

New York City voters have a new way to vote in primary and special elections this year!

We now have the option to rank our top five candidates in our primary & special elections for:

- Mayor
- Comptroller
- Public Advocate
- Borough President
- City Council

This gives our vote more power and gives us more voice in who our elected leaders are.

More info and sample ballots at rankthevotenyc.org.

# **2021 PRIMARY ELECTION COMING UP IN JUNE!**

EARLY VOTING: JUNE 12 - JUNE 20 ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, JUNE 22



# RANKED CHOICE VOTING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting allows voters in New York City elections to rank candidates by preference instead of choosing just one.

# How many candidates can I rank?

You can rank up to five candidates.

#### Do I have to rank five? What if I don't like five candidates?

You can rank as many as you'd like up to five candidates. If there's only one candidate you like, you can vote for them and only them. If you like only two, you can rank two, etc. While your vote is most powerful if you rank five candidates, it's up to you how many candidates to rank!

Do not rank any candidate you don't like and don't want to give a vote to.

#### How are ranked choice ballots counted?

To win, a candidate must receive a majority of the total votes (50% + 1).

After all the votes are in, the first-choice votes will be tallied. If no candidate wins a majority, the last place candidate is eliminated. Each voter whose first choice candidate was eliminated will then have their second choice pick get their vote.

The process is repeated until there is a winner of the majority of votes.

### Why did NYC change to Ranked Choice Voting?

Ranked Choice Voting makes sure that whoever is elected wins with a broad base of support and more than 50% of the vote. The winning candidate typically has strong first-choice support and receives many second and third-place votes.

# Why should I rank the candidates?

More choice, more power! Even if your favorite candidate doesn't win, you still have a say in who's elected by ranking the candidates. Ranking a 2nd, 3rd, etc. choice will not hurt your #1 candidate.

# How do I fill out my ballot?

Ranked Choice Voting is easy! Find the name of your first choice and fill in the oval next to their name in the "1st Choice" column. Then find the name of your second choice, and fill in the oval next to their name in the "2nd Choice" column, and so on. You can continue up to five.