



**NOTICE OF WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CEDAR HILLS
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, Utah, will hold a Work Session Meeting prior to the City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, September 1, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah. This is a public meeting, and anyone is invited to attend. The City Council will be discussing the following items:

- Ranked Choice Voting Presentation
- Noticed Agenda Items for the Regular City Council Meeting

Posted this 28th day of August, 2020

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey, City Recorder

- Supporting documentation for this agenda is posted on the city website at www.cedarhills.org
- In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Cedar Hills will make reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting. Requests for assistance can be made by contacting the City Recorder at 801-785-9668 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting
- A Closed Session may be called to order pursuant to Utah State Code 52-4-204 & 52-4-205
- The order of agenda items may change to accommodate the needs of the City Council, the staff, and the public
- This meeting may be held electronically to permit one or more of the council members or staff to participate



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What is Ranked Choice Voting?



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Voters rank the candidates in order of preference on the ballot



Voters' First Choices are counted



Does one Candidate have an Absolute Majority?

NO

YES

Re-Tally Total



Redistribute votes from eliminated candidate to voters' next choice



Eliminate last place Candidate



Count Finished

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STAY CONNECTED

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POSITIVE VOTER EXPERIENCE

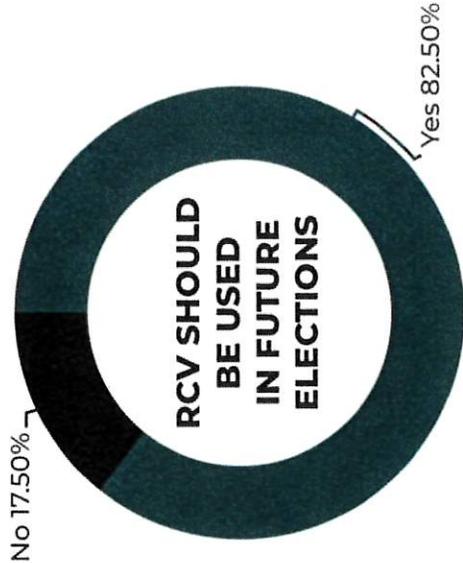
VOTERS:

86% said they found RCV "VERY MUCH" or "SOMEWHAT EASY" to use.
ONLY **4.2%** found it "NOT AT ALL" easy to use.



VOTERS:

82.5% said RCV SHOULD BE USED IN FUTURE ELECTIONS



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POSITIVE CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE

IMPRESSIONS OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

87.5% of respondents reported a positive impression of RCV.
No candidates reported a negative impression.

CONTINUING TO USE RANKED CHOICE VOTING:

75% YES **25% No Opinion**

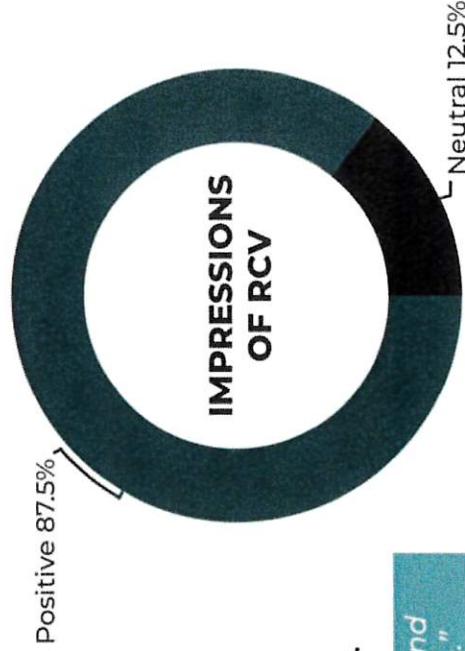
NO candidate expressed a preference for returning to the other way.

"I really like the approach and think it should be adopted by more cities."

-Payson City Candidate

"I loved it! It's easy and makes a lot of sense."

-Vineyard City Voter



Legislature encourages RCV in municipal elections



Utah lawmakers voted to commend Payson and Vineyard cities, as well as Utah County election officials, for conducting the first-ever ranked choice voting elections in state history.

