

# Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Survey FULL REPORT

Survey Topic Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Survey Period Dec 02, 2021 - Dec 21, 2021

Report Date Jan 19, 2022

#### Methodology

- Utilized the Qualtrics Research Core Platform to collect and analyze responses.
- Survey participants were solicited via email from the Citizen Connect Demographic Pool and from social media.
- Responses were collected from December 02, 2021 December 21, 2021.
- 2,579 total responses.
- 28% of responses came from the Citizen Connect Panel, and 72% came via an anonymous link that was advertised on social media, a postcard, the city website and our city notify system (email and text).
- We did not perform any cross analyses based on demographic data, as all respondents were not from our Citizen Connect Demographic pool.
- Respondents were prevented from taking the survey more than once, however this can be circumvented by savvy participants clearing their browser cookies, switching to a different web browser, or using a different device.
- Text responses are copied and pasted verbatim as entered by respondents, so there may be spelling and grammatical errors in free text responses. Vulgar words were redacted.

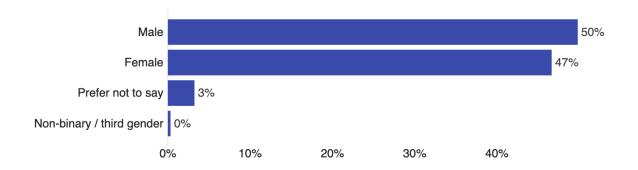


### Response Breakdown

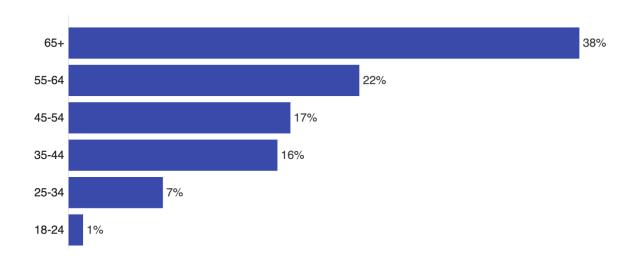


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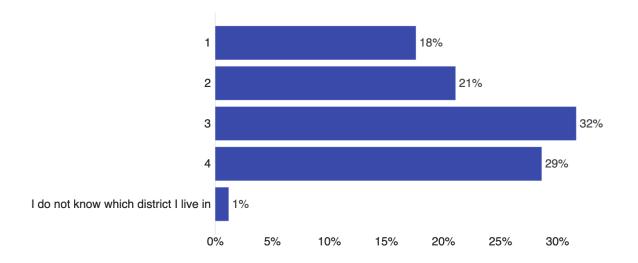
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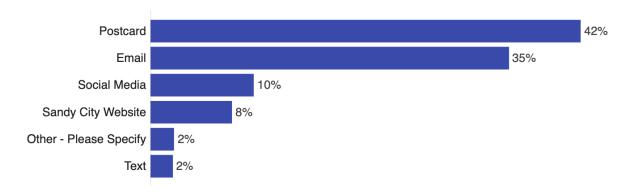
#### Please select your age group.



#### Please select which City Council District you live in.



#### How did you hear about this survey? (Select all that apply)



- Utility bill
- next door ap
- I heard from many sources I can't remember specifics
- read in The Journal
- Radio
- Friend
- Meeting
- Post card
- friend
- Friend
- SL Tribune
- mailer

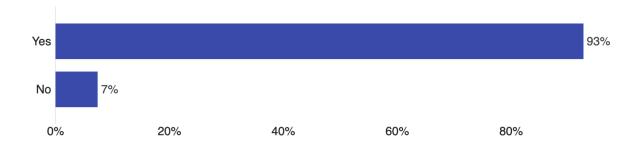


- Friends and family
- With ballot
- mailed ballot
- from the ballot
- TV news
- a friend
- When I received ballot to vote
- Stumbled upon it looking for another item, saw this survey and thought I would fill it out because I hated RCV so much this year!!!
- Mail
- Pandora
- **US Mail**
- Family member
- Email text social media
- Friend
- People
- Word of mouth
- News
- Notified by another resident
- A former state senator told us about it.
- Sandy Now newspaper.
- A neighbor called it to my attention
- Nextdoor
- Friend
- Emailed to me
- You sent it to me. I signed up to receive info
- SandyNow! email
- Wray's email
- Journal
- Nextdoor app
- Nextdoor
- I sign ed up to participate in surveys a number of years ago.
- New Mayor informed me through her newsletter
- You sent it to me
- Sandy Notify
- Brooke christiansen
- Newsletter
- Spouse
- Family
- Attached to Sandy Now Newsletter E-mail
- Sandy newsletter
- sandy now



- Sandy Now
- Sandy newsletter
- Newspaper
- SandyNow! December
- It was discussed in city council
- Sandy Now News

## Did you vote in the 2021 Sandy Municipal Election (Mayoral AND/OR Council Election)?

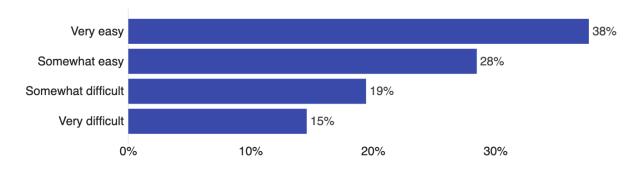




<sup>\*\*</sup>The respondents who answered yes to the above question were the only ones who were asked the following questions.\*\*

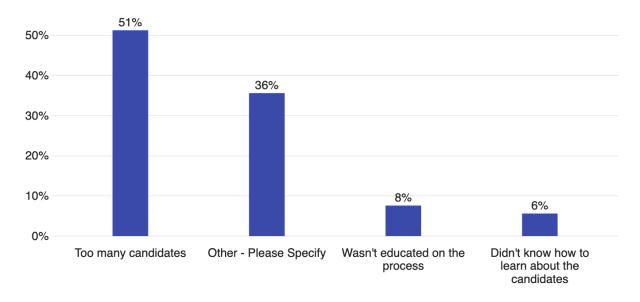
## Only those who DID vote in the 2021 Sandy Municipal Elections answered the following questions.

#### How did you find the process of using Ranked Choice Voting?



The respondents who answered somewhat difficult and very difficult to the above question were only asked the next question.

#### Why did you find it difficult?



- All the above
- What happened to the primary?
- Too many candidates and not enough voters. Too much apathy. The mayoral candidate that
  won had a huge following. Better to have this big of an election on an even year. RCV not so
  bad. Just very frustrating. Took a while to learn. If people knew who was going to win in the end



they would have voted for all the candidates. People didn't u sweat and how important it was to rank all the candidates. Not happy with the outcome. Frustrating experience.

- Felt like the system was being manipulated. Less trust established
- Dislike it think it is the stupid thing
- CONFUSING. I WAS EDUCATED IN THE PROCESS BUT MOST OF MY FRIENDS WERE NOT.
- Most candidates websites were donation sites and their positions were not clear or buried after asking for donations.
- Much more complexity than is required for the voting process. I think that we need to stick with the original way we've always voted; 1 vote per candidate of our choice.
- The process is stupid
- If visability and transparency has any value, this system has no value to you. When I vote I want to vote for one person. If you like voting a little bit here and a little bit there, lets have 3 mayors where one mayor has a great amount of decision making and the other 2 a lesser amount of influence. That's why we have primaries to sift out the levels of a little bit here and a little bit there so that the people like me have a choice when we vote. The majority of the people did not have any say in this election.
- Don't like this process, see no reason to change how we have voted for over 200 years.
- Not constitutional!!! The founding fathers got it right. Don't mess with it!
- Prefer a primary
- It was too confusing
- Too much time and effort to try and rank each candidate, when the information on their views and history was almost non-existent on any web site.
- It took more work to investigate them all to decide which ones I felt good about.
- could not even find out their party affilation. totally crap systemn. a system that almost totally assures "he who spends the most money wins" George Soros must love this system. How Well is That working out around the rest of the Country.
- It just took a long time to rank all of the choices. I believe it took me about 2 hours to complete because it wasn't just the top choice but who was second, third, etc...
- I had to talk with some of the candidates to find out that not all running had to receive a ranking as well as too many canidates
- Should only have to vote for 1 person
- We needed a primary to have an opportunity to see more about the candidates.
- Voting is an important process that shouldn't be experimented on or manipulated with. Bureaucrats and politicians need to protect our votes and stop buying into voting fads.
- Instructions weren't very clear on how the process works.
- No decent explanation of the effects of different voting options. Saying, 'you can vote for only one if you want', is misleading. It is much more than just voting in a specific order, it is how many you vote for - or don't vote for, as well as the order.
- One person, one vote. Ranked choice allows obscure candidates to win more easily without a mandate.
- No party affiliations allow. Ridiculous.
- Didn't understand how my 2nd choice could overthrow my first.
- When there's one distinct candidate that you want to vote for, it made it very cumbersome to have to go and rank other candidates that were equally distasteful.



- One person = one vote
- All of the above.
- Candidates should be elected considering every ones first choice. Selecting between several bad candidates is rediculious
- Wasn't educated, too many candidates, why didn't I get a chance for vote in a primary to limit
- It is confusing. We have a primary. We select two candidates to run against each other. We gave a final vote with one winning candidate. Ranked choice is full of fraud and deception Easily manipulated. Bad idea.
- Too many candidates, understand the process and don't agree with it. I prefer to have 1 vote and feel like my vote is cast for the best candidate, not the 3rd ranked best that got the most votes
- I did not feel like the method provided an equitable method for choosing the candidate I felt was the best choice.
- The information available on the candidates both on-line and printed advertising did not really inform the voter very well. I also prefer to know the candidates' political party. I would like to get rid of the nonpartisan voting.
- Voters did not get a choice. We had to accept the Ranked choice voting method which was chosen by the council and not the people.
- I did not like the RCV ballot. It was a waste of time. It is more for the candidate than the voter. Lets have one vote for one candidate and forget about the RCV ballot. I did not like the rating......
- Candidates party affiliations were not indicated. Hard to know who is liberal and who is conservative. Also, I was told that if we didn't fill in all the rankings that the ballot wouldn't count at all. I'm sure that resulted in confused people getting their ballot discarded.
- Horrible system! Result takes forever, no assurance that winner would have won in conventional voting. RCV is a California thing; is that our model now?
- Confusing instructions. Overall, we prefer voting for one person for each office
- Too hard to have to become educated on each candidate!
- Too many candidates; required research on all running to see if they aligned with my values; consequently not enough research to be satisfied correct person could/would win. It is not a system for an informed electorate but similar to high school cheerleading tryouts. I coul go on for making additional points if I thought there would be thoughtful consideration
- I like to learn about each candidate, which I did, but it felt very cumbersome to me.
- Didn't want to rank candidates. I preferred one candidate and the others were all equally distasteful.
- The whole thing is a pain in the XXX. Also, you ever figure out that the #2 joyce can win based on variations of votes. Go back to primary and majority wins.
- Many candidates, researching each of them difficult, finding out party affiliation nearly impossible, I put in the effort and studied the candidates and still was not happy. Voted ONLY one or to candidates.
- stupidist form of voting i've ever seen
- Lack of vetting of candidates.
- confusing
- Not given very clear instructions
- A stupid idea... trying to 'fix' a long established voting system that is not broken. So here is a novel idea, candidate with the most votes Wins!
- Too many candidates and RC made no difference as the leader in each district still won after all the



- choices were divided up
- Too many candidates to research and rank. Rank choice may be good for primaries but less than optimal for final election
- Was not happy that the city changed the voting process without input from the citizens. I want to only vote for one candidate per position.
- Ranked voting is unfair. Vote for. One canidate should only be voted for. I find ranked voting makes an unfair process. I hope Sandy does not use ranked voting again.
- Prefer the primary / caucus process.
- Did nor have enough information
- Call me old fashioned. It was stupid, took too long to announce winner and if you had to recount, was pushing a button the way to do it? Assinine. And, no I wasn't affiliated with any candidate-I just stay informed.
- too complicated to rank candidates. You have ones you like and ones you don't. Vote for the one you agree with the most. The rest is over-complicating voting, something we shouldn't ever do. Voting should be easy and convenient. This requires unnecessary steps and is time consuming.
- Confusing, educational materials not clear, no clear rules for "recount" or close election, votes tallied BEFORE all votes in. Those votes that cam in after election were only counted for two top vote getters. Disenfranchised voters who voted "late".
- Don't like ranked voting.
- Would like to know better what is their affiliation ie republicans, democrats, independents but unable to find out, also information on where each stand on issues ie gender, gun, ranked choice, speech rights just to name a few.
- It was confusing and I felt forced to vote for people I did not want to vote for.
- Would like to go back to standard way of voting. Whoever gets most ballots wins. I don't like having to pick more than one person. Don't know enough about do many candidates.
- I knew my first choice but didn't like having to figure out choices after that. It's a stupid system.
- Parties were not listed for candidates. I had to do searching on my own to find out how the candidates vote.
- 6-7 people had no right to decide to use it for thousands of voters. I hope they lose their jobs!
- I did not like it at all. It was the worst way to vote! I will never vote by ranking candidates!!!
- No clear party declaration
- not knowing the candidates party affiliations
- Why should I have to give a partial vote to a candidate I dont like and I feel like candidate I wanted was short changed.
- I don't want to be forced to vote for candidates I don't like. This process forced me to do so taking away my choice and making the voting process less appealing.
- If I changed my mind, it was challenging to make the ballet reflect my choices.
- I am upset that we as a people of Sandy were not given the chance to do this survey before the election and it was shoved on us! It is unconstitutional of Utah or sandy to change voting rules before the election. You guys didn't do you due diligence and there was no need to change how we have been voting!
- Results took to long. Gives appearance of being corrupted voting method
- It was just confusing



- Very confusing process
- All of the above
- Go back to the primary system
- Took too long to know results. Everybody seemed confused. There is so much confusion and change going on in the world right now why change this process now?
- It was difficult to find out party affiliation about the candidates. That's not everything but it matters! Also, it's difficult, to rank candidates from who I like the most to who I like the least. It's much easier deciding who I think is best and then have that be my choice. If there's a run off, then so be it. It seems like there is more room for election fraud in the ranked choice and I don't trust it at all! Who dictated this is how we are doing elections. It's very suspicious!
- **Bad format**
- I disagree with the format.
- Too many candidates and frankly not enough information about them online to make a proper decision. Just because San Francisco and New York uses the system doesn't make it good. The primary system is much better
- The process was confusing plus the number of candidates. 8 choices to rank! Come on!!!
- Just don't like it. You pick the candidate you like and vote for the. You usually know in a short period of time WHO on
- Too many candidates all peddling the same what they think you want to hear message. Absolutely ridiculous popularly contest. Now we get approximately 20% of population represented bad idea
- Difficult to use
- We searched but were unable to find helpful information about candidates, their positions on specific issues, and how they would govern. There were no "debates" we could attend - only one we learned about the night after it happened.
- Please, please get rid of the voting system. Bring back the primaries so that there is a much easier voting system.
- I don't feel that this way of voting is American. A preliminary vote is much better since it eliminates candidates not wanted. It is worth the money and time. Ranked voting is not fair because if the 3rd candidate who gets the most votes they win when they are only the 3rd chosen. This voting way is ridiculous and wrong. This way the vote between the 2 winning candidates was only 23 votes. Too close for comfort. I have spoken to many people who did not like it and others from other towns who thought it was ridiculous also. Since the nation is so divided we need more normal procedures are needed- same as previous years. I also did not like how it was decided on- fast by council without public input. Most of us were very disappointed.
- Very cumbersome and when I vote I vote for the person I believe most capable to do the job. I do not think an election should be more like a popularity contest. I want to vote for one person and know on the day of the election who has won.
- Terrible idea to rank candidates. Pick one
- Why do we have a ranking system? Very stupid. And why would we copy what Minnesota and San Fran do? San Fran is a trainwreck dumpster fire.
- It was very confusing and just a terrible idea. Primary voting works great. Don't fix what isn't broken. RCV voting should not be an option
- Really didn't know to much about candidates. Tried to find political party info multiple times. Never



really found out what candidates stood for. I was just guessing after the top 2-3 candidates. Primary's narrow it down so we have a educated pick.

