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CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

**N.3 DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO A POSSIBLE
CHARTER/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND REPLACE RUNOFFS FOR CITY
ELECTIVE OFFICES**

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PowerPoint Presentation

RANKED CHOICE VOTING

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING
TO A POSSIBLE CHARTER/ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF RANKED CHOICE
VOTING ("RCV") AND REPLACE RUNOFFS FOR CITY
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HOW RCV WORKS

- Voter selects candidates on ballot by ranking them in order of preference
1st, 2nd, 3rd choice, etc.

City Council						
Rank up to 6 candidates.	First choice	Second choice	Third choice	Fourth choice	Fifth choice	Sixth choice
Mark no more than 1 oval in each column.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Valarie Altman Orange Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
George Hovis Yellow Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Althea Sharp Purple Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mary Tawa Lime Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Joe Li Tan Party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Phil Wilkie Independent	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

- If one candidate receives more than 50% (**50% +1 vote**) of 1st choice votes that candidate **wins**. If not, the process of elimination begins...
 - The last place candidate is eliminated;
 - Voters who chose the eliminated candidate will have their vote counted towards their next choice;
 - Tabulation **rounds** continue in same manner until one candidate receives **50% +1 vote**; that candidate **wins!**
- Brief video presentation

COST ESTIMATES FOR FUTURE RCV IMPLEMENTATION

- Print & Mail (ballots, voter information guide, postcard & postage) \$150-\$175K
- Ballot Design & Voter Tabulation Equipment \$60-\$65K
- Additional Equipment Needs (sorter/cost sharing) \$75K
- Voter Outreach - Getting the Word Out
 - ❖ Educational opportunities at City and other civic events,
 - ❖ brochures, mailers, PSA, video, and social media \$100-\$200K

RCV Implementation \$515K

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT & MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE

- City Charter Section 18.4 Majority vote: Runoff elections
 - Sect. 18.4 (A) must be amended by a vote of the people to eliminate requirement for runoff elections and adopt RCV for elective offices
- RBMC 2-2.202 Notices of runoff elections (repealed)

- **How and When**

- Two opportunities to hold a Special Election in an impending Statewide election:

June 2022 Primary – or – November 2022 General

- If approved by majority vote, the City Charter is amended to adopt RCV
- RCV effective for Redondo Beach General Municipal Election of March 2025 (suggested)

- **COST ESTIMATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTION (L.A. County Registrar)**

- June 2022 Primary: ~\$222,000 (deadline for City Council to call election is 3/11/2022)
- November 2022 General: ~\$175,000 (deadline for City Council to call election is 8/10/2022)

POTENTIAL OUTREACH ASSISTANCE & SUBSIDIZED FUNDING

- Pending Legislation
 - **S. 2929; The Voter Choice Act**, amends the Helps America Vote Act; introduced 10/5/21
 - Authorizes \$40 million in federal grants to support local and state governments transition to RCV
 - Supports **up to 50%** of transitional costs for equipment, software, ballot design, educational materials and outreach.
 - ❖ City Council Support: Council Resolution or letter to local and state representatives in support of this legislation
- RCV Promotion
 - Fairvote.org
 - California RCV Coalition
 - Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center

NEXT STEPS

- Council to direct staff to prepare for either June or November 2022 election
- Council to determine if RCV would be effective for March 2023 or March 2025 elections
- Return at mid-year to modify FY21-22 budget for increased costs
- Council to direct staff to prepare Resolution or letter to local/state representatives in support of S.2929