



RAMSEY COUNTY

Please see the following videos for information on marking the ranked voting ballot and how votes are reallocated if there is no majority winner on Election Day:

<http://www.youtube.com/stpaulgov#p/a/u/1/CsyPr5CzJbc>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCtsf-cHC_E

This file contains materials that are used to educate individuals regarding ranked voting and as instruction to voters in the polls.

Ranked Voting Information (page 1 & 2) : Brochure that is currently being distributed to candidates and the public. It is also available as a door hanger and is available in Somali and Spanish.

Polling Place Handout (page 3): Handout that will be discussed with each voter as he/she enters the polling location. Voters may take this handout into the voting booth with them.

Do Not Make These Mistakes (page 4): Sign which will be posted in each voting booth. Note that it instructs the voters to obtain a new ballot if they make an error on theirs.

Ranked Voting Polling Place Layout (page 5): Layout of each polling place on Election Day

Ranked Voting Count Schematic (page 6): Layout of each table (one per ward) if ballots need to be reallocated after Election Day.

Procedure for Reallocation (page 7 & 8): Text describing step-by-step procedures for reallocating ballots if there is no majority winner on Election Day.

Ranked Voting Reallocation Summary (page 9): Spreadsheet used to record ballot counts at beginning of reallocation and after each round of reallocation.

Information is also available on our website at

http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/Ranked_Voting.htm

Ranked Voting Information

New Voting Method in 2011

In 2009, Saint Paul voters approved the Ranked Voting method to elect the mayor and members of the city council. Starting this year, voters will be able to rank up to six different city candidates in order of preference.

The Saint Paul School Board will continue to use the traditional voting method. The school board races will be located on the other side of the ballot. You may vote for up to four school board candidates.

How to Mark Your Ballot for City Council

Step 1

Pick your **first choice** by filling in the oval next to that candidate's name.

Step 2

If you have a **second choice**, fill in the oval next to that candidate. This candidate must be **different** than your first choice.

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4th choice (if any)
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Step 3

Continue this process to pick your remaining choices, if you have any. Remember that you cannot rank the same candidate more than once.

You may rank up to six choices, or the total number of candidates in the race, whichever is less.

You are not required to rank more than one candidate.

Do Not Make These Mistakes!



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If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot from an election judge.

Absentee voters may call the Elections office at **651-266-2171** to receive a new ballot.

Winning the Election

Candidates win the election by getting an absolute majority of the first choice votes cast for the office, 50% + 1, on election night. The first choice votes will be counted by voting equipment at each polling place. On election night, the vote totals will be available online at www.rcelections.org.

If no candidate gets a majority of first choice votes on election night, counting will resume on Monday, November 14.

In each round, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes, plus all other candidates who do not have a mathematical chance to win, will be eliminated. The voters' next highest choice for a candidate still in the running will be added to that candidate's vote total. Ballots that have no votes for a candidate still in the running are set aside.

The counting and reallocation continues in rounds until one candidate receives a majority of votes. If only two candidates remain and neither has received a majority of votes cast, then the candidate with the most votes is the winner.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Am I required to rank more than one candidate when voting?

A: No, you have the option to rank only one candidate.

Q: How many candidates can I rank?

A: You can rank as many candidates as are on the ballot, up to a maximum of six.

Q: Can I have more than one first choice?

A: No, you can only rank one candidate per choice.

Q: Can I rank my favorite candidate for more than one choice?

A: No, you can only rank a candidate once.

Q: Do I rank the candidates for the school board?

A: No, school board members are elected using the traditional voting method.

Q: Will I be able to rank the candidates for the 2012 state elections?

A: No, ranked voting is only used to elect candidates for Saint Paul city offices.

Q: When will we know who has won the election?

A: The winner of the election will be known on election night if a candidate gets a majority of first choice votes on Election Day. If additional counting is required, the official winner will be known no later than two weeks after the election.