- Need to go back to regular voting one person one vote and call it good. Rank Choice is not a good option.
- Too many choices to be made. Need to just vote for the candidate I want.
- All of the above
- Not completely sure of how to vote for the same candidate in run off column s
- Stupid process and undemocratic
- Having to learn about all of the candidates to rank in order
- Stupid idea
- The point in a election it to see how each one react to questions and each other in debate so we the people can make good choices on who represents us rank voting take that away
- Was not good....confusing and stupid!
- To much to do to vote. When people really only want one person.
- I will tell my elected government
- I didn't get to vote for who I wanted.
- It is a stupid way to vote. And look at the mess it made, with Sandy not knowing for sure who had won. The was also no posting of the number of votes each candidate got,
- It's dumb. Just vote for who you want to be done with it
- This will lead to Fraud more Fraud and I won't participate in something that is pure Fraud. I voted for 1 candidate. That is what we should be doing.
- All of the above and being forced to use a voting system I had no say in
- Too much extraneous information with too many candidates!
- Quit playing so many games. Go back to the regular way of voting. I talked with many other people rank voting and they are very unhappy. You guys didn't even ask for our imput
- Couldn't find out all of the candidates political affiliation.
- I did not like the ranked choice voting
- Too much information to have to look up at the same time. Too many candidates to get the top candidate.
- The process was not disclosed upfront. I could not learn about the history, party or affiliation of any candidate. This is a must, while I don't vote party line, when all you hear is platitudes it helps to understand which party a candidate is affiliated with to better understand who they are and what they represent. This was a major fail and miss to full transparency and disclosure of who or what you are to vote for making the process less desirable, more uninformed and even hidden from view.
- I hated it. I'd rather have a primary and narrow things fown
- I don't agree with the methodology. If there is a run off, I want to vote again.
- It's a terrible system that should have never been implemented
- Not well presented to public. Cloudy how we got involed and no public input.
- It was difficult for me to do because I do not agree with ranked choice voting.
- Didn't like it
- I HATE TO USE THE WORD "STUPID" BUT IT WAS A STUPID BALLOT. I JUST VOTED FOR THE ONE I WANTED. IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE WHY YOU WOULD WANT MY 2ND CHOICE.
- Candidates did not put out enough information on their positions



- Adequate detailed information about each candidate was necessary but not available.
- One man, one vote. Just say NO to tanked choice voting.
- I just want to vote for one thing not have to decide who ranks 1st, 2nd and so forth.
- There were way too many candidates for mayor and it was difficult to research each of them to make the best decision. Trying to rank them is very time consuming. I prefer the old method of a primary.
- Could figure out definitely who we wanted to win and who we definitely didn't want. Inbetween? "Twas a pain!
- Too many candidates, not enough information about them, seemed very difficult to vote.
- around with the voting process. Paper ballots and if someone doesn't vote that's their right.
- Combination of some of the other answer choices. The process wasn't explained well enough leading up to election, difficult to make it to public town hall meetings, too many candidates to research their views, I want to see party affiliation for ALL candidates.
- When I know who I want it's difficult to Rank the others
- Only voted for one person did not like the this new process.
- The ranking is inefficient. Just have me pick one name and stop adding complexity to this process.
- It seemed me some politician thought this scheme up and got the city to go along with it. Probably cost the taxpayers lots of money. BTW why don't you disclose the price to the citizens. I totally dislike the rank system. One Vote One Choice.
- Difficult to get meaningful info on all of the candidates. Their websites did not declare their political leanings, did not give their voting records if they had one, was vague about their intent of how they planned to 'run' their administration. Mostly they all simply were saying 'Vote for me - see my wonderful smiling family - trust me because I am a nice person.' It felt like a popularity contest among Middle School Electioneers!
- Totally antithetical to a fair voting process. Not set up to elect the best candidate whereas the primary process at least offers the opportunity to better get to know the final candidates.
- Stupid Idea
- Too many candidates. Too confusing to think about too many candidates. Don't understand what was the problem with having a primary in the first place.
- It is not reasonable to expect voters to line up candidates and rank them. The average voter can a decision of whom he likes the best and can live with the candidate who receives the most votes.
- I don't care to rank each candidate. Takes too much effort.
- Flawed process
- This is the stupidest idea in a long line of stupid ideas this city council and mayor (eye brows) have collaborated on. There was so much "muddying" of the voting process and candidates that voters became confused and we became the laughing stock of the state. Just fire yourselves already.
- Its a terrible system, it favors incumbent candidates because they'll get upvoted with the rank system where they wouldn't get any votes otherwise if we picked a different candidate.
- Still irritated that Sandy pushed it through
- Too complicated
- Idiotic idea! Make no sense! Stupid! Insulting!
- Every time you change something it makes it more difficult to understand the process. It seems to me that there would be much more room for error the way you have set it up and would be much easier to



manipulate I do not care for it you get one choice why do you fix things that are not broken unless you are trying to fix them in your favor do not like it very unhappy

- I don't think very few people truly understand the process.
- I want to vote for my one candidate that I have chosen. I think RCV makes it hard to vote in the candidate we want.
- I like a primary so we get to know the final two better
- It just makes voting complicated. When there are so many candidates running it is hard to stay informed on all of them. I would rather just pick one. I think RCV will make voters less likely to vote.
- Don't like RCV
- Complexity favors the well connected. RCV is a scam! Return to the foundation of paper ballots! Shame on Sandy City Council!!!
- If the city Council thinks it's the best decision for Sandy to have rank choice voting then they should pony up the monies to have multiple debates providing the citizens an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and it certainly shouldn't be hosted by private enterprise that looks too monetize and or control the outcome of the debates. In Instance they required citizens voters to sign up in advance to attend the debate. Debates should always be in a public environment if necessary first come first serve I highly resent the data collection and data mining of my personal information just so I can learn about the candidates frankly I'm highly offended
- The ranking system is not productive for voting. It was very confusing how to fill out the card and I believe many people did not vote because the idea behind the method is not productive. We need to vote for one person and let that person serve. If there is a tie, then let a run-off vote occu.
- I don't like these changes. I think it crates vote outcome fraud. I believe when the people vote they should choose the one candidate they have selected For the position they are running for.
- too confusing, too much work and to screwy.
- I believe the voting process in the United States of America should be to vote for 1 candidate and not have to rank best to worst.
- This is un American
- It really wasn't difficult not sure why you did away from the Primaries. Too many candidates and had to read up on each one. Very cumbersome. If this continues I will stop voting
- Actually, it wasn't difficult, it was just stupid. I prefer the primary way and always will.
- It wasn't difficult. Just stupid.
- Felt that there was no way to have any transparency. So, it felt like I was trying to game it vs just one vote for one person. I HATE RCV!!! In the end, I was so frustrated with it that I decided to only vote for one person.
- No traceability for voters then adding action on the website after the voting seemed too easily manipulated. One vote one person. On paper, lots of pill watchers. Our society is in sharp decline, trust in govt and institutions is low. Changing the rules like "rank choice voting" is part of the reason with.
- Literature associated with the voting form was confusing. Had to utilise other websites in order to be educated.
- Does not comport with the U.S. Costitution one person, one vote parameters.
- Everyone and his dog was on the ballot. It was awful. No opportunity to see the two best candidates go head to head
- I had no idea this was coming. I really see no value in it unless you change the process to where a



- candidate must win more than 50% to win (eg Georgia).
- I do not like voting for more than 1.!!!
- Difficult to rank candidates. Too many with similar qualifications.
- Didn't want ANY of the candidates except one.
- I don't believe that the process is proper nor fair to the voter. This is not one person one vote, it is a dilution.
- This eliminates primaries and makes it difficult for me to understand what the candidates really stand for. Websites dont meet the need for public debate.
- Hated it and it makes no sense. Bring back normal voting.
- I would rather know the candidates and vote for just one per option.
- I didn't like voting for those I didn't want.
- Had to do a lot of research to find out what each candidates political leaning is. Republican, Democratic, Independent ext. I would prefer their political leaning would be listed on the ballet. Also really dislike the fact that this system of voting could eliminate my vote all together.
- I don't like my vote going to someone I didn't vote for.
- I would rather not use alternative voting methods like ranked choice or approval voting. I would rather pay any additional cots to keep our voting as one person one vote.
- I am concerned about possible manipulation under this process.
- I studied this long before we "tried" it. It is a step toward Democracy vs Constitutional Republic. It has been promoted by those who, ultimately, are interested in terminating the Electoral College. It is despicable.
- Wasn't educated in the process, too many candidates. This process is wrong and counting complications could really skew the results. I decided to vote for only one candidate, and it did not go well.
- The winner and the runner up were my 2nd and 3rd choice votes. I should have just voted for ONE candidate instead of helping someone I didn't want to get into office.
- It was too time consuming to figure out which one you liked in an order. I didn't see the point. I voted for who I thought was best. It seems like that should be enough.
- It was cumbersome for the voter to decide how to rank all of the candidates instead of endorsing one candidate.
- I only vote for one person, this liberal crap doesn't fly here!
- I was never informed of how this voting system was implemented, until it came in the mail. Sandy City residents should have voted whether we wanted RCV.
- I hated this. How do we get rid of it? I don't have one acquaintance that liked it. Hated it.
- The information about candidates and what they stood for online was not very informative. I really had no way to find out more. Also there were way too many candidates.
- Ranking everyone seemed like a waste of time. Felt like voting for someone I don't want to vote for.
- I wanted to pick the lesser of two evils. You took that away from me.
- First of all I was not educated on the process. Second of all up until the day before the election, I did not know what political party they were representing. Yes there is a difference in VALUES! Third is the fact that it's like throwing a dart at a dart board while being blindfolded. Wherever the dart hits, that's what you're stuck with. It's basically a crock of s#it!
- RCV dilutes/disenfranchises a voter's vote after 1st round. It is not one person one vote. Many groups complain of voter ftinance law or rooting for majority win & other voting influences, but nothing about



- doing away with one person one vote syste. RCV is just another push to establish an alternate voting method as a strategy to cancel out the establoished one person one vote principle.
- It was stupid there was only one person I wanted and I did not want to choose anyone else
- Too many candidates! BUT also the process was more difficult if you only wanted one candidate and couldn't vote 8 times for that candidate. Call me old school but from everyone I've talked with Ranked voting is a NO!!!
- It was just more confusing than anything really
- The whole process is unnecessarily complicated, not readily understandable in the permutations of possible outcomes and separates the voter from a clear understanding of his vote. Also, it is a process that cannot be readily audited. Very bad idea.
- I knew who I was going to vote for well before election day, and only wanted to vote for those specific persons. I hated that I had to take time to learn about every single candidate before voting.
- Didn't know how my vote would actually turn out effecting who go elected.
- Hard to find any info about how to do. Do you vote for all? Do you leave some blank? I had to do lots of research that I imagine most people wouldn't do
- Was not educated on the process. It was rushed. too many candidates that made it hard to really know who was running.
- Had much difficulty getting information on the candidates.
- I do not want to rank people. That takes a lot of research time. I want to find the candidate I like and vote for them.
- This was a mess not enough info way to many candidates for this process. Have a general election then have two candidates on the final ballet Have no idea where our ranked votes beyond 1-2 wenr did they go to the other candidates this was the dumbest idea you have ever had
- Rank choice not user friendly
- Very difficult to learn where each candidate stood on various issues. Why are you asking us NOW whether we liked RCV???? WHY didn't you ask us BEFORE???
- I want to pick the one candidate I want, I dont want second best choice.
- All of the options above, but also because it wasn't clear to me exactly how my vote would be counted and if I only voted for one or a just a few what impact that would have on my vote
- I hate rank voting.
- Instead of just deciding on my favorite person, I had to think about who's my next favorite and why, and my next favorite and my next favorite...
- I don't like it.
- Too confusing for people to understand
- . Until non-partisan primaries statewide with the top two candidates moving forward this is just another diversion from getting it right!
- Even though it forced a more informed process, I found the results poor and don't have confidence in the outcome. I also found out that if you didn't rank all candidates, the ballot was eliminated.
- WAY TO COMPLICATED. I only wanted to vote for 1 not rank people I didn't think were even qualified to run.
- Trying to learn about each candidate to differentiate them so I could rank them took more time than I felt was worthwhile. I had one candidate that I really liked but I had to spend time learning in detail about the other candidates so I could figure out the 2d, 3rd, etc. choices



- Many candidates and took time to understand the process
- RCV is fundamentally erroneous. It diminishes the meaning of the peoples votes and suppresses the desire of the citizens to vote because their vote no longer matters the way it should. The majority should win the election not a partial scale that is additive until 50 percent is reached.
- It is simply a stupid system. It has no advantages over the normal voting method and many disadvantages.
- I was surprised this was the voting method for an important election.
- wasn't advised of the outcome process....I expect a run off to lead to a majority acceptance of any candidate
- Makes no sense to me when we should be voting for the single best candidate for the job. I don't care about ranking my losers... Waste of time.
- I feel this process is to benefit one political party over another party. I can not explain why, but if the old system of voting for one person only is no longer any good, then this new process is to game the system and get in canidates that would not have won with out this ranked system. It should be call Rigged System. change it back to one vote only, this way the person with the most votes win.I mean does not that make sense. I am assuming this Ranked system was developed and pushed by the democratic party?
- Ranked voting is another way of unfair elections. I am not in favor of it. I am very against it.
- There wasn't enough shared about the candidates. I couldn't attend the debate that was later put on youtube and the sound was so bad on youtube that I couldn't hear most of it. Don't give yourself credit that the average citizen had ways to learn about the candidates. They did not. This was poorly handled from the vote to have it forward. If the city decides to do something like this, it's on them to make sure we have what we need to vote. It's all on you!
- I didn't like voting for someone who could possibly win. Ranked voting thins out voting.
- It was so stupid. My husband and I only liked one candidate. The rest were horrible. We ended up only voting for one candidate.
- To confusing trying to make sure I only voted once for each candidate. Took to long.
- Didn't fully understand nor approve of the process. Also, no party affiliation was announced with this
- Mist people didn't understand how their votes were being redistributed. I think this firm if voting is not a good choice
- It should be a single vote!
- The process was confusing, information about candidates, especially 2nd, 3rd, etc was hard to find, the results were delayed and I do not trust a social experiment to elect our leaders. Terrible job, Sandy Council.
- Ridiculous
- This should not have been decided by the city. It MUST go on the ballot and voted on by the VOTERS.
- Disagree with this process
- I thought it was an unnecessary amount of brain damage.
- Kept being told I had to rank all candidates, even the ones I disdain. Turned out that wasn't true.
- I felt the decision was rushed and didn't give people time to learn or understand RCV.
- Ridiculous way to vote!
- All of the above. Too many candidates, the process was confusing and NOT explained well. I think



Zoltanski only won because she was at the top of a very long list. She didn't get the majority by a longshot. For a long time, I couldn't even find out who the candidates were because you didn't list them (and certainly never their party affiliations). This was a horrific disaster of monumental proportions. Now we're stuck with a liberal as mayor.

