it is necessary and again might confuse some buyers.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 08:19 PM

I think ranked choice voting is confusing and unnecessary and you should do away with it.

Anonymous

2/01/2022 09:01 PM

Hate it,Because My vote for the one person I want for that particular position is washed and with all the other candidates.

Anonymous

2/02/2022 08:19 PM

I do not support the rank choice process. I prefer a primary for multiple candidates and then a general election vote. I feel more information on the candidates and their positions come out in this approach than with multiple candidates in a ranked choice process. I believe we end up with less qualified candidates being elected when a candidate 2 or 3 tiers down in the voting rank wins. The end result is detrimental to Minnetonka. Ranked choice voting needs to be repealed.

Anonymous

2/03/2022 07:55 AM

I think rank choice is great when the voters are extremely educated, which I don't think is the case for the majority of voters. It allows fringe candidates to run that people have little knowledge of who they are & who have zero track records. The ramifications are very real when we find that they do not represent the majority in any way. I prefer one vote only - no second chance votes when your vote doesn't win. I think Minnetonka will become just like the city council in Mpls. I fear our police force will be cut. Crime is my number one priority.

Anonymous

2/03/2022 08:09 PM

RCV seemed to attract a number of candidates who had no previous involvement in city government. So it took more time and effort to learn about all the candidates and pick the best qualified ones. I

prefer having a primary election to narrow the field.

Anonymous

2/04/2022 04:19 AM

My polling place is very convenient and has never had long wait times on election day. If it did I would probably vote early or by mail.

Optional question (313 response(s), 375 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question



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TO: Minnetonka Charter Commission
FROM: Corrine Heine, City Attorney
DATE: Nov. 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Supplemental report, Agenda Item 5

A number of proposed charter amendments were submitted to voters at the Nov. 8, 2022 election. Each of those ballot measures, and the results of the election, are noted below. The percentage of votes required to enact a charter amendment is 51% of the ballots cast in the election. Based on available information, it appears that all of the proposed amendments were proposed by charter commissions rather than voter petition or the city councils.

Barnesville –

- Shall the Barnesville City Charter be amended to hold biennial City elections in November in each even-numbered year, instead of each odd-numbered year, to coincide with Minnesota-wide elections? – PASSED 92.20% yes, 7.80% no

Brooklyn Center –

- Should the Brooklyn Center City Charter be amended to remove the authority of the Mayor to take command of the police, with the consent of the City Council, in times of public danger or emergency; and instead authorize the Mayor to coordinate with the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and other City leaders in times of public danger or emergency, which could include requesting assistance from local, state, and federal agencies? -- PASSED 62.28% yes, 37.72% no
- Should the Brooklyn Center City Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the Mayor and the City Manager sign all City contracts, bonds and other instruments; and instead require that the City contracts, bonds and other instruments be signed as required by the purchasing policy adopted by the City Council? – DID NOT PASS 50.24% yes, 49.76% no
- Should the Brooklyn Center City Charter be amended to add language requiring the Mayor or Acting Mayor to sign all ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council within 48 hours? -- PASSED 68.38% yes, 31.62% no

Fairmont –

- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to change the composition of the city council, which presently consists of four (4) city council members representing four (4) wards and one (1) city council member at large, to five (5) city council members

representing five (5) wards and no city council member at large? (A “yes”; vote will change the division of the city from four (4) wards to five (5) wards and will eliminate the city council member at large) – DID NOT PASS 44.54% yes, 55.46% no

- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to clarify the form of government from “Mayor -- Council Plan”; to “Weak Mayor-Council Plan”? DID NOT PASS 32.15% yes, 67.85% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor shall not be a liaison to city boards, commissions or committees? – DID NOT PASS 39.05% yes, 60.95% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that, “A council member may, based on information received, open an inquiry which may lead to an investigation,”; prior to the city council by majority vote making investigations into the affairs of the city and the conduct of any city department? – DID NOT PASS 49.70% yes, 50.30% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to delete the requirement that the city administrator shall be appointed “solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications”; and instead provide that the city administrator “shall have a bachelor’s or master’s degree in public administration, public affairs, or public policy, with an emphasis placed on the following qualifications: 1) three years of increased responsibility in leadership/management roles within a municipal or government setting; 2) possess strong financial aptitude and demonstrated budget and financial management skills; 3) working knowledge of municipal finance, budgeting and strategic planning; 4) display a firm understanding of the complexities of municipal utilities; 5) be a highly collaborative leader with a communicative, team oriented, and approachable management style”? – DID NOT PASS 48.09% yes, 51.91% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to change the length of the city administrator’s appointment from “an indefinite term”; to “a term and renewal established at the time of appointment in a written contract”? – PASSED 60.11% yes, 39.89% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to require that the city administrator shall be subject to an annual review by the city council? – PASSED 68.47% yes, 31.53% no
- Shall the Fairmont City Charter be amended to provide that the city clerk shall be appointed “by the city administrator and approved by the city council”? – PASSED 56.09% yes, 43.91% no
- Shall the City of Fairmont’s Charter be amended to delete the requirement that, “At least three (3) days shall elapse between the introduction and the final adoption of all ordinances other than emergency ordinances”;? – DID NOT PASS 44.56% yes, 55.44% no
- Shall the City of Fairmont’s Charter be amended to delete the requirement that only contracts where the amount involved is more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), unless otherwise provide by an emergency ordinance, shall require the procuring of bids? – DID NOT PASS 47.49% yes, 52.51% no