For More Information Contact Us:

elections@co.ramsey.mn.us
(651)266-2171

Or Visit

www.rcelections.org



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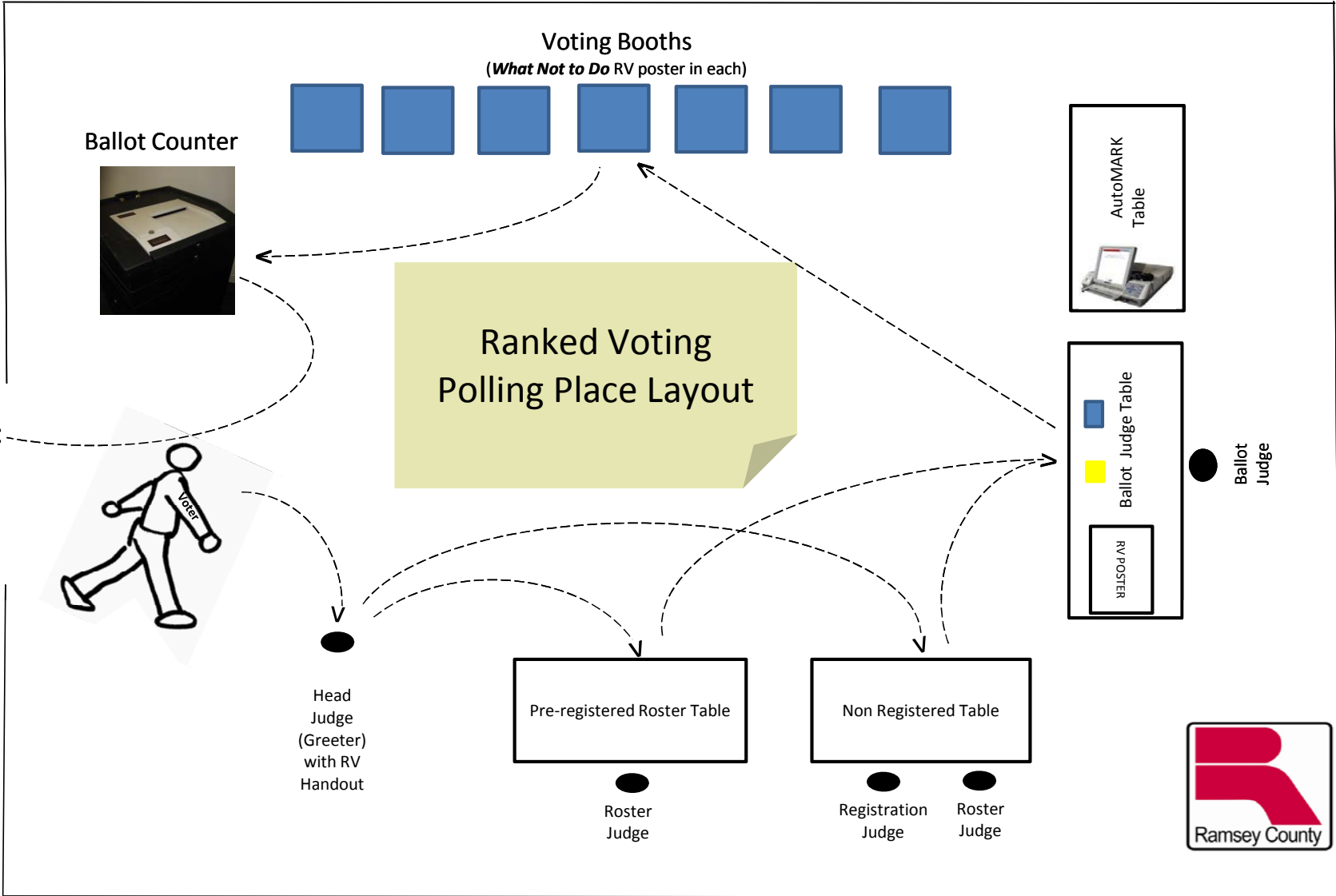