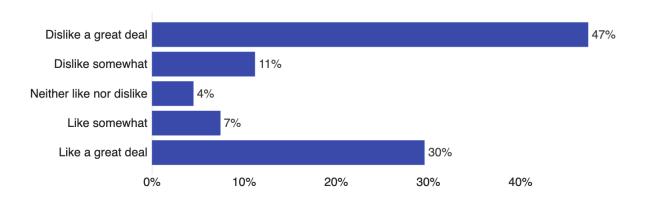
- Wasn't educated on the process and there were too many candidates.
- I do not like RCV. All candidates sound the same and they don't give opinions because they want to be ranked.
- Hard to know exactly how things would be tabulated.
- Tedious process, having to take the time to rank those you don't even know. Would be better to just vote for who you want and not number them.
- Its a joke because I only wanted to vote for one candidate not a ranking.
- Candidates didn't put forth enough information on them self.also how was Monica Z at the top of the list? I find it suspicious
- Don't approve of #2 becoming #1 based on RCV. Thankfully, this time, #1 remained #1. Let's just vote.
- Very difficult to try & educate myself on so many candidates!
- The council made the choice without letting the voters make the change. Many people were very unhappy with this change shoved down our throat.
- I will start voting for one two not all We dont need rank people wouldnt vote for Silly idea
- Felt like there was no reason to reinvent the wheel. City didn't do a great job of education. Found what I could, but still don't see the benefit. Ballot itself became somewhat confusing. Guessing 50 people would tell me its the best thing ever in electing good candidates at the same time 50 other people would tell me the exact opposite. Just seems like a shiny new toy.
- This is a system to vote in a candidate with a minority vote.
- I had to evaluate ALL of the candidates in order to rank them, as opposed to just voting for my top choice.
- Kind of all of the above. Too many candidates that I didn't know much about.
- This was a horrible process! I only chose one person and I am not sure how this change makes elections easier/better.
- Party affiliation of each candidate was not listed therefore I had to guess if they were republican or democrat. Yes, it does matter!
- Stupid Concept never should have been used keep the progressive BS out of our elections
- It was only difficult because the 'winner' could easily be a lower ranked choice. Is that really the best candidate?
- I had a great dislike for this voting system.
- Unclear how the rank choice system works. I know how to vote, but there are many ways to tabulate and eliminate candidates using a RCV system. I like to get more info on candidates who make it past the primary. RCV spreads campaign donations too thinly to have an opportunity to learn about the candidates.
- A regular primary would have much better. As far as I am concerned Rank Choice Voting is a mess.
- I believe in voting for a person, this ballot totally sucked. It's not a beauty contest it's an election. What you did should be against the law.
- 1ballot— 1 vote... that's all I want
- This voting process was not given the adequate education to the public. It devalues a person's vote.



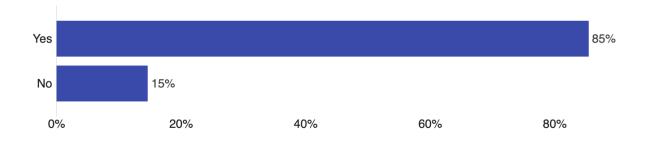
- All of the above. Information on candidates and on the process came very late.
- It was confusing knowing how the votes would be tallied and moved around.
- Ranked choice as it was not explained that you don't have to rank all candidates.
- Never even learned the results of the election
- I had chosen several I wanted. Didn't want to rank them all
- I strongly disliked RCV
- I don't like the process

All respondents who did vote in the 2021 Sandy Municipal Election answered the following questions.

## How much did you like or dislike using a Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) ballot?



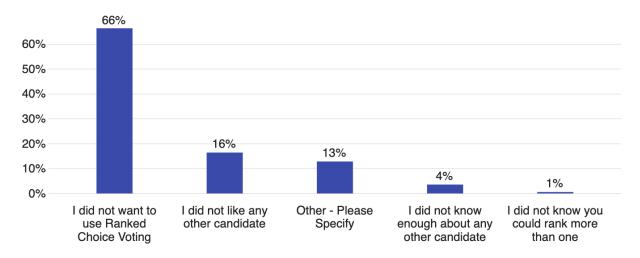
Did you rank more than one candidate on your ballot, for either the Mayor or Council elections?



Those who only ranked one candidate on their ballot answered the following question.



#### Why did you only rank one candidate?



- Mistrust system already. Felt like it was trying to be complicated to lessen my vote
- Only 1 person who should be mayor
- I knew what candidate I wanted.
- Multiple. I knew the candidate I wanted to vote for so why would I rank anyone else. I don't want to vote for someone second or third and then see my vote make them win.
- I wanted my vote to ONLY count for my 1st choice candidate. Since my candidate only lost by a
  small margin it seems counterproductive to potentially give the 2nd and 3rd place candidates
  each an extra vote, thereby potentially helping them win over my 1st place candidate. In fact,
  that could potentially be the very reason he lost; he possibly would have won with traditional
  voting.
- I wanted to see a debate instead of just printed material.
- I don't think it's a fare way to vote and don't know why you had to change it.
- It is not clear how 'secondary' votes would be used/counted. Is it only for a "tie-breaker"? Is the second vote counted as .5 votes? How is it actually utilized.
- RCV looks like a way to cheat the voting system!
- I would like to know which city council members voted to implement the ranked choice voting, and which ones voted not to do so.
- I wanted a person who was educated for the job and could resolve contention in the counsel. The conflicts in the counsel were published in the newspaper. I know the winning mayor will not be able to do that and all the other candidates were part of the problem and they did not represent the people of Sandy.
- A candidate told me to vote for only one candidate
- Did want other candidates to get points
- I want to vote for only the one candidate who will represent my political ideals and values.
- I will tell my elected government



- Again this will lead to more FRAUD. You all are on the edge of going down anyway for the FRAUD.
- Did we vote on this or was it a council vote? I feel I did get a voice in this change. I'm pissed about it.
- I do not like the ranked choice voting.
- Just another method of controlling the vote. One vote one person, stop around with the voting process
- I will only vote for the candidate that I believe is best qualified and supports my political views. Why would I ever vote for anyone else, other than that one specific candidate? I believe ranked voting is a terrible idea, and should have never been adopted! What a waste of time and tax payers dollars!
- It is absolutely my belief that there is too much room for error or Miss interpretation bogus. You have one vote for a candidate not multiple votes this is not a multiple choice question why would you want to make it that way? Ranked voting really!
- It's a stupid way to vote
- What are we in junior high all over again what was the 32 candidates. Half of them or more directly related to the city or the government of the city what a mess
- I don't remember voting to change the rules. Changing rules to elections without citizens isn't right. The "pilot" was also a mess with no clear winner, votes not certified etc
- Why cast a vote that would jeopardize the candidate I wanted to win?
- I see no value. You win or you lose it really doesn't matter what place a candidate placed.
- As already stated, it is a dilution of my vote.
- Thought it was the stupidest voting policy enacted. Council members should have spent their time on worthwhile issues.
- To many candidates, dislike having this firm of election imposed on me with not given an opportunity to have a say on this type of voting. The city council did not ask those that they serve what we wanted. This is mercy poor representation to those the are to serve & represent!!
- I disagree with the process and tried to use the old process. It allowed what I thought was an unlikely candidate to win. I should have made a second choice.
- I voted for the candidate I felt was best for the position
- did not know how it worked. how would a second choice affect voting.
- both choice number 2 and 4 apply
- Candidates did not identify party affiliation
- I vote for one person, everyone else votes for one person, the votes are counted and the person with the most votes wins. Period why make it so difficult? Oh yeah, do get the person voted in who didn't get the most votes, but had the most 2nd choice votes, that does not make any sense.
- It was so stupid. My husband and I only liked one candidate. The rest were horrible. We ended up only voting for one candidate.
- I did not like any other candidates AND I did not want to use Ranked Choice Voting
- How hard is it to pick 1 of anything
- I wasn't sure where my vote would go if I voted for more than one.
- I wasn't about to play the Sandy city Council's game. They should've sought the voters' will prior to the election- Not just in Council meetings, but in an actual election. This was a dereliction of duty by the Sandy city Council.
- In a democratic system it is unexplainable that 5 city council members decided on the process of my



voting rights. Please consider more than the cost when they tamper with the most precious right we have in the United States of America. We invented the democratic Process. With rvc we now are following the European democratic process where minority factions control the majority. This should be changed immediately. We will now reap the disaster that this has caused.

- RCV is not constitutional! On a federal level, RCV questions the one person, one vote. RCV unfairly weights some ballots and each citizen should receive exactly one, equal vote.
- I dislike the deception of candidates that don't identify party affiliation. I don't know who thought this was a good idea, probably a the minority party thinking this would give them a better chance.

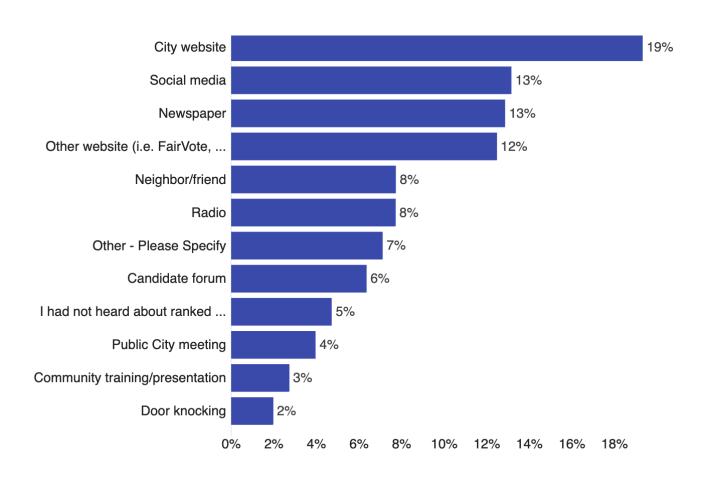
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## Do you think Ranked Choice Voting should be used in future Sandy City Municipal elections?





## From what source, if any, did you learn about Ranked Choice Voting? (Select all that apply)



- Other news sources about the process in general online
- TV
- Mailer
- TV, people talking about it
- T.V. news
- Poll worker
- TV
- I have known about RCV for many years due to multiple sources.
- I've known about it for over a decade.
- mailer!
- candidate flyer
- Civics Education during undergrad a decade ago
- Podcast



- City flyer
- Information in voter packet
- County information & website
- on the news
- email
- I had just briefly heard Snippets of information About it on the radio and TV. I never gave it a lot of time because from what i had seen and heard i didn't believe for a single second that after the 2020 vote debacle that voter official in utah would be stupid enough to actually Contemplate using it. pets
- Talking to canidates
- I first heard about the RCV at the County Republican Meeting. I heard speakers discuss the pros and cons. Then I did my own learning about it online.
- **Television report**
- Google
- television news
- City website directed to by city postcard
- Sandy newspaper
- Tv news
- TV
- television news
- Collage class
- CGP Grey on Youtube
- My daughter
- Local news
- Personal research
- Not enough training and education.
- News source online
- Personal effort; Mailed items from Sandy City
- TV news
- Tv
- Sandy Journal
- The Sandy Journal after it was already decided. This should have been placed on the ballot for residents to vote if they wanted to change to it.
- Meetings of the United Women's Forum
- **Postcard**
- Candidates and campaign managers
- county clerk's office and TV news
- TV
- National news sources
- Various sources
- sandy journal
- mail, tv



- None of the above; but I don't remember how I stumbled across the procedure
- **Podcast**
- Tv
- News cast on TV
- my own research
- Sandy News Paper, Post Cards
- TV News
- I ran an internet search
- When I got the ballot
- Campaign literature
- TV
- News
- polling phone call
- Mailer?
- from one of the candidates
- TV news
- From candidates campaign information
- Family and Sandy City Leadership
- I learned about it through the Georgia presidential elections 2020. Which had multiple issues.
- I don't know where I heard so little about it. I don't think it was a fair voting system!!!
- I've heard about it but still not sure I understand benefits.
- Personal research
- League of Women Voters
- Thru TV RCV used in other states
- The ballot
- Learned about rank voting in college and was excited when it was announced
- voting website
- Email, text and postcard
- Television news
- Mailer
- Ranked choice voting has been used in some scientific organizations for years as best methodology
- TV news
- Already familiar with concept.
- Heard only from the boarding area
- I believe on the local news
- personal research
- **Podcast**
- My own research
- all of the above
- TV
- Tv
- I've been familiar with it for a very long time.



