

First, every vote counts for its first choice. If a candidate has more than half of the vote based on first-choices, that candidate wins. If no candidate has more than half of those votes, then the candidate with the fewest first choices is eliminated. The voters who selected the defeated candidate as a first choice will then have their votes added to the totals of their next choice. This process continues until a candidate has more than half of the active votes or only two candidates remain. The candidate with a majority among the active candidates is declared the winner.

Note that when used to elect a single office, ranked choice voting may be called instant runoff voting, because it allows a jurisdiction to have the benefits of runoff elections without the need for a second round of voting.

When Electing More Than One Candidate in a Multi-Winner Election. For a multi-winner election, like a city council elected at-large or a state legislature elected in a multi-winner district, RCV helps to elect candidates more reflective of the spectrum of voters.

Ranked choice voting in multi-winner elections is an American form of proportional representation. This means candidates who receive a certain share of votes will be elected; this share of votes is called the threshold. A candidate who reaches the threshold is elected, and any excess votes over the threshold are then counted for the voters' second choices. Then, after excess votes are counted, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. The voters who selected the defeated candidate as a first choice will then have their votes counted for their second choice. This process continues until all seats are filled. (3).

3. http://www.fairvote.org/rcv#how_rcv_works

Subject: MOGP **Democracy** Platform for review by chapters and members

July 2, 2018

MOGP CC, chapters and members,

ATTACHED is _mogpPlatDemo180628V6 as a DOC and PDF file which is proposed by the MOGP **Democracy** Platform Subcommittee.

Please send suggested additions and deletions to me at fitzdon@aol.com by August 2, which should allow 30 days for review.

It would be good to look at it soon rather than just before the MOGP convention.

We will have six platform planks to review on Aug 18 and should do everything we can during the next 30 days to facilitate discussion and propose modifications.

Each platform subcommittee should receive all suggested changes.

They should then have another call in early Aug to decide which changes to accept and which to send to the convention for discussion.

The majority of changes are likely to be minor wording edits which we can deal with before Aug 18.

This would leave substantive changes to the convention, which would improve it discussions.

IMPORTANT: Comments like "This sentence is vague" or "Two parts contradict each other" are not helpful because they do not indicate to the subcommittee what it should do.

Proposals should have specific language: additions with underlines and deletions with ~~strikethroughs~~.

Best,

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