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# Ranked Choice Voting in DC

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Ranked choice voting (RCV) is a voting method that allows voters to rank candidates in order of their preference. In DC, RCV is used in eligible contests with three (3) or more candidates, and voters may rank up to five (5) candidates, including write-in candidates. RCV allows your vote to count towards another candidate if your first-choice candidate does not receive enough votes.

Visit [www.dcboe.org/RCV](http://www.dcboe.org/RCV) for interactive tools, practice ballots, and additional information about RCV. You can also attend voter outreach events and visit DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) for hands-on practice.

**For more information, call DCBOE at (202) 727-2525  
or email [rcv@dcboe.org](mailto:rcv@dcboe.org).**

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# How to Fill Out Your Ballot

Select your first-choice candidate by completely filling in the oval next to their name under the first column. If you have a second-choice candidate, fill in the oval next to their name under the second column. You can continue until you rank up to five (5) candidates.

## What You Should Know About Ranking Candidates:

- ★ You do not have to rank all five (5) candidates.
- ★ You can still vote for just one candidate and leave the other columns blank.
- ★ Ranking other candidates does not harm your first choice.
- ★ You can only choose one candidate for each column.
- ★ You cannot rank the same candidate more than once.
- ★ You should not skip rankings (i.e., rank first and third, but skip second).  
Two consecutive skipped rankings will make that contest inactive at the point of the two consecutive skips.
- ★ If a person you would like to vote for is not on the ballot, you can write them in and rank them.

**SAMPLE**

District of Columbia  
D Distrito de Columbia  
PRIMARY ELECTION: TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026  
ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA: MARTES, 16 DE JUNIO, 2026

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

Fill in one oval per column using black or blue ink. If you make a mistake, use for a new ballot.

You may rank candidates in order of preference. Fill in the oval next to your first choice under Choice 1. You may rank at most one candidate for your vote to count.

You may rank up to 5 candidates to vote your best, but if you ranked choices on one ballot higher-ranked ones, they are only counted if your choice is an alternative.

Do not give the same rank to multiple candidates, mark a choice more than once, or skip a rank.

To vote for a candidate written in a column, write the name in the space at the bottom of the column and fill in the oval for that rank.

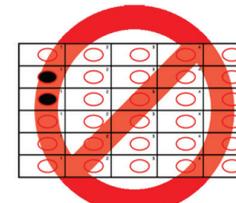
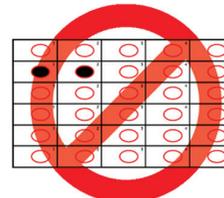
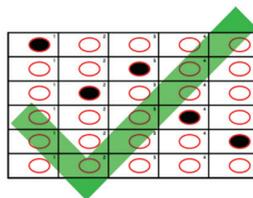
**INSTRUCCIONES PARA EL VOTANTE**

Rellenar un ovalo por columna con tinta negra o azul. Si hace un error, utilice una nueva boleta.

Puede clasificar a los candidatos por orden de preferencia. Rellenar el ovalo junto a su 1ª opción en la columna 1. Solo se contabilizará el voto si usted clasificó por lo más uno candidato.

Puede clasificar hasta 5 candidatos en total sus preferencias de 1ª a 5ª opción. Sin embargo, si usted clasificó a otros candidatos en columnas más altas de mayor preferencia, solo se tomará en cuenta la clasificación de mayor preferencia que usted marcó.

No asignar la misma clasificación a varios candidatos, no clasificar a ningún candidato más de una vez ni omitir una clasificación. Si usted clasifica en una columna, cualquier nombre en el espacio al final de la columna clasificará a menos que usted complete la fila de candidatos.



Find sample and interactive ballots at [www.dboe.org/rcv](http://www.dboe.org/rcv).