- Tv
- **Television News**
- Looked up on web
- I will tell my elected government
- Local news on tv
- Did my own reading on line
- TED talk
- Instructions on the ballot
- I studied up on it once I heard the term. I read extensively about it in elections across America.
- I attending a meeting not associated with current Politics and they explained it.
- No one told me-you just did it on your own.
- I had already studied RCV
- Mail
- I'm familiar with the voting technique.
- Can't remember
- After all attempts to gain a full understanding of who or what to vote for, it was frustrating to not be able to more fully and accurately define the candidates, their history, their prior voting records and affiliations to be a better more informed voter.
- TV news
- Word of mouth
- Personal research and personal experience at the GOP conventions a decade ago.
- I've known about rCV for years
- Internet news
- mail
- Political science class
- TV news coverage
- ldk
- I was on UEA PAC's committee and first learned of it there
- Mailer
- County
- Τv
- A friend
- the sandy city newspaper
- I teach it as part of a class at SLCC
- Familiar with the procedure, learned about the basic procedure years ago.
- College decades ago.
- Flyer
- NONE
- News from radio and TV
- Mail
- Tv news
- Television news
- Sandy newspaper



- Prior use in party politics.
- Internet
- **Television news**
- political interaction
- That's all that was on the ballot. I didn't have a choice.
- Who cares. It was a waste of time and tax payer dollars for any source that was used.
- Research all sources
- When I got the ballot
- News
- Mail
- **TV News**
- **Email**
- I heard a good story on RadioLab about RCV in Britain
- Τv
- Internet
- Ballot in mail
- Television news
- t.v.
- **TV News**
- Television
- **Utah Election Integrity**
- Class at Osher Uof U
- TV, personal discussions
- Media
- Mailing
- Sandy Senior Ctr.
- family
- From the ballot mailed to me.
- Online news
- Sandy newsletter
- TV news
- I learned about it in 7th Grade. I hated it then and I hated it now.
- CGPGrey on YouTube
- Googled what it meant
- I had learned about different voting methods in college
- News
- think it was in the Sandy Journal
- familiar because a professional organization I am a part of uses the same method
- tv
- **Ballot**
- Sandy journal
- Told about it by a candidate
- Previously worked in election admin



- Online news, KSL
- **Podcast**
- I called to inquire
- TV
- The instructions. I had heard on the radio but it's not until you do it that it makes sense
- Internet
- YouTube
- Legislation/Legislature
- When there was no primary
- Mailer in the us mail
- School, online
- Sandy City Now paper
- TV news
- Book: politics industry
- I had to research it on my own to get the info I needed.
- Mailers
- I'm an informed voter; it wasn't hard to find information on RCV.
- news
- My husband taught many people how ylthis worked. Everyone was confused and angry that we had no say in this
- University
- Council member told me about it.
- Candidates
- I searched the internet for days on end to learn about it.
- When I got my ballot in the mail!
- Email
- the ballot itself
- tv
- Sandy newspaper
- Used at Democratic Party elections
- Stupid legislators who wanted this crap
- Websites of other cities and states that had used RCV
- News
- Mail
- Sorry, don't remember, TV maybe
- I don't recall
- some group o2Utah held a community event with a good explanation
- TV Stories, provided general info
- Independent study
- TV
- TV news
- I'm not sure, but several sources made me aware, most recently at a candidate forum.
- League of women voters



- television news shows
- TV
- TV just prior to election
- TV
- Special election flyer
- Independent research
- My husband. He's on the GOP committee
- TV on the news.
- i did my own research with several areas
- My husband
- **Email**
- TV news
- I've known of this for well over a decade.
- Postcards/mail
- ballot
- Other accurate and unbiased online information.
- County
- I knew about ranked choice voting long before Sandy, or Utah started trying it out.
- League of Women Voter's
- I googled it.
- **Email**
- husband
- I don't remember
- TV news
- Through RepresentUS
- google
- Local media
- Mail
- newspaper website
- Tv
- Mailer, text
- YouTube (CGP Grey)
- Mailers
- YouTube
- Nextdoor website
- Mailers
- TV news
- Τv
- Other
- Postcards from Sandy city
- Mailer
- **TV News**
- Researched on my own



- Cable news outlets
- **Republican Convention**
- John Oliver. I've been waiting years for it to get to Utah
- I work in politics
- Candidate
- mailer
- Already aware
- **Family**
- **Mailings**
- I never could find out much about it. Only the liberals want RCV. That helps them win.
- **Email**
- News
- internet
- Flyer
- TV
- **News outlets**
- mailer
- **Ballot**
- **CGP Grey Youtube**
- Internet
- SL county rep
- sandy newsletter
- TV news
- postcard
- Ballot itself
- state website
- Government class in college
- Sandy now
- Through the mailer I received from Sandy City. I was unaware of Ranked Voting or how it worked prior to reading that.
- TV
- Google
- internet
- Candidate mailers
- **Podcast**
- Looked up constitutional law and educated myself on voter laws and passed communities that have voted for or against CRV
- TV news
- Sandy city email
- Mail
- YouTube
- Newsletter
- on the ballot



- TV News
- From City Coucil member
- TV
- **TV News**
- City publication
- Email, Newsletter

#### Please use the box below if you have any additional comments/feedback regarding Ranked Choice Voting.

- I think that ranked choice voting is a cheat of the election process. A single vote for a single candidate should be the only process we have. by allowing multiple choices we are cheating any candidate from winning that may possibly won the first time. Ranked choice voting is like giving every child a participation trophy, instead of working toward a goal of becoming the best and winning a single trophy. Ranked choice voting is cheat of the election process, and the voice of the people.
- Confusing. Don't do it again.
- I know who I'm voting for so why should I be forced to choose a candidate even as a second or third option when that's not who I want? For one thing there was no public comment period about considering this type of voting. I feel as if I were left out of the conversation..... then the ballot arrived. In a democracy I thought we could all get the chance to weigh in on how the system is being constructed. I do feel someone has made that choice for me and I'm very disappointed about that. But that period is all but over, now I'm being asked if I like it or not. Shouldn't there have been more of this conversation before we actually implemented it?
- It seems like Sandy City sent a postcard or mailer with ranked choice voting instructions, but with a bad graphic that was confusing. The actual ballot was easier to understand and made more sense.
- I hope this system is not used again
- I felt like, for once in this state, my vote might count! Lost every one, anyway...
- Hard to know if it is a fair process.
- Limit to primary use only. Elections are too important to tinker with.
- Getting people to vote in the first place seems to be difficult, then you put so many choices in front of them and I am sure many ballots were trashed.
- Concerning the last several election cycles in Sandy, we've noticed candidates masking their party affiliation - this is a deceptive practice. Voters need to know if the candidate identifies with progressive or conservative ideals. Voters tend to associate with a party that best represents their political ideology. Ranked Choice Voting should not be allowed unless the candidates state their party affiliation. Its telling that RCV is widely promoted in states and cities that vote progressive. This allows the dominate party to crowed out candidates of the opposing party and taking from voters a clear choice as opposed to choosing the "lesser of two evils".
- Again. Our elections need to be on even years. Better candidates would help. Letting people understand how this really works. Because this was the first time used I am not really sure that



- people understand it.
- I loved Ranked Choice Voting, but we need to revise the rules regarding disclosure of campaign financials sooner so we can eliminate some of the behind the scenes corruption we saw in this last election cycle.
- Prefer to choose just one candidate in each category.
- I think ranked choice voting allowed for further options than typical voting so that your vote counted even if your top candidate didn't make it through the early rounds.
- More civilized talk from candidates! It made for a "nicer" election
- MANY people I know, young and old, were confused and they along with me found it completely unnecessary to change a time-proven method! I can see no advantages to rank-choice voting!
- I was very surprised that the city council made the decision on how we voted without substantial public input. Once I found out that it was going to happen that way I studied the pros and cons of Rye and decided that It was a reasonable approach because straight party voting pretty much guarantees that I won't have a voice. Although my highest ranking didn't win my second did.
- Was hard to do, plus it took to long for the final results. Still not sure if the outcome was successful.
- I am in strong support of it and believe it makes a great deal of sense. I definitely want to keep it!
- Please put this to referendum before using again in a general election.
- I feel RCV artificially inflates/will inflate the candidate field. I did appreciate the encouragement it gave for me to investigate all of the candidates' positions, but a field of 8 for mayor is too many, and it will only grow. a Few years ago, my father in Washington stage faced a field of 20+ candidates to do RCV for governor of the state. That is just too many. I also think that if winnowed down to just two or a few choices, then the choices between candidates and the questions to ask might become more clear, plus people whose ballots were exhausted during RCV might find themselves doing more investigation on the remaining candidates for final election. I would be OK with RCV to handle a wide field for primary elections, but then have the final election with just the two top vote getters, or one per party for partison seats.
- Don't use it anymore
- I DO NOT SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF RANKED CHOICE BU TKNOW OF MANY DISADVANGAGES.
- We did not feel that the ranked voting provided a significant opportunity for a true candidate to reach the consensus of the population. We think that the primary process and traditional voting will provide a candidate that has been well vetted instead of a popularity contest. We encourage you no matter how "in vogue" you think rank voting is, the traditional system far outweighs this sham process of picking a bunch of people that may or may not make it to the top. In this survey you state that the run off process is easier. We would much prefer an honest system not just throw up the dice and have a winner. We would strongly encourage those that chose this process do further study and guard against a popularity contest for a mayor or council member. This sets a dangerous precedent which circumvents a true democracy.
- Found most voters were confused and frustrated by all the names on the list. Many opted to select two or three
- I don't think this gives enough time for a whittled down field to make their case and stress their differences. I felt somewhat unsettled about ranking them based on the sheer number of candidates.
- Quit trying to change the way we elect our officials!
- Ranked choice voting, while a mathematicians dream, isn't a true representation of voters choice.



Technically unless my candidate makes it in the top 2 or 4 my vote doesn't count. It appears the council didn't even understand the vote tally for RCV since they were reluctant to accept results initially.

- You need to go back to the old system. This new one is too challenging
- I believe ranked choice voting more accurately represents the will of the voters. In the last gubernatorial election I believe the majority wanted someone other than Governor Cox. But that majority was split between two candidates. With ranked choice voting We would have had different results.
- Throw it out.
- In the era of potential election fraud concerns, I believe this is a step in the wrong direction. Vote counting is an additive process and this removes a significant amount of clarity when it comes down to counting votes after the fact. The winner should strictly be the person who received the most votes by their constituents and should be easily auditable. I do not believe that ranked choice voting lends itself to typical vote auditing in a way that justifies its use.
- Please continue it. I feel it gives me more choice and my votes matter more
- Vote, then count. You either won or you lost. Simple. All this pomp and circumstance is just another way to skew the results.
- I believe it is unfair, somewhat confusing, and unamerican.
- If you keep RCV, in close elections: Schedule a run-off election!
- Runoff elections may incur expenses, but it is part of the American process of getting to know candidates better over time. Ranked choice cuts out this part of the process.
- It is very hard to know all the facts about each candidate. The way it eliminates candidates seems very time consuming & very hard to be accurate
- I surely hope this does not continue. I feel it isn't fair to the one getting the most votes, or at least the top 2. Candidates didn't give much info about themselves like normally. With so many, had no time to check everyone's website.
- RCV is stupid. The tried and true process of primaries is fine
- I would like for Ranked Choice Voting to become permanent and to be extended to governor, congress, senator, and presidential races too.
- Maybe a primary should be used if there are more than 5 candidates to identify the top 5 for the general election.
- Should not be used if there are more than four candidates
- Can you e-mail me a copy of this survey?
- I am worried that political candidates will attack RCV because they know that First Past the Post systems make them work harder and develop more nuanced platforms during election season- close elections are not bad elections, and providing voters with ranked choice makes candidates more accountable to the community and their constituents, especially those who didn't rank them first. I sincerely hope you keep the system and don't allow smear campaigns against it, playing on the fears some have of change.
- I think it's very effective and results in a more fair process
- all the haters! and that one guy who lost that was complaining about it! he's a whiny ranked choice voting is the bees knees!
- This obviously did not work since the council did not certify the vote based on this system. People need to leave to spend time making sure the voting system is open and easy for everyone to vote, not waste time trying to play games with it
- Something needs to be done earlier in the race to reduce the number of candidates. Maybe a ranked



choice primary? Having 8, or however many candidates there were, all the way to the finish served only to dilute the messages and confuse the voters. A 10-candidate ranked choice primary is fine. But the final election should only be 3 or 4 ranked choice candidates.

- I think there should be a limit for candiates. There too many candidates and not enough info about them for me to make a wise choice.
- Did not like it!!!
- I am ELATED that ranked choice voting is being utilized, along with the mail-in ballot options. I think it leads to greater civics engagement & involvement, overcomes many of the disadvantages of traditional single candidate voting, and leads to better representative politics (and policy) in the long term.
- There is widespread fraud in many of our elections. I question whether or not Spencer Cox was legitimately elected. I also question Mitt Romney. RCV seems like it gives additional avenues to engage in voter fraud.
- Traditional voting worked well. We should change it back to a normal and fare process.
- I think most people that disagree with Ranked Choice Voting disagree because they just don't understand it, and certain political parties unfairly demonize it. I really like led the graphics that the city and the county put out that made it abundantly clear that you did only get one vote.
- I think should be. Ranked Voting is a joke. You vote for one person only and that's the way it. Someone on the left always trying to slip something in on the puplic. Just stay with our old way of voting and don't change.
- Idiotic idea. Please reinstate a primary election
- I dislike RCV for the following reasons: 1 Due to the breadth of candidates, the process to learn of each and their platform was much more compressed and required more time. 2 - When it came to what would have been the final vote, there was not an ability to compare the final two candidates, in depth. This allowed the lesser of the two candidates to win by 21 votes.
- I prefer primary elections leaving fewer candidates in the final election. I felt it was harder to weed through all of the candidates.
- I prefer primary elections and clear winners
- I much prefer primary runoffs and I would like to know political party of the candidates
- I believe it encourages more voters to read/study the candidates more so they know how they want to rank them or how many they'd like to rank if not all.
- There needs to be more training on how rank choice voting works before an election. I enjoyed that it was less partisan felt like I could vote for either candidate because they didn't affiliate with one or the other party.
- If it wasn't for RCV the new Mayor would not have been declared the winner!!!
- This is not high voting. It is also a conflict of interest for council members running for mayor to change the method of voting to benefit themselves.
- Please do not implement ranked choice voting
- You vote for the candidate of your choice! I don't understand ranking people you do not want to elect!!!!
- I believe that I have a greater opportunity to effectively vote for a specific candidate under the old system. Under RCV it is impossible for the average citizen to see how their vote affected the outcome. It all becomes a case of "I'm from the government, I'm here to help you, you can trust me." with no visible means of verifying the result. You might as well appoint a winner and ask us to accept it. Politician's love it because it saves them money. The cost to democracy is too high.
- I guess the idea is to do away with a primary election. And I thought I would like ranked voting,



- giving an order of preference sounded like a great idea. In reality it took too long to learn about each candidate and where they stood. Plus it seemed to give equal standing to candidates who had no business running who would have been weeded out in the previous process.
- The decision to use ranked choice voting should have been made and announced to the candidates earlier!
- I was a little skeptical at first. After I went through the process, I like it. It made me research all of the candidates which was a little more work but I felt very worthwhile.
- Ranked choice voting is probably the worst idea ever for electing citizens representatives. First there no formal debates to have their ideas expressed to the voters. All I could ever find was a short summary on the Sandy website, Candidates will say whatever they want and it's unchallenged or undebated. Second, their party affiliation is well masked and difficult to determine, there are different parties and the basic views of each party are fundamentally different. It's best to have two candidates, (or the ballot limit) that were selected by the constituents of that party to send the candidates they selected to the election to represent the views of their group. The unfortunate reality is that RCV comes across as a high school student council idea and it just about completely shuts down any healthy debate on the candidates qualifications and positions. RCV should be eliminated and voters should have the right and opportunity to select the candidate they want to have represent them.
- What a poor time to introduce a new voting plan after all the distrust produced by the elections in 2020. People need to just make a clear, precise choice of one candidate. It does appear the reason for RCV is not valid judging by the mayor's vote.
- My only comment would be to provide more access to information on each candidate, where their opinions lie on key policy positions etc. I had a hard time researching some of their views on issues that matter to me.
- I liked that I could vote my preferences in order and that I didn't have to make one final choice, although my preferred candidate didn't make it. I really liked that it allowed candidates to compliment one another and were not so mean or downgrading of each other (except, in my personal experience, for the candidate who ended up winning. She seemed to trash and stomp on everyone else.).
- I like ranked choice voting. Especially when there are a lot of candidates for a race.
- I do not like Ranked Choice Voting. Please return to the traditional form of voting going forward.
- This system should NEVER again be used in any election anywhere in America. It should be retired to the trash heap from which it originated. WHAT THE IS WRONG WITH THE POWERS THAT BE THAT THEY FEEL THE NEED TO UPEND EVER THING THAT WORKS WELL AND HAS WORKED WELL IN THIS COUNTRY SINCE ITS INSEPTION.
- It was confusing. Also it would be nice to know which party the candidates are affiliated with.
- I love ranked choice voting. I don't think approval voting sounds like a viable idea, though. If prefer not to try that.
- I prefer the primary and final election system rather then have to vote, in rank, people who would never have made it through a primary election.
- My real problem with it is that it is not clear how the winner is selected. I would prefer a more transparent method. Also, I heard that in Sandy's mayoral race that the first place person won after all was completed. The voting process should always be transparent and easy to understand.
- It gives residents a chance to rate all candidates and saves money from a runoff election
- I like ranked choice voting although when we had so many candidates for mayor it did become a bit too much. The rest of it was great.