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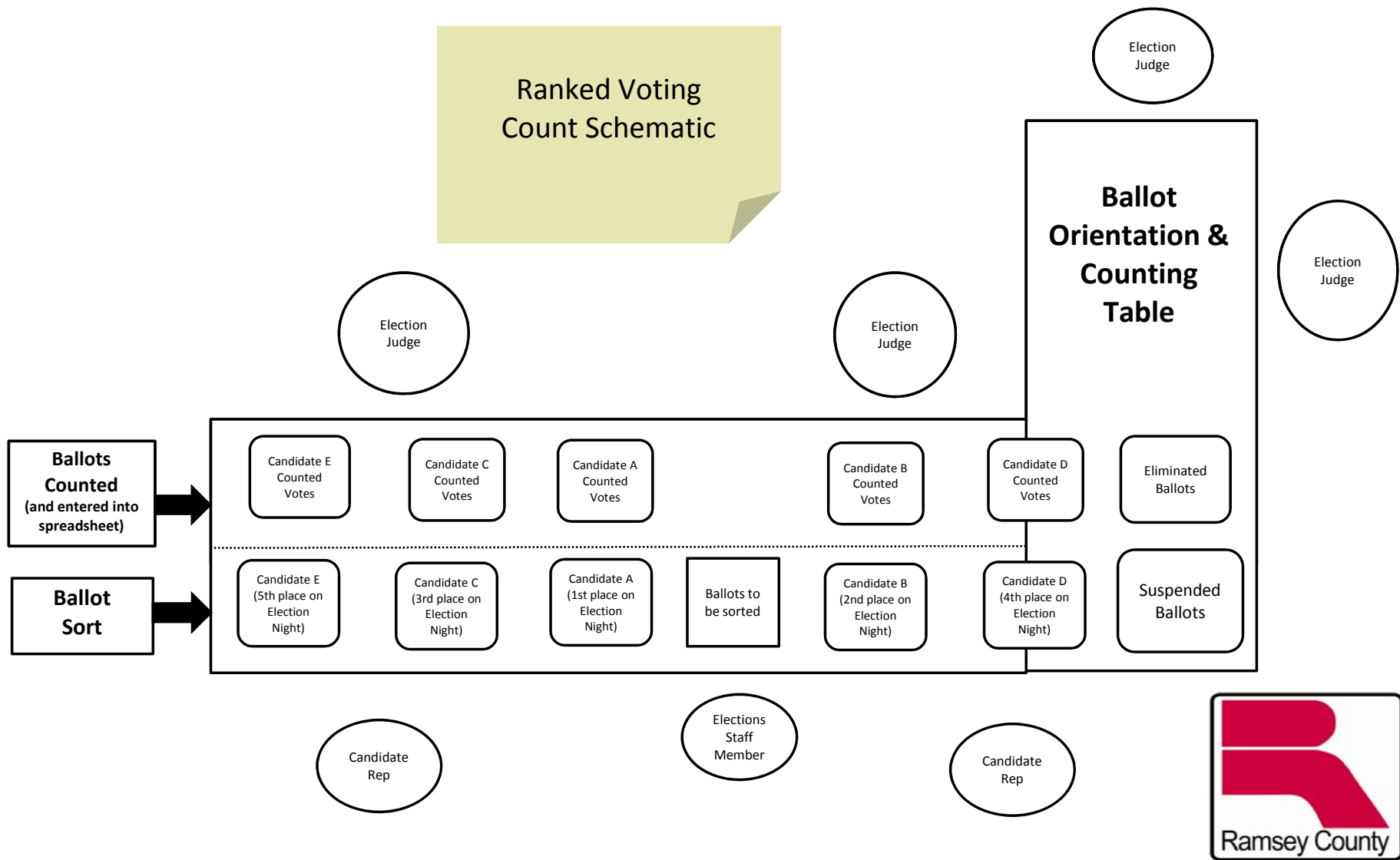
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Ranked Voting Count Schematic



