



MINNEAPOLIS Election Day:
November 5, 2013

What is ranked-choice voting?

Ranked-choice voting allows you to rank up to three candidates for each municipal office. Because Minneapolis uses ranked-choice voting, there is no primary. The primary and general election are combined into a single election on Nov. 5, 2013.

How do I vote?

Just like any other election year, you will vote by filling in ovals on a paper ballot. But in 2013, instead of marking one candidate in each race, you will be able to rank up to three candidates.

Each ballot will have three columns. For each office, mark your ballot from left to right, marking your first choice in the first column. If you want to rank different second and third choices, mark them in the second and third columns. In each race, you can only mark one candidate in each column.

If you make a mistake while marking your ballot, just ask an election judge for a new ballot.

How are votes counted?

On election night, the first-choice votes for all candidates are counted. If a candidate receives enough votes to win, he or she is elected. For example, in the race for mayor, a candidate needs more than half the total votes to win.

If no candidate receives enough votes to win, the counting process begins to eliminate candidates with the fewest votes, and that's when second- and third-choice votes come into play. This continues until one candidate has enough votes to be declared the winner.

Minneapolis voters will use **ranked-choice voting** this fall to elect a mayor and members of the City Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park and Recreation Board. That means you will be able to rank up to three candidates for each office.

Here's how to rank your choices on your ballot:

Make your first choice in this column



Make your second choice in this column



Make your third choice in this column



MAYOR		
Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.		
1	2	3
1st Choice	2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice	3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices
Select One	Select One	Select One
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<input type="radio"/> MINNEHAHA PARK & FALLS <small>Parks United</small>	<input type="radio"/> MINNEHAHA PARK & FALLS <small>Parks United</small>	<input type="radio"/> MINNEHAHA PARK & FALLS <small>Parks United</small>
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