- Results were far too slow.
- Ranked choice voting forced me to really dive deep into the candidates' positions. I feel more connected to city government and more informed. I also learned how much we have in common. My voting decision was more evidence- based than ever before because I couldn't just pick the one person who seemed most aligned to my political leanings (left v. right).
- Since I had taught mathematics for forty years, I know that the victor could have been declared after one run of the votes if the rankings had been adequately weighted. Subsequent tallying appears to me to be a way that the system tallying was subject to manipulation. I also could not see any rational to rank a number of candidates who had no valid reason to be running or considered as being capable with more than a zero. It was a time waster when considering that primaries would have eliminated them as serious candidates.
- With RCV there were a lot of candidates to research. I found it difficult to find out the political affiliation of each candidate. I find that information useful since it tells me about their values, beliefs and how they may vote on issues. The flaws with RCV, in my opinion, far outweigh the benefits. The math of it could be manipulated and can't be done manually, it needs to be done by a computer. I prefer the one person, one vote method that can be manually counted for accuracy.
- I think RCV is a waste of time. I much prefer just voting for one candidate.
- I wish we could narrow the candidates down in a primary election and then do RCV. I work hard to be an informed voter, and I looked at every single candidate's website to see where they stood on the issues. There were several offices to be filled, and this process took me three hours. I don't think many others took that time, so having so many candidates to choose from didn't end up benefiting the community as hoped.
- Go back to regular voting
- Worked great!
- It encourages more moderate candidates.
- This is a horrible way to handle elections.
- I feel like it diminishes the process. Coupled with the late financial disclosures I did not feel like it was a great election.
- Ranked Choice is great.
- I do not like having campaign signs in the city for so many people and for such a long time
- I feel like it forces, or tries to, citizens to vote for candidates they don't want. Of course one doesn't have to vote for a second, third or fourth choice but I bet most folks do.
- I did not like it.
- Any changes being considered in the election process needs to be made by the people. Not bureaucrats or elected officials that are easily swayed by paid lobbyists
- It feels like it didn't raise my trust in a fair election and maybe that's just because of the way the Sandy Mayoral race went down. It felt like there were too many candidates and I felt obligated to rank them all which may or may not have made a difference to the candidates. I just feel unsure about it still. My husband and kids didn't even bother to vote because it seemed too hard. It wasn't too hard but that was the perception looking at the ballot.
- Confusing and to much for a vote...
- Stop using it.
- It is ridiculous that soneone with only 20% of the vote can win an election!



- Even the media had it all wrong, giving predictions based on only the mailed in returns. You did a very poor job of educating everyone. You also failed to either give on-going updates of the count, or to tell people there would be no updates after the initial mailed-in ballots until all were counted. It was handled very, very poorly and I think that significantly damaged people's trust in a system that was already (rightly or wrongly) under suspicion.
- It really makes no sense. Why the change to ranked voting? Seems like this method manipulates the popular candidates position so the lesser will succeed. REALLY DO NOT LIKE THIS CHANGE!
- I would have liked ranked choice voting if it only had 3 or 4 choices. Having to rank all 8 was totally Ridiculous!
- I positively DON'T Like or want to see it used again. I don't feel it's totally fair and I'd like the old system of voting--not RANK.
- The winners receive or represent only a minority of the voice of the people. I think this is VERY BAD.
- I really love rcv. It makes me feel like my opinion matters more. Although my first choice for mayor didn't get elected, someone in my top 3 did, and I am happy with that. The one drawback is the increased time it takes to research all the candidates. However, I am willing to do the research because I think it's important. Thank you for implementing ranked choice voting!
- This is a confusing process and in the end the candidate with the most votes wins, so why complicate the issue with multiple candidates that must be ranked. Just vote for your choice for office...the end.
- I do not see the point. If two people are tied, how can second choice votes decide who won.
- I really don't think this method of voting is necessary.
- Why have the ranked choice voting if the city council decides not to approve the results, even after the first recount!
- A clear recount criteria and process should be established.
- The final results ended up with a candidate winning by 21 votes. This is not even within the allowance for error and should have resulted in a recount.
- Ranked voting seems like you aren't really voting for anyone. You are saying this guys ok that guys better etc. And the people in charge pick who they what. Too easy to manipulate for an outcome the people don't really want.
- One person, one vote, not 8 votes. Easier to introduce fraud long term by filling out unfilled choices. Obscure candidates can win without a mandate, introducing new schemes to win office without the people truly preferring them.
- I thought it was efficient and I liked that it eliminated the time and cost of a primary. The process made it far more likely that I would get a candidate that I liked. I can't understand people's dislike of this process.
- A party affiliation would be helpful in making a decision.
- I believe that rank voting is wrong, and takes away the correct voting process I Hated it, and everyone I spoke with felt the same shame on the city council for doing this without consulting us first.
- None of my neighbors or family members really understood or knew how to do this voting format. I think it is rather confusing and not necessary for the voting process.
- I've been told that Ranked Choice Voting provides for non-traditional candidates to be elected. I've also been told that Ranked Choice elects the candidate with the most overall support in the election. If those things are true I'd like to keep ranked choice voting.
- I think RCV should be used in the future. However if more than 4 candidates it may not work as well.



- Possibly if 7 are running you might be instructed to vote for your top three in a ranked order.
- Too many candidates. Needs to be a primary so we can vote between the best candidates. The winner was 6th on my ballot and hate that my vote counted towards her.
- Hated it. Too difficult.
- I believe Ranked Choice Voting should be expanded and utilized in all Utah elections.
- Although new to us, my spouse and I very much liked RCV. Although our preferred (top choice) mayoral candidate did not win, we were happy that our votes for 2nd or 3rd place choices ultimately counted toward the winning candidate. We appreciated knowing that our vote for a particular candidate would not "spoil" the chances of another good candidate. We also are glad to know that our mayor was elected with the confidence of the majority of voters.
- I would prefer to do away with it next election.
- Was very unsatisfied that it took so long to determine the mayor of Sandy.
- Rank choice seems like it is ripe for fraud because more counting of votes must take place, and we have seen how our elections are NOT secure already. Also, when there is a close vote, the process of recounting can become a nightmare.
- It was wonderful to feel like I could vote for who I wanted instead of trying to figure out who I disliked the least out of the candidates who were most likely to win.
- It was really nice to feel like I was able to vote for whoever I thought was best rather than having to vote for the person I thought could win that I liked most. It was freeing and also had me looking deeper at each candidate and the issues they addressed.
- Love rank choice, great move for the city
- Please do not use ranked choice voting.
- I don't like the concept of it. I don't want my vote going automatically to another person.
- It left too many candidates in the running. Would have preferred a primary election, then differences between candidates may have been clearer in the final vote.
- Loved it. Waay better than regular I believe because it was less expensive for the city and county to hold ONE election rather than multiple. Anything to save taxes is good!
- Ranked choice voting can be confusing and potentially unfair. Consider this: If several candidates are running for office and there is a runoff, and the two that make it are both Democrats then where does the choice exist for the Republican voter?
- I like the primary vote bcuz it narrows the main candidate choices. 6 wasted time & resources when they probably never had a real chance of winning. I understand no primary saves the city approx \$30k, but when I want a Mayor who cares about the community, RCV diluted the information who the "right" choice was in a group of 8. Also, this mayor election was about who had the most money to spend on a campaign. Mr. Applegarth never had a chance of winning being a first time candidate; however, I applaud him for trying! I believe the traditional vote works & is clear for the younger voters.
- I felt that there were too many candidates and it made it hard to know where each one stood. My hopeful actually won but I don't think that winning with such a small percentage is the way to go.
- I have no way of knowing if the winner was the winner. The Sandy mayor race had too many candidates. The votes were spread out over too many candidates. This does not appear to be a good system to me.
- I do not like nor do I want Ranked Choice Voting. Was very disappointed that Sandy City chose to participate in this voting program. Should be 1 vote per registered voter for 1 candidate of their choice as it has always been.
- I was hoping to know of a meeting where candidates answered questions or debated the issues. Seeing



all the candidates together interacting is most helpful. More information was needed to make my vote stronger.

- Do away with it. Foster decided commitment.
- There was not enough public training and education on the process and how the votes aw counted. I had no idea how my 3, 4, and 5 choice voices rolled up on the different rounds. I'm sure senior citizens had a difficult time. I know my 80 year old father had a difficult time. There needs to be publicity through the media how it works. I also think something like this should br on a ballot and let the voters decide. It shouldn't be up to the city council.
- System is complex and doesn't allow for good debate among the candidates. With so many names on the ballot determining differences in positions was difficult even with research. Traditional voting results in final candidates having to more clearly and distinctly define their policy and goals.
- Doesn't make sense and doesn't represent we as voters.
- Stop Ranked Choice fraud now!
- I feel like RCV gives opportunities to those more moderate candidates who do not necessarily align purely with the two big parties. In other elections I always feel like I'm choosing between the lesser of two evils.
- I feel like it's the best way to get the most qualified person in office, and the person who appeals to the majority of the voters.
- I really liked that it encouraged me to research all the candidates, not just the ones that I was most likely to support. It really helped me make the best choice for my representation.
- I loved it!! It really felt like my choices and priorities mattered. I was much more interested in evaluating every candidate when it felt like my choices could really make a difference.
- My last choice won, and really did not even deserve a my vote. It sucks.
- Ranked choice also wasted time and I'm sure money. Watching the process was like watching a train wreck. Waiting for a recount that didn't happen added to how ridiculous it was. Cut your losses, you tried it, it didn't go well, let's go back to a primary and Regular Election Day. Please post how many surveys you received back and the outcome of those surveys. I'm following this because I despised the process, I'm afraid a lot of people won't respond to anything that even mentions RCV from now on.
- If this is just to save a primary election, I find it a very BAD substitute. When elections come I have ONE person in mind that I want to vote for. As I watched your visuals of how it worked it doesn't sit well at all with me! I would definitely vote NO!!!!!!!!!!! to have ranked choice voting.
- I don't trust rank choice voting. It seems it could be easily manipulated for voting fraud.
- I would just like to day that the people complaining about this using the phrase "one person, one vote" are dumb. They seem to be intentionally misunderstanding what a vote is, and how the general voting previously used in the city, and still widely used elsewhere in this country, provides each person with far less say in the outcomes of an election. Please don't bow to the "Cult of Ignorance" that has been embraced by too many of our leaders on the "right" side of the aisle.
- I am disappointed our city elected officials changed such a fundamental method for electing representatives without allowing us as citizens to vote on the change.
- I was surprised because I hadn't heard about anything like this and thought voters would need to approve voting this way. I tend not to go to primary elections for local elections, so the ranking method makes sense for someone like me.
- This was awful and should never be done again. It was absolutely intended to get candidates elected



- that do not represent the constituency. You can make the computer logarithms to favor whatever candidate they wish and recounts are impossible! Never, ever again!!!!
- Just seems unnecessary, you know the old saying, if it aint broke than don't fix it. Why are we changing for the sake of change. Silly
- I never heard how much time and money were saved
- If Sandy City continues with RCV, would prefer to have limits on the number of candidates. It was rather confusing this year because some candidates had started campaigning before the City Council voted to try RCV. As I said in my earlier post, I would also prefer to have a partisan election that would include a primary election and then debates between the two winnin candidates
- Rank choice voting creates a public nuisance because of the months of candidate advertising. We strive to keep Sandy city clean and nice yet we clutter it for months with Political advertising on most every corner
- I always thought ranked choice would be great. However, I feel there can be unintended consequences. If you rank every candidate, are you giving points to your lowest choice? Are you actually helping your last choice to win? If yes, you'd be better off only voting for one person. Then ranked voting is if no benefit.
- I like that it requires some extra thought about candidates and helps finish partisan bias, promoting stronger response from candidates. Con is those who voted for the "worst" (least popular) first choice candidate get their second choice candidates counted first, adding weight to almost, the "most wrong" votes? Not sure how morally correct a way of looking at it that is
- It was great!
- Please consider adding party affiliation to the candidates name on ballot. Voters shouldn't have to do detective work to find this out. If a candidate doesn't want to disclose their party affiliation, the voter should know why. Otherwise, it becomes a political race based on name recognition. Not on political viewpoint. VERY few voters stop to read the candidate's platform.
- I do not approve of it. It was not presented to the people to vote whether WE the people wanted it. There is too much opportunity for fraud and people should vote in person so we can have accurate counts the same night, not weeks later with greater potential for fraud.
- Discard the Ranked Choice Voting. I study the issues and chose one person I think will best represent me and for get about the RCV. The RCV is more for the the ones running than the voter. WASTE of TIME.....Please NO RCV.....
- It doesn't give a balanced chance to hear from each of the candidates on a debate.
- This is a clandestine attempt to water down the voting process. It does not illuminate the public knowledge but only serves to confuse. It should not have been implemented in the first place and should be eliminated and never seen again.
- I never got to hear all the candidates speak on the issues. There needs to be a primary election to narrow the field to get the best person elected. It's worth the cost and time it takes to hold a primary election.
- My first choice candidate did not win, but my second choice did. If not for ranked choice option, I feel like perhaps one of my least liked candidates probably would have been elected. RCV gave me more say about the outcome.
- 4027 votes of the 21,165 were eliminated because many people did not understand how the voting worked and only voted for a couple candidates. I studied the election results from all the ranked-



choice voting races and for the most part, the races required one less rounds than candidates. Having 8 candidates to learn about was really time-consuming, but as someone who has been highly involved in the City before the Bradburn years, I put in the time to do it. Seems to me the money spent by so many candidates' campaigns could be better spent. I also think the fee to run for office needs to be increased to discourage those who are protesting rank-choice voting or other serious contenders from entering. I prefer the primary election in June to select 2 candidates, so I am not bombarded by 4 times the amount of mailers, etc. and spared the effort of researching so many candidates. Please vote to go back to the tradition voting!!! If it continues, educating people to rank all but 1 choice needs to be emphasized. I think the outcome could have been very different had people understood how it works and how important it is to rank more than a few of the candidates. However, so many candidates really puts a larger burden on our citizens than is necessary. At least with 2 choices, most people will do at least some research to select their candidate.