Procedure for Reallocation

- A.** The reallocation will begin no later than the Monday following the general election (Monday November 14th).
- B.** Elections office assembles counting teams.
A counting team consists of:
- 1.** one staff person to sort the ballots by candidate,
 - 2.** two election judges to verify sort & count the ballots,
 - 3.** one election judge to verify that ballots that are set aside as inactive have no votes for a viable candidate on them, and
 - 4.** one election judge to record results.
- C.** One or more teams of two election judges will open the ballot transfer cases, arrange the ballots so that they are all face and top up.
- D.** The counting process is open to the public. The candidates or one designated observer per counting team may sit at the table where the ballots are being sorted/counted, but must not touch the table or any of the ballots or other materials on the table. No challenges are permitted.
- For a council race, one counting team will count all the ballots for one ward. If more than one council race needs to be counted, the same number of counting teams will be provided. For the mayor's race, seven counting teams, one per ward, will work simultaneously.
- E.** Ballots will be sorted into candidates piles based on first choice selections.
- F.** Ballots will be sorted one precinct at a time. One pile each will be created for each candidate who is still mathematically viable, with additional discrete piles for blank, overvoted and totally defective ballots, and an inactive pile for ballots containing first choice votes for nonviable candidates. The two counting judges will watch the piling process carefully to ensure that the ballots are sorted into the correct piles.

- G.** Ballots from successive precincts will be added to the piles until all ballots for a ward are piled. For the mayor's race, the ballots from all the wards will then be combined to determine citywide vote totals.
- H.** Once all the ballots for an office have been sorted into piles, the ballots in each candidate pile will be counted into groups of 25 and the total of first choice votes determined. The recording and verification judges will watch the counting process carefully to ensure that the count is 100% accurate. The vote totals will be recorded on the *Round Statement Sheet*, one of these sheets is placed on top of the counted piles, the other is given to the recording judge who will enter the vote totals into a spreadsheet for public display.
- I.** Based on the voter's first choices the counting team will determine the mathematically non-viable candidates. Ballots for the nonviable candidates will be examined to determine the voter's second choice. Each ballot will be reallocated to the candidate for whom the second choice vote was made. If the second choice vote is either for a non-viable candidate or if no second choice was made the counting team will cascade to the next viable choice. If there are no remaining viable choices on the ballot, the ballot will be placed in the inactive pile.
- J.** Determination of voter intent is made strictly from the face of the ballot, as provided in Minn. Stat. § 204C.22, subd 2.
- K.** Reallocation will occur with as many reallocations as there are viable candidates remaining in the race.
- L.** At the conclusion of each reallocation, the reallocated ballots are counted and recorded for each candidate who is still viable.
- M.** The process of reallocation continues until either a candidate's vote total reaches the target or only two candidates remain and the candidate with the most votes is the winner.

Candidate	Election Night Results- First Choice	Runoff (Hand count) Results-First Choice	Rounds											
			1		2		3		4		5		6	
			+/-	Subtotal	+/-	Subtotal	+/-	Subtotal	+/-	Subtotal	+/-	Subtotal	+/-	Subtotal
John Hancock	1598	1,598	20	1,618	222	1,840	0	1,840	0	1,840	0	1,840	0	1,840
Thomas Paine	488	488	36	524	-524	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abigail Adams	35	35	-35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benjamin Franklin	1434	1,434	68	1,502	523	2,025	0	2,025	0	2,025	0	2,025	0	2,025
Betsy Ross	714	714	37	751	-751	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander Hamilton	80	80	-80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crispus Attucks	47	48	-48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josiah Bartlett	31	32	-32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in	59	59	-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspended Ballots	N/A	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Votes Cast	4486	4,488	0	4,396	0	3,865	0	3,865	0	3,865	0	3,865	0	3,865
Inactive	18	16	92	108	531	639	0	639	0	639	0	639	0	639
Total Ballots	4504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504

	Election Night	Runoff
Target Calculations ((Total votes cast/2)+1)	2244	2245

Key:	Continuing
	Eliminated
	Winner (more than target)

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Reallocation Summary