2020 Presidential Primary/Caucus
Ranked Choice Voting Presentation

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WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY

● Be Curious
● Build Relationships
● Be Reflective
The Democratic Party of Alaska submitted plans to the DNC to use RCV in their primary.

The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee approved state plans for RCV.

April 4th 2020: The Alaska Democratic Party will use RCV for the first time!
WHERE IS RCV USED NOW?
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- Over 50 U.S. colleges and universities use ranked choice voting to elect student government officers.
- Dozens of NGOs and membership organizations use RCV to choose their leadership.
HOW WILL RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORK IN AK?

VOTERS RANK CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF CHOICE

- 1st Choice: The candidate you love.
- 2nd Choice: The candidate you like.
- 3rd & 4th Choice: The candidate you like slightly less but still like.
- 5th Choice: The candidate you can stand.
Other “Ranked Choice Decisions”

- Where should we go out to eat?
- What movie should we go see?
- What car should I buy?
HOW WILL RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORK IN AK?

How many do I rank?

Up to 5 candidates. As many or few as you like.
HOW WILL RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORK IN AK?

Do I have to rank all 5?

No. Your vote is still valid even if you only rank one or a couple of candidates.
Can I rank a candidate more than once?

It doesn’t help your favorite candidate to rank them more than once.
HOW WILL RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORK IN AK?

Does it hurt my favorite candidate to have a second choice?

No. Your next choices will only count if your 1st choice is defeated.
### How It Works

Vote smarter with Ranked Choice Voting

Here are the candidates!

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HOW IT WORKS
Round 1 - Only First Choices

- Sasha Salmon: 12
- Marco Moose: 11
- Sam Seal: 35
- Hannah Halibut: 8
- Carla Caribou: 14
- Gary Goose: 20
HOW IT WORKS
Round 2 - Hannah Halibut is eliminated
HOW IT WORKS
Round 2 - Marco Moose is eliminated
After all ballots are counted statewide, candidates will earn their proportional share of delegates based on the percentage that each candidate received in the final round.
Do not vote for any candidate more than once. Your vote for that candidate will be counted only one time.
**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Do not vote for more than one candidate per choice.
How does RCV change elections for voters?

- Less Strategic Voting
- No spoilers!
- Allows for new voices and perspectives
- Builds consensus
What do we need from you?

● Talk to your friends!
● Talk to your neighbors!
● Talk to local groups!
● Who else needs to know?

TAKE SOME FLYERS WITH YOU!
**February 19th:** A mailing that explains how to vote early or in-person will be sent to all registered Democrats.

**March 24th:** Postmark deadline for mail-in ballots.

**Saturday April 4th:** In person voting will take place from 10am to 2pm.
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

www.alaskademocrats.org
www.AlaskaRCV2020.org
THANK YOU!