In addition, legislators and the Governor officially encouraged all 249 cities and towns throughout Utah to **adopt ranked choice voting for upcoming municipal elections!**

“Ranked choice voting is something I would support.”

“I think it has advantages. If I can't be your first choice, I want to be your second choice. So I think it brings a more civil campaign and I think that's a good thing and we can concentrate really on the issues at hand.”

**- GOVERNOR
GARY HERBERT**



Why ranked choice voting?



Taxpayer savings for cities:

Taxpayers' dollars are saved by allowing the city to hold one election in November rather than two elections.

Shorter, less expensive city campaigns:

Candidates can focus on a single election in November, rather than an August primary followed by November election.

Ready for cities to implement:

ES&S, the voting equipment awarded a State of Utah contract for state funding is capable of running ranked choice voting elections.

Why ranked choice voting?



Voters more fully express their will:

Ranking their choices, voters can freely vote for the person who they most support, even if that candidate isn't favored to win. There are no wasted votes.

A winner by majority vote:

The final tally is between the top two vote getting candidates and the winner gets more than 50% of the vote.

Eliminates the spoiler effect:

Longshot candidates do not draw votes away from a candidate who is preferred by most voters.

Next Steps



Provide notice to Lieutenant Governor's Office:

1. First deadline: **January 1, 2021**
 - a. State intent to participate in the 2021 election
2. Second deadline: **April 15, 2021**



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RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN UTAH CITIES

In 2018, the Utah state legislature passed HB 35 that established a pilot in which cities can use ranked choice voting (RCV). It passed 22-0 in the senate, 67-3 in House; 11-1 in interim committee; and 7-0 in Senate Gov't Operations. Gov. Herbert signed it into law in March 2018.

In 2019, Payson City and Vineyard City used ranked choice voting in city elections. In a post election survey administered by the Utah County Clerk, 86% of respondents found RCV easy to use and 82.5% want RCV used in future elections. 71.2% of Payson voters ranked all five candidates on the ballot and 58.6% of Vineyard voters ranked all seven candidates on the ballot. 87.5% of candidates had a positive impression of RCV with no candidates having a negative impression. 75% of candidates think their city should continue using RCV with no candidates opposing it.

In 2020, the Utah Republican Party and Utah Democratic Party used RCV in their state convention and some county conventions. The Utah Republican Party surveyed delegates and over 1,100 of about 3,700 delegates responded. 72% not only liked ranked choice voting, but want to use it again to nominate candidates.

WHAT IS RANKED CHOICE VOTING?

Ranked choice voting (also known as *instant runoff voting*) has voters rank their choices, first, second, third and so on. If someone wins over 50% during the first round, that's your winner. But if no one crosses that threshold, the last place finisher is eliminated, and that candidate's supporters are reallocated to their next backup choice. That process is repeated until someone wins over 50% of the votes. RCV will be used in more than 20 U.S. cities and counties in their next election. RCV is also used statewide in Maine and by major party and government leaders in Canada, United Kingdom, and Australia. Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina use RCV ballots for military and overseas voters to permit them to participate in second-round runoff.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING & MAJORITY RULE

In 2020, Utah is having an important conversation about having elections by majority. With new paths to the primary ballot, four candidates faced off for Governor (*winner 35%*), Congressional District 1 (*winner 31%*) and Congressional District 4 (*winner 43.5%*). RCV can have Party nominees emerge as a primary majority winner.

MERITS OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Rcv Encourages Civility.

Candidates conduct more civil campaigns by addressing the issues and working to appeal to a broader spectrum of voters when they actively seeking second and third choice support from backers of other candidates.

More Robust Debate Of Issues.

To win a ranked choice voting election, a candidate reaches out to all voters in order to see first, second and third choice support. Candidates talk about issues; not only their issues, but their opponent's issues as well.

More Engaged Voters.

Voters become more informed about the candidates and issues since they have reasons to consider candidates beyond their 1st choice.

Voters More Fully Express Their Will.

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