

“Two-Choice Instant Runoff Voting”

Sample Ballot Design with Seven Candidates

This ballot is an example of how a form of instant runoff voting (IRV) could be used on current voting equipment. Voters would be restricted to two choices, and voters’ rankings would be aggregated in pairs. Although more awkward than can be done with modern voting equipment, it shows that voting equipment is not an absolute barrier to considering adding a second choice and majority requirement to elections.

Voter instructions: Vote for one first choice candidate only. Indicate your second choice candidate or that you have no second choice by supporting your first choice in the box connected with your second choice.

First Choice **Candidate A**
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate F ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate G ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate E**
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate F ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate G ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate B**
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate F ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate G ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate F**
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate G ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate C**
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate F ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate G ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate G**
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate D ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate F ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___

First Choice **Candidate D**
With 2nd Choice Candidate E ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate A ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate B ___
With 2nd Choice Candidate C ___

With **NO** 2nd Choice Candidate ___