- This seemed like a dirty trick, to skew the voting results. If the election was held the traditional familiar way, I think we'd have a different outcome. Waste of taxpayers money to fix something that wasn't broken.
- I really dislike ranked choice voting1
- I prefer to vote for just one person running. Having a ranked choice seems to me to be "if I can't have the person I want I will settle for someone else".
- You eliminated primaries and just had a vote, and that's fine. So forget about ranked voting and just have a vote. Whoever runs is in and you just have a vote.
- This is a terrible system, takes too long to get a result, and there is no assurance that the winner would have won with conventional voting. This is a California invention, which should tell you all you need to know about it. Get rid of this!!!
- I felt like there was a lot of information about how candidates would receive votes through the process, but very little information about how my votes would work through the process. Some of the most helpful information I received was on the website government 101.
- Keep it, it's superior to old method
- Stop it immediately! I think it's a sneaky way to take away our true choice and doesn't represent what people really want. I don't think it's legal, either. Go back to the way it used to be.
- It makes a lot more sense, especially deleting primary elections.
- I don't see advantages to using Ranked Choice Voting over traditional voting. It seems like a gimmick.
- I don't like the fact that results were so unclear that there was no official winner for several days
- This was my first election using RCV, and I was excited it was offered here in Sandy. The pros definitely outweigh the cons.
- Let's get rid of the extremist politicians through RCV.
- Please keep RCV.
- I think RCV is great. I was however a bit overwhelmed to have to take the time to research 8 candidates. I feel that I may have been able to learn more about each candidate if there weren't guite so many.
- RCV is the dumbest idea yet for electing candidates. It is impossible to keep track of the candidates, their viewpoints and platforms. At least with a traditional primary the field can be narrowed down to 2-3 candidates and then you can make a more full, informed choice.
- I do not believe in ranked choice voting and will not use it in the future. Look at the mess we had with choosing a mayor this year. In my opinion, ranked choice voting is nonsense.



- It's a pain to research everyone for proper ranking, but worth it. I hope this can grow to reduce vote splitting and to reduce the pull toward more extreme candidates that we get in primaries.
- RCV lowers my confidence in the results.
- I would prefer a party primary and final election. Monica was not anywhere near a majority. No one had a chance at a majority like this. It felt like a playground team choosing session in 3rd grade.
- It honors real democracy and prevents small groups from hijacking elections.
- I responsible for read up on every candidate because of RCV.
- My vote now counts. Thank you.
- The winners receive or represent only a minority of the voice of the people. I think this is VERY BAD.
- The way it was was not broken so why fix a system that work for 200 years to please a few over the
- The vote was too diluted by too many candidates. People voting for lesser candidates would have done things differently if only two final choices. Not a fan at all.
- The video on how to vote helped. But the voting ballot "interface" was a little confusing.
- The top three candidates listed on the ballot were the top three vote getters. This fact, in and of itself, illustrates that ranked choice voting is flawed since the order of the candidates listed on the ballot is randomly chosen. I believe, most voters, did not take the time necessary to study the candidates. I believe the outcome of the election would have been much different in a traditional voting situation.
- The reason people may not be positive about it is simply that it's new and they are unfamiliar with the process. Also, I found that I did more research on all candidates to follow the ranking down the ballot. That may be unpopular with some voters but i liked it. It's a good system and I hope sandy continues to use it.
- The ranked voting is not fare. It disperses the voting between two many candidates. We should go back to primary election.
- The rank voting is the most unfair way to vote. It never allows the two best candidates to go head to head. I hope Sandy City never uses this form again. Just too many candidates with not enough personal info to go on. Monica Z beat Bennett by 21 votes. That is not a fair mandate for a new major. All my neighbors totally disliked it. Bad call City Council. It was just an opportunity for anyone without any real experience to run for mayor. You blew it.
- The process was easy to use and made sense. Great way to resolve elections in one event while accommodating the actual will of the voters.
- The process of voting is easy to undertstand. It's the tabulation and determining how a winner is determined is what is hard to understand.
- The process is in dire need of simplification. Possibly limiting the ranking to three could help, but I am not well versed enough on the process to offer much of a solution. Learning of the candidates background and platforms was not easy. Some of the candidates focused on name recognition without much substance. Kudos to Ron (who came in last) for describing his views, platform, and background.
- The process is difficult to do and also difficult to keep track of all the different candidates and their positions. I found it very confusing and unacceptable
- The power of the electorate is no longer focused on the individual candidate. This method encourages the voter to simply mark the all candidates on the ballot first to last according to the way they are listed on the ballot. In doing so, more voters will not pay attention to the candidates' positions or the needs of the community.
- The post election move made by City Council for a vote recount clearly shows a recount in the Ranked



Choice Voting method renders the recount mute. The SL CountyClerk Sherri Swensen in her statement to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee held on Nov 17, 2021 when asked what can be done if a recount is challenged, she said she could conduct a machine recount but it wasn't helpful because she just pushes a button. Her pushing a button executes using the same computer algorithm thus giving exactly the same result. This translates to RCV voting cannot be audited.

- The options were not clearly explained. Ranked choice doesn't improve selection, it confuses it. For example, there was no specification that if I wasn't interested in giving ANY vote for a candidate, that I need not even rank that candidate at all.
- The only difficult thing about ranked choice voting was that there were so many candidates for mayor that it took a long time to figure out how to rank my choices. I ranked all eight to make sure my vote counted to the fullest extent possible. Some of the candidates had very little information available about their positions.
- The only complaint I had was the time required to research every candidate. I think it might be helpful to first have an OPEN PRIMARY, then select the top 5, or anyone getting 15% or more of the votes or something similar. Then for the general election, the number of candidates is more manageable.
- The number of candidates should be limited to 4 max if this is to be used in the future.
- The number of candidates made it take awhile to get the results but I like the process
- The next time it comes up for a vote in the Council I hope there is better publication and multiple opportunities for stake holder input. I would never support such a process in the future.
- The math simply does not add up for me with RCV. The fact that 23.3% of the mayoral votes were deemed inactive is criminal. Then with the at large council the inactive tally was 19.6%. These dismissal rates are not fair to the process. We need our votes to count for one candidate and one alone. The more I read into RCV, the more I saw that it favored incumbents, discarded votes of thousands, and was a total nightmare. No wonder the city council enacted this with no public comment. Stop playing games and go back to the old system. We dont need to spend more money for a far inferior system.
- The margin of error in ranked choice voting is much higher than the traditional method. I feel RCV doesn't represent the people's choice accurately. Get rid of RCV!
- The main thing I didn't like was that there were so many mayoral candidates to choose from.
- The instructions on the ballot on how to complete ranked choice voting was unclear.
- The hiding of the political affiliation on served to make the process less open, less helpful, less supportive, and less informative. All I saw were platitudes from all of the candidates but needed to understand their prior history, their prior voting and their affiliation to have a more complete understanding of who they are or what they represent and what they will vote for and who they affiliate with. Very frustrating to not know what they represented and affiliated with. This appears to me to be intentional withholding of needed, preferred and valuable information.
- The finalist were not my first or second choices but I feel it encourages more people to vote and gains more support for the elected person. A change to the value at which an automatic recount occurs might be in order.
- The final results ended up with a candidate winning by 21 votes. This is not even within the allowance for error and should have resulted in a recount.
- The final election should be between 2 candidates only. This requires a primary election. Sandy did a great dis-service to the citizens by departing from our usual and customary method of voting. I don't believe that the results would have been the same if we would have had a typical election. The council



- should not have made the decision to use RCV.
- The easy process of voting and it was turned into a mess by ranked choice voting.
- The decision to use ranked choice voting should have been made and announced to the candidates earlier!
- The confusion over the result of the election speaks for itself. While I recognize the cost savings of avoiding a primary, I believe we should avoid ranked choice voting in future elections.
- The city did a very poor job with change management which created confusion and mistrust. Mayor candidates proclaiming they where only going to vote for one or maybe two people just made things worse. Similar to the switch to reduced recycling pick up, the general concept was good but implementation and community education was pathetic.
- The city council needs to stop making local government so difficult. There have been too many arrogant and uneducated members in recent years.
- The city council needs to explain why they rushed to convert to RCV without understanding the recount process. IMO we looked pretty silly trying to figure out, after the fact, who won and who lost.
- The city council members needed to do their homework before they voted on RCV. With half of them objecting the results obviously they are not doing their job well.
- The city council made a choice without ever really seeking input from the citizens of sandy. I didn't really know anything about it until I read materials sent by sandy to me. I try to be informed but this time around there really want anything I came across about it until after the decision was made. Lazy voting and no information about candidates led to a poor election. Also the city council handled the results poorly.
- The city Council should've gotten input from citizens before they made that decision for us. Seems to be the new way the city Council is doing things
- The citizens of Sandy were not allowed to decide whether we wanted Ranked Choice Voting or not. That decision was made by the City Council only. Not very democratic since they are elected officials that are supposed to represent their constituents, and not make decisions without proper input from the citizenry.
- The "rankest" form of voting I have ever experienced. Bring back primaries!
- Terrible way to vote, have 2 candidates and leave the favoritism out of politics!!
- System is complex and doesn't allow for good debate among the candidates. With so many names on the ballot determining differences in positions was difficult even with research. Traditional voting results in final candidates having to more clearly and distinctly define their policy and goals.
- Sure, it saves money to only have one election. But that should not be an overriding factor when it comes to electing our officials. RCV does not provide any other benefit really; this year's winners still did not receive any more of a majority than were there no RCV.
- Stupid idea as I stated before I feel like I didn't vote in the one candidate that I wanted to vote in as the first pick as my ranked votes went where????
- Strangely I ranked both of the final choices at the bottom of my list.
- Stop using this way of voting. Too many choices are going to turn people away from voting
- Stop using ranked choice voting. The standard voting methods were put into place for a reason. It's all the changes you make in the voting methods that is loosing the confidence of the American people. Fair and secure voting what makes us great.
- Stop using it.



- Stop it immediately! I think it's a sneaky way to take away our true choice and doesn't represent what people really want. I don't think it's legal, either. Go back to the way it used to be.
- Stop Ranked Choice fraud now!
- Still fuzzy on whether it's a better form of election.
- Sounded good, but in reality not a very good or satisfactory process of selecting our leaders.
- Something needs to be done earlier in the race to reduce the number of candidates. Maybe a ranked choice primary? Having 8, or however many candidates there were, all the way to the finish served only to dilute the messages and confuse the voters. A 10-candidate ranked choice primary is fine. But the final election should only be 3 or 4 ranked choice candidates.
- Somebody had their head where it doesn't belong to think up such a ridiculous system!!!
- Some people would have a hard time knowing how do use that ballot. I did not like not having a choice to hear what they had to say. My thoughts are they can put whatever they want on the card. I need them to say what they think and what they believe. I only saw them as a picture on a card.
- Some city counsel members tried to bury themselves for some of them thought they had a plan to elect the ones they wanted for mayor and it backed fired on them.
- So... we the well proven voting system to avoid having to do run-offs.?
- So we had a mayor win by 21 votes which was 15% of the possible voters. Not very strong citizen approval. While the concept is okay, NOT knowing who the two finalists will be and getting to choose between the two of them in the General Election, does not rally the voters behind the winner.
- So not use the ranked voting method.... I don't feel it is an accurate way of getting the appropriate winner of the Election.
- So much better than either/or! I felt I had a tiny bit more of a voice.
- So Glad Monica Z will be representing Sandy as our new Mayor!
- Since I had to make a choice, regarding whether I think Ranked Choice Voting should continue, I chose "yes", but I'm really not sure. It took a lot of time to review each candidate because there were so many. After that, I talked over each choice with friends and we made our selections.
- Simply put, I am against it!
- Should use traditional voting. WHERE YOU VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE YOU WANT AS YOUR CITY, STATE **REPS**
- Should use for all elections
- Should not be used if there are more than four candidates
- Should definitely keep it. Will definitely help with the hyper partisanship that is destroying this nation.
- Sensible way to hold an election.
- Seems like quite the easy way to cheat...
- Seems like moderate candidates would be elected rather than extremes and I like that.
- Seems like a way to get around the traditional system that has always worked in the past. I also thought it seemed like a participation trophy event where everyone was a "winner". Let's go back to something that has always worked. Thanks
- Saves tax dollars
- Sandy should continue to set the standard for higher level office voting. Ranked Choice Voting should be the standard across America. Good job!
- Sandy city mayor should try to improve life for citizens. Too many officials are in it for themselves. Meanwhile our stores are dark, our recycling is picked up less frequently, and taxes go up. Terrible job. Sandy also seems most worried about changing the voting rules. Horrible.



- Sandy city council members rushed into RCV without notifying the residents or to get any public input. Those council members were also on the ballot seeking a seat. Those same members then wanted recount after recount and they claimed they didn't even fully understand what they rushed into.
- Sandy City should have not experimented with ranked choice voting on such an important race.
- Sandy City needs to improve Candidate awareness prior to the election. YouTube or Sandy Blog would be helpful!
- Runoff elections may incur expenses, but it is part of the American process of getting to know candidates better over time. Ranked choice cuts out this part of the process.
- Rigged voting is a scam to get people who did not properly win into office, I can not see why else to use this system. Who created this? Where was this formula made and by whom? Who does it benefit, will the weaker party in a particular area win an election with the new rigged, I mean Ranked system? I went to school and was trained by Marxism professors to use Critical thinking to analyze everything, especially politics. However, I did not become a Marxist, so they do not like that I now analyze them, or the counter part the Democratic party, I would bet money that this Ranked system of voting was created by professors or in the Universities? Y'all need to publish who is the author of this ranked system and what political party the belong to. I will tell you this, voting for Canidate A or B,C,or all the way to Z like in the last Mayor election one time is not favoring anyone but the person who obtained the most votes. It's a scam that can not be trusted, I had this shoved down my throat, and it was poorly announced, poorly explained, no context was giving of where this concept came from and who is promoting it. Now, after the fact, I am being asked about it and how I like it or not? That my friends is not the way this Republic form of government should work.
- Ridiculous! Too complicated! Stupid!
- Ridiculous
- Return to simple voting. I don't trust ranked choice.
- Results were far too slow.
- Results took forever, and then needed to be recounted. Too many candidates and the city website was not updated with current 2021 information. This election feels like the woman who (barely) won did so by just surviving multiple elimination rounds rather than being the best candidate. This is somehow supposed to make people feel more invested in the process? What exactly was the process? How did we get to the result exactly? Was it because more people chose Zoltanski and Bennett as their 6th and 7th choices?
- Repeal this nonsense
- Remove ranked choice voting immediately
- Remove it. Stop it. Occam's razor is highly relevant here.
- Really thought it stunk and am dissatisfied with the City Council's decision regarding upending elections.
- Really disliked Ranked Choice. Not confident in results.
- Rcv is super easy to cheat on and don't trust it at all.
- Rcv is a huge step forward in building a better Civic system. It will not be without growing pains but absolutely is worth carrying on. I was proud to participate. My number one candidate didn't win but I am still ok with the outcome.
- Rather confusing. Candidate selection process should be abundantly clear with an option to simply make a choice for whom you want as your choice for the elected position
- Ranks viting is not understood, sandy gad way to many throw their hat in, I work election polling sites



- and until salt lake county did their u tube pizza rank voting I was hearing all types of scary things and didn't understand it till I watched the video. I don't feel the average vitet voter understood it. Many older and the ones who do vote hated it.
- Ranked voting seems like you aren't really voting for anyone. You are saying this guys ok that guys better etc. And the people in charge pick who they what. Too easy to manipulate for an outcome the people don't really want.
- Ranked voting not only saves taxpayer money, but it ensures my vote is influential on the top candidates to be chosen, even if my first choice isn't the most popular one. I'd rather have my first, second, or third choice than a candidate whom I am strongly against, and ranked voting allows me to submit a vote in such a manner. Please keep ranked-choice voting.
- Ranked voting is very confusing. The instructions were confusing. Should I rank all candidates on the ballot? Too many candidates on one ballot. What is the benefit of ranked over a primary? How does ranked affect the incumbent?
- Ranked voting is unnecessary. Everyone should just vote once for their candidate of choice and the one with the most votes wins. Same as it has been all along.
- Ranked voting is great at a convention to cut down on the number of rounds of voting required to make a choice. It violates the one vote protocol set up by our Founding Fathers if used in a general election. The ballot box is for making a choice, not a shopping list of potential back ups, if your person does not come in first. I will not support any candidate that supports ranked voting. I take time to educate myself on my choice, if I was happy with another candidate, they would be getting my vote.
- Ranked voting is awful
- Ranked voting becomes more of a crap shoot rather than serious choice making.
- Ranked choice would be fine if 4 or fewer candidates. Too much to sift through with more so I am not in favor of it.
- Ranked choice voting, while a mathematicians dream, isn't a true representation of voters choice. Technically unless my candidate makes it in the top 2 or 4 my vote doesn't count. It appears the council didn't even understand the vote tally for RCV since they were reluctant to accept results initially.
- Ranked choice voting works and I would elect to keep it. No pun intended
- Ranked choice voting will undermine the democratic process. It favors incumbent candidates because if you vote for your top 1-2 candidates, then you rank the candidates you DO NOT want, it will give the candidates you don't want an advantage. It needs to be done away with ASAP.
- Ranked choice voting should never be implementd. It is a horrible idea. It is confusing to most people. It seems to be easier to manipulate. I don't think the results really indicate the people's will. I would still like to see a head to head between Zoltanski and Bennett as Zoltanski barely received over 50%. PLEASE DO NOT MAKE RCV PERMANENT. MY HUSBAND AND I HATED RCV!!!
- Ranked choice voting should be used is more elections. Some states have already used it in presidential elections, and it is the way of the future for elections.
- Ranked choice voting should be used for more elections. It's far better representation if lots of people have the same second choice versus just voting for your single top choice.
- Ranked choice voting required greater involvement as a voter as you had to really dig into each candidate to determine who you supported more than the next and why in order to rank them. This is not a bad thing but maybe turns some people off because of the greater effort required. Now having seen an actual election run via ranked choice voting I would probably rank fewer candidates next time.



- Ranked choice voting is the first step that's help me feel represented in the voting system
- Ranked choice voting is the best way to vote. It should be adopted for all elections from local to national.
- Ranked choice voting is stupid! If we had a primary election it would have been better
- Ranked choice voting is probably the worst idea ever for electing citizens representatives. First there no formal debates to have their ideas expressed to the voters. All I could ever find was a short summary on the Sandy website, Candidates will say whatever they want and it's unchallenged or undebated. Second, their party affiliation is well masked and difficult to determine, there are different parties and the basic views of each party are fundamentally different. It's best to have two candidates, (or the ballot limit) that were selected by the constituents of that party to send the candidates they selected to the election to represent the views of their group. The unfortunate reality is that RCV comes across as a high school student council idea and it just about completely shuts down any healthy debate on the candidates qualifications and positions. RCV should be eliminated and voters should have the right and opportunity to select the candidate they want to have represent them.
- Ranked choice voting is important to ensure the candidates are elected on merit instead of party affiliation and so people do not throw away their votes.
- Ranked choice voting is great. It is finally an opportunity to pick your first choice even if you don't think they can win. At last, no more 'least worst' voting.
- Ranked choice voting is dumb and unnecessary. With every vote counted under the traditional voting method, arent people ranked by the number of votes they get anyway. I'd rather just vote for my one and only choice rather than gave to figure out where each candidate should be ranked. Ranked choice us Just stupid.
- Ranked choice voting is destroying our democracy. Please eliminate it now.
- Ranked choice voting is an excellent vehicle to "whittle down" candidates in a partisan primary race or to narrow a crowded field. The Sandy City Mayor's race was overly complicated by such a large field. RCV should have been utilized to get to three candidates in a primary setting thereby allowing voters to get a more in depth look at the remaining options. RCV could still be utilized in the general election if desired. Understandably, there are some cost savings with no primary ballots issued. However, a better plurality and decision could have been made otherwise. A reasonable statute could be in place that a primary election take place when 5 or more candidates vie for office.
- Ranked choice voting is a ridiculous option. And election presupposes that one person will be voted for and that person is of your choice. Ranking those who were not interested in is a waste of time and a ridiculous exercise. It does nothing to further one person one vote.
- Ranked choice voting is a means of introducing obfuscation and confusion into the voting process. RCV offers too many opportunities for bad actors to game the system and thereby unduly influence the outcome. Our voting process needs to be more transparent and secure, RCV is the opposite. Our community deserves a return to the tried and true "one person one vote"!
- Ranked choice voting is a good mechanism to push voters to learn more about each candidate. I found that I did more research since I had to rank my choices, and that's a good thing. I also think ranked choice reduces the chances that extremists who don't have broad support will be elected. This is also positive. I would support ranked choice in other elections in the future.
- Ranked choice voting gives all candidates an equal opportunity and helps elect someone the majority of voters approve of
- Ranked choice voting gave me a real choice. Not just a binary. There's always going to be growing pains



- and naysayers. Let's keep RCV and be the leading edge for voting in America.
- Ranked choice voting forced me to really dive deep into the candidates' positions. I feel more connected to city government and more informed. I also learned how much we have in common. My voting decision was more evidence-based than ever before because I couldn't just pick the one person who seemed most aligned to my political leanings (left v. right).
- Ranked choice voting does not narrow down the candidates and it is very difficult to bet every candidate and there are multiple people running. A primary election is needed.
- Ranked choice voting did not accomplish its intended purpose. It watered down the voting so that unclear results were presented. It added cost and confusion to the overall process and discredited the system. It further added to the already high level of distrust we have in government and those in key decision making roles. My opinion is that it was an abject failure and should never be repeated.
- Ranked choice voting can be confusing and potentially unfair. Consider this: If several candidates are running for office and there is a runoff, and the two that make it are both Democrats then where does the choice exist for the Republican voter?
- Ranked choice voting allowed me to vote for the least horrible choice of Republican Mormon wastes of oxygen as a second choice. Sure they are still horrible, but a little better than that zealot Mormon shira law loving pice of crap Houseman.
- Ranked choice should be used for all election, local and national
- Ranked choice seems the superior voting method to me.
- Ranked choice is the first time I feel like my Vice is legitimately being heard and vote fairly counted
- Ranked choice also wasted time and I'm sure money. Watching the process was like watching a train wreck. Waiting for a recount that didn't happen added to how ridiculous it was. Cut your losses, you tried it, it didn't go well, let's go back to a primary and Regular Election Day. Please post how many surveys you received back and the outcome of those surveys. I'm following this because I despised the process, I'm afraid a lot of people won't respond to anything that even mentions RCV from now on.
- Ranked choice Voting should've been explained to the people and let them decide if this is the way they would want to vote before it actually took place. Most people I talked to you when I canvassed for a candidate did not like it.
- Ranked Voting is designed to destroy the Political Party System that has produced worthy candidates who run on specific issues and political ideologies. I researched all of the candidates running in this last election and was disappointed in the lack of accountability and actual issue-related information they divulged. Any issues they did present was carefully scripted to reflect only the slightest hint of their political or ideological leanings. Ranked Voting denies the voters the choice of choosing their candidates through their political party system using debates and discussion of important issues and letting the average individual voter have a voice in questioning the candidates. Ranked voting is nothing more than a popularity contest that favors those with the biggest purse strings. In my opinion, Ranked Voting should be abolished as a dismal failure because the voting public has been robbed of their right to select candidates of THEIR choice based on research, debates, experience and involvement in the party system.
- Ranked Choice is great.
- Ranked Choice Voting should never have been instituted in Sandy. Thank you for listening.
- Ranked Choice Voting should be used in every election nationwide from now on. It is a better way to represent the voice of independent-thinking citizens.
- Ranked Choice Voting is the most logical way for the average citizen to have their voice heard. It seems



more fair and impartial than the primary/general election process. I can't think of an election that has been more appropriate, let alone properly democratic. Thanks for providing this survey in order to learn and evaluate ALL of the various opinions!

- Ranked Choice Voting is the most fair and best voting system we have for our citizens and we ought to make it permanent!
- Ranked Choice Voting is easy, fanatic, and gives each person a clear voice on every candidate.
- Ranked Choice Voting feels like it is very easy for candidates to game the system. This seemed more apparent in the mayoral race with 8 candidates than it did in the city council races, but I did notice that each time a former council member candidate was eliminated that more votes went to Zoltanski and every time a non-council member candidate was eliminated, more votes went to Bennet. It definitely gave the appearance that one side (city council candidates) or the other (non city council candidates, including Applegarth) was attempting to game the system with the 2nd and 3rd choice options. And as close as the results were, it feels like one neighborhood voting in a bloc could swing the RCV votes in favor of one candidate.
- Ranked Choice VOTING is the BEST!! It allows more people to participate in process. Previous method of delegates at conventions blocks most citizens from participating in process. Ranked Choice Voting should be used in City, County, State and Federal elections.
- Rank voting should have been voted on by the citizens of the city before it was ever used. It should have never been a, "let's try it" without us having a say in it first. A few shouldn't make a decision like this.
- Rank voting made the election feel like a popularity vote Because if you didn't witness a debate, your left with which candidate had the most posters out in the community. The candidates mission statements, and social media presences, which leaves a voter depending on the word of the candidates, and for me, politicians promise a lot, but deliver very little. The primary process vs. the ranking process had the ability to expose candidate rather than slide over their personal abilities straight to who had better name recognition due to their advertising themselves . Ranking candidates reminded me of high schoolers voting for student body officers.
- Rank voting doesn't represent who people want. I had only three candidates that I even would put down. Everyone I talked to hates rank voting and we're angry that we as citizens had no say in it.
- Rank choice voting unnecessarily complicates the voting. Most voters know who they are for, or against, but rational, precise ranking requires too much research, and I am sure most voters do not actually do that. So the alleged benefit of ranked choice voting is entirely an illusion. In reality, there may be an obvious winner, but if not it throws it into a complicated and probably nearly random outcome. The delay in this year's result demonstrates the inefficiency and unnecessary complexity.
- Rank choice voting should not be an option.! Traditional voting should be the only option one person one vote!
- Rank choice voting makes the voters job a lot harder. I didn't like the huge amount of time I had to spend just to scratch the surface on information about each candidate because there were so many. I was also not able to figure out if ranking more or less candidates was preferable.
- Rank choice voting is garbage. We should go back to traditional voting. I like having fewer candidates and I like voting for one person.
- Rank choice voting is a Significantly better solution.
- Rank choice voting helps us get away from the "lesser of two evils" mentality. We can truly vote our



- conscience, but still "cover our bets". I hope it is expanded.
- Rank choice voting creates a public nuisance because of the months of candidate advertising. We strive to keep Sandy city clean and nice yet we clutter it for months with Political advertising on most every corner
- Rank choice voting alters the decision making process by enticing voters to vote for a wildcard choice that they know can't win and then voting for the candidate they don't like as much but would have chosen in a standard election.
- Rank choice seems like it is ripe for fraud because more counting of votes must take place, and we have seen how our elections are NOT secure already. Also, when there is a close vote, the process of recounting can become a nightmare.
- Rank Choice Voting seemed confusing at first, but once it was explained, I really like it. It allows voters to determine the candidates instead of pre-selection by parties. The large number of candidates was a bit daunting. I relied on the voter's guide to learn about them and it was very difficult to tell who were the leading candidates by polling in advance of the election. But having now experienced how the results are tallied, I think it makes a lot of sense and I would support continued use of this format.
- Rank Choice Voting is crap
- RVC sucks!!
- RCV would have been difficult and confusing for those not anticipating it (as for a neighbor a few days before the election). However, it seems more fair, cost effective, and most importantly, gives a voter continued input into the election results. Having your 2nd, 3rd, or even 4th selection do well leaves a voter with a increased vested interest than does an all-or-nothing selection. The number of candidates in the mayoral election increased the confusion this year. Perhaps a run-off RCV effort could be helpful in keeping the number of candidates more manageable. I hope Sandy continues with RCV.
- RCV would be helpful in a primary election to narrow the candidates for the general election.
- RCV will help reduce present hyper partisanship, so we should definitely keep and promote it
- RCV was easy and I feel like it gives more choice to voters. What I dislike or found challenging was that there were so many candidates, it was hard to determine who would do the best job and I felt the political races (mayor) got messy and overwhelming for voters. Maybe a primary would still be helpful to cut down on some of the noise
- RCV was a disaster. Direct correlation with low voter turnout and disinterest in process. The amount of my money spent on stacks of flyers by so many candidates landed directly in the garbage.
- RCV was a complete mess, didn't understand how it worked and the process means that my vote doesn't count. I also don't want to be forced to vote for candidates I don't like just so that I have a vote. Do no use this in another election please.
- **RCV** sucks
- RCV stinks. Please do not use it again.
- RCV should be used only for primaries. The mayoral race being decided by 21 votes with over 4000 exhausted ballots means the winner was essentially random
- RCV should be eliminated and we should go back to the primary and voting method used in previous years
- RCV seems to work OK. I was disheartened that in council's rush to convert to RCV they didn't fully understand the process, i.e., the recount process. Still waiting for some statement from the council explaining that failure. Probably best I don't hold my breath waiting.



- RCV requires a great deal more study and research of each candidate, which if one does not have the time can be a disaster.
- RCV picks a true winner and should continue to be used. The only suggestion I would make is to make it more clear that you don't have to rank everyone if you don't want a certain candidate to get your vote!
- RCV perhaps saves the city money but condensing the primary and general elections to one election negates the "prople's choice". In this election, more than 4,000 ballots did not rank either of the top 2, a huge undervote for such a close election. RCV changes the voter's calculus. Would I have ranked the candidates differently had I known who the final 2 would be? When narrowed to a choice between 2, does my vote mean more? Do my goals change?
- RCV needs to be disgarded. RCV ultimately leads to a candidate that may well not have the approval of the majority of citizens in Sandy City or any election and is fraught with a lack of equity and fairness in the process.
- RCV might work of done properly. It was not done properly this time. Even this survey is done poorly. You are surveying the people who took the effort to give you their email addresses. How many tens of thousands of Sandy voters didn't do that. You are allowing a few to decide for the many. Not Democratic. Put an initiative on the ballot so everyone who votes has a say on RCV. Get rid of it until it can be done right
- RCV makes it easy to make voting mistakes by choosing the wrong line or marking more than one in the same line. Too much possibility of human error. One person, one vote. We're not making a "wish list" we're picking "A" (singular) candidate! Mail in ballots are already rife with the potential of fraud, RCV just adds to the possibilities.
- RCV lowers my confidence in the results.
- RCV lets marginal candidates have a shot at winning. I know it costs more to have a primary, but it generally eliminates candidates who have no business being on the ballot in the first place.
- RCV is un-American and violates basic principles of fairness.
- RCV is the dumbest idea yet for electing candidates. It is impossible to keep track of the candidates, their viewpoints and platforms. At least with a traditional primary the field can be narrowed down to 2-3 candidates and then you can make a more full, informed choice.
- RCV is the BEST way to gain a strong consensus and satisfy the most voters.
- RCV is stupid. The tried and true process of primaries is fine
- RCV is simple. It's possible to be happy with more than one candidate and this let's you express that. If my first choice doesn't win then hopefully my second choice will, etc. Absolutely the fairest way to vote.
- RCV is ridiculous. We should be voting for one person-the person we want to win. No one I have talked to likes this process. Stop pushing things on us.
- RCV is not a good idea!
- RCV is not a correct way to hold an election
- RCV is great. I said it was some what easy to vote not because of RCV itself but because I felt it made me look at more candidates closer in order to rank them. I felt very well represented, even though none of my 1st choice candidates won but those that did were my 2nd and 3rd choices. I also love the animation showing how votes were redistributed. Please keep RCV around. Ignorance and fear are poor reasons to go back to a more flawed first past the post system.
- RCV is great for encouraging more citizens to run in our municipal elections . Thank you so much for supporting RCV!
- RCV is great and I'd like to see it expanded into other elections. I'd very much like RCV options on ballet



- initiatives too such as instead of just "yes/no" do "yes for all" "yes for some" and "no for all"
- RCV is crooked. There is no way for transparency and people to see their vote be effective. It enables corruption and voter fraud.
- RCV is confusing because we don't really know who ranks where and the number of votes are deceptive. I just want to know who ranks first and second only.
- RCV is \_\_\_\_\_. We the voters hate it. Invite out those of you who support it! I Promise! I'm motivated.
- RCV is awesome and should be used again in the future.
- RCV is an absolute debacle. I urge the city to go away from RCV for future elections.
- RCV is a safe, easy, effective, economical way of conducting elections. Elimination of run-off elections is the greatest advantage. The City Council should not be persuaded to abandon RCV based on the anecdotal comments of a disgruntled few.
- RCV is a huge step forward in building a better democracy. We need to embrace it and expand it to all elections in the state.
- RCV is a disgrace. It will make campaigns cost a trillion dollars and confuse voters. This year it was evident that RCV benefited a vast portion of the sitting city council who were running for mayor by advancing candidates straight to the general without a primary election. Sandy city should be ashamed of themselves. If more citizens understood the motivation behind the city council's decision to have RCV they would be up in arms. I am so disappointed and did not vote for one Sandy City Council member because of it.
- RCV is a bad idea. Just like California's jungle primary.
- RCV invalidates an individual's vote if they voted for a candidate eliminated early in the process. If a primary had been held, the voter may have selected a different candidate which may have changed the outcome of the election.
- RCV has some good merits. Namely it seems to allow an opportunity to eliminate the need to align with a specific party, which at the municipal level is particularly attractive to me. I see three challenges with it. 1. Too many candidates to research and choose from, it takes so much work that people will give up on educating themselves. 2. What do I do if I don't want my vote to ever go to certain candidate(s). 3. Educating the public on how it works was rough. I had to take a fair amount of initiative to educate myself and I'm not sure I still fully understand how it all works.
- RCV ensures and is the only way that a candidate opposed by the vast majority of residents of a city can still become it's mayor. RCV eliminates the opportunity to narrow the field to two candidates with opposing views. Instead you vote on 8 and 5 are the same and 3 are different ensuring that there is never a debate or head to head between the two leading candidates.
- RCV elongates the election cycle. While candidates do not officially declare until August, many began campaigning at the beginning of the year. This is not helpful to the candidate, and I think it leads to voter fatigue. I only ranked 2 candidates. Eight candidates on the ballot is too many. If you do insist with continuing with RCV, you need to hold a primary and limit the number of candidates on the ballot: 3-5 candidates. You can use the primary as a way to limit the number of candidates. Who is going to rank their 8th choice? It makes no sense. The RCV experiment was also problematic because it is not clear 1) what forces a recount; 2) what the statues do (or in this case don't) say about recounts; 3) the selfinterested city council members (who stood to gain from this experiment) are the ones who voted for it. Generally, RCV is not well understood, and I'm not convinced that it advanced the stated goals of plurality in a way that cannot be met by standard voting methods. I am in favor of reverting back to the



- method of a primary and general. If you must keep RCV, maintain a primary and limit the number of candidates eligible in the general.
- RCV does not allow citizens the opportunity to police (audit) an election. With regular voting citizens have a chance to pick the best candidate after a primary that is still in the running. When it comes to electing the best candidate, cost is not the main a consideration.
- RCV Sucks. People.who like Curt Brble and Dan McCay as well as Stan Lockhart should get their nose OK UT of elections. They have screwed the people of Utah at every turn. They only care about how they benefit by keep their sorry in office all with crooks like Cox and others Lock them.al up in the Herbert Neiderhauser StatePrison along with reformer Sandy Mayor and anyone else who voted for RCV to be used Replace them all. This is how Communists win elections as this RCV was originally designed by a Communist. Thanks a lot Commrad.
- Quit trying to change the way we elect our officials!
- Put rank choice voting in the garbage can.
- Proliferation of signs. Unable to vet the top two. Theoretically, out of 10 candidates the #8 in the first round could end up winning. Need to look at the stats before trying this again.
- Probably works even better if there are only a handful of candidates and not the 8 we had for Sandy mayor.
- Pro- forced me to educate myself about all the candidates Cons Too many candidates to filter through. I believe this process is potentially too confusing for most voters. Most won't take/have the time to do the work. Also can be a difficult for older senior voters.
- Primary voting help voters to narrow their choice. You now can win an election by only getting votes which represent a possible 3 out of 10 people who vote. Easy doesn't always mean better. Sone things need to take effort.
- Primary to get it down to 2 candidates is much better. Waste of time inviting every wingnut that isn't really serious or a bible candidate to make us waste time on.
- Primary elections weed out those who are u prepared to run forcing stronger candidates to up their messaging
- Primaries are better.
- Prefer to choose just one candidate in each category.
- Power to the People, Baby!
- Possibly moving my vote from my choice of candidate to another candidate in reality changes my voting right!
- Poor choice by the City Council, a lot of unintended consequences, and lost votes because people did not rank all the candidates. It also created sign clutter, and a lot of misinformation because of the number of candidates. This would not have happened with a Primary election. If the Council keeps Rank Choice I will not Vote in the next election!
- Politics moves like molasses. You have to build up a culture around voting before a change like this starts to have real, material effects on what our politics are like. Unless this is part of some long term study on how opinions change over the years, it's foolish to be try and collect public opinions on this so soon.
- Please. NO ranked choice in the future I'd rather have a primary. It leaves no confusion and makes the choice clear to the voter
- Please, keep using it. People will get used to it.



- Please use this going forward. I like knowing that I can vote for my preferred candidate without throwing my vote away
- Please use Ranked Choice Voting in the future. It's a great methodology for voting.
- Please stop using RCV. It makes us city citizens distrust the election process even more than we already do.
- Please repeal it. It's not a good way to vote.
- Please put this to referendum before using again in a general election.
- Please please do not do this again. We need to eliminate candidates before the final election. I am related to Noel Bateman who was a previous Sandy Mayor who was a beloved mayor who had a post office, a park etc named after him. That is the kind of mayor we need. We haven't had this for a long time. We have had multiple housing built up all over Sandy who attracts people who aren't as invested in where they live as a home owner does. We wonder who really benefited under the table on these builds. Most in Sandy are extremely disappointed in this and it can't be undone,
- Please please do not do this again, what was supposed ro produce a clear winner was complicated and anthing but good and fare!
- Please keep ranked choice voting in the future. I believe this forces individuals to do their due diligence a d look at each candidate carefully before making a choice. It also allows any number of political affiliations to be in the hat, which could help lead us to break the two party system.
- Please keep ranked choice voting for every election from here on out, including presidential elections, if possible. It is truly the only way to ensure that every vote counts, regardless of which candidate wins. I urge sandy city to KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING!
- Please keep rank choice voting
- Please keep it, empowers voters
- Please keep it simple!
- Please keep it and fix the law.
- Please keep and expand ranked choice voting!
- Please keep Ranked Choice Voting! It is by far a superior system, and I would love to have it every election from here on out. If you want to avoid having 8 candidates at once, you can pair it with some sort of primary, but RCV is needed when there are 3+ candidates.
- Please keep RCV.
- Please keep RCV!!! I greatly appreciated being able to weigh all of the candidates and make choices that actually reflected my values instead of being forced to choose the lesser of two evils. Ranked choice voting ensures that citizens' voices are more accurately heard, and I would hate to see Sandy move away from it! PLEASE KEEP RCV!!
- Please keep RCV! It's the fairest way to do elections!
- Please go back to the way we voted before. One candidate, one vote, period.
- Please go back to the traditional method of casting votes during an election. One vote, one candidate. And there needs to be a method to verify the person who is voting.
- Please go back to the previous voting method
- Please go back to the old system!
- Please go back to the old process.
- Please get rid of it. Let us vote for these kinds of changes. Don't sneak them through on us as you did this one. Know council members who said it was sneaked through. I agree.
- Please eliminate rank choice



- Please educate the public and allow them to vote on this process.
- Please don't use it in the future.
- Please don't use it again.
- Please don't use again!!!!! The old system worked just fine! Why are you playing around with ranked voting???? People I've talked to about it DON'T like it!!!! Trying to save money? Do it somewhere else.
- Please don't give into to those vocal few who are afraid of change!
- Please don't do it this way again, or I might not vote
- Please don't use this again ever!
- Please don't use in future elections.
- Please don't be trailblazers. Stick to what works..... vote for one candidate
- Please do not use this terrible system of ranked voting.
- Please do not use this system again!
- Please do not use this in the future. Does not see like a fair process.
- Please do not use ranked voting ever again. A big waste of taxpayers money!!
- Please do not use ranked choice voting.
- Please do not use ranked choice voting ever again!
- Please do not use ranked choice voting again. A lot of information was not available for each of the candidates. A lot of information came out about the candidates after the election. I was very displeased with the way the election was handled.
- Please do not use ranked choice voting again!!!!! The results aren't fair and people who are not the people's real voice get elected. It's a TERRIBLE process.
- Please do not use rank voting again, it's better to have primary elections to eliminate the unpopular and then have a final election!! This is a better way to have a fair election!!
- Please do not use again. One man one vote.
- Please do not use RCV again. It only introduces totally avoidable confusion and offers no real benefit to the community. I also have some serious concerns about how the votes are tallied, for example, how on earth can you start to eliminate candidates before ALL the ballots are in? In this past election I was tracking the results and with only 30% reporting we were already down to two candidates? How is that even possible. I have some very serious concerns about the RCV system and do not support its use in any way. I get it that we wanted to test the waters, lets chalk it up to a bad idea, correct the mistake and move on.
- Please do not implement ranked choice voting
- Please do not do it in the future
- Please do not continue using RCV.
- Please do not change how we vote especially while the country already distrusts the voting process.
- Please do away with it.
- Please discontinue ranked choice—if for no other reason than to avoid the 2 absurdity recount that was our 1st mayoral usage of the ranked choice format.
- Please discontinue ranked choice ballots. It belies the concept of 1 person, 1 vote.
- Please continue using it
- Please continue it. I feel it gives me more choice and my votes matter more
- Please consider adding party affiliation to the candidates name on ballot. Voters shouldn't have to do detective work to find this out. If a candidate doesn't want to disclose their party affiliation, the voter should know why. Otherwise, it becomes a political race based on name recognition. Not on political



- viewpoint. VERY few voters stop to read the candidate's platform.
- Please change this format. It is bad. Very bad.
- People will become more comfortable with RCV over time. It shouldn't be abandoned. It gives voters more power in the ballot box.
- Party affiliation was obscured and very difficult to research. The actual winner won by a small margin and is not of the party that is representative of the State. We don't need further disenfranchisement of the Voter.
- Our state seems to think the voting system needs to change when there wasn't a problem which makes me not trust the voting system even less than before.
- Only one vote per candidate for office is fair and decisive.
- One vote...One choice...winner takes all!!!!
- One vote one winner
- One vote one choice
- One thing I liked about ranked choice was that I felt like I had to learn about all the candidates. But I don't like the ranked choice because of how the 2nd, 3rd, etc. choices appear to be unequally weighted. All explanations of how each vote in each round are lacking in detail. Also the choice of who one votes for can be altered by who the remaining candidates are. Ranked choice may seem simple and fair at first glance but when you look at and weigh the details citizens actually preferences my not be considered as intended.
- One person. One vote. Not complicated
- One person. One vote. It can be used to make sure only one party will win elections and the other won't. That's not equitable and fair.
- One person, one vote. I was very annoyed by this form of voting. Maybe it wouldn't have been so bad if I could vote for the same person for each level of voting. But since I only voted one time in the district counsel part, when it went to round two, I didn't have a voice anymore. Then the candidate that was ahead, got knocked down by like 1% and ended up losing. I didn't get a second round vote. My voice was ignored. Same opinion for mayor. If I had only voted for 3, by the round 4, my voice is not heard anymore. I am ignored.
- One person, one vote, not 8 votes. Easier to introduce fraud long term by filling out unfilled choices. Obscure candidates can win without a mandate, introducing new schemes to win office without the people truly preferring them.
- One person, one vote makes manipulation difficult.
- One person one vote
- One of the things I like about RCV is that it at least implies that one determines information on all of the candidates before ranking.
- One of the biggest improvements to voting in a long time.
- One major flaw of Ranked Choice voting is that it is impossible to see which way other citizens are leaning and to see what is important with to the other citizens. While I enjoyed the process of researching all of the candidates, listening to what they had to say, and voting FOR rather than against the candidates I wanted, the outcome was not at all what I expected. The descriptions of Ranked Choice voting promised that one of my top three candidates would most likely win. The winner was in actuality my 8th choice but had I known that so many other citizens of my community were intending on voting for her, I would have either researched her even more, or voiced my concerns for her in my sphere of



- influence. Hence the reason I said in this survey that I liked Rank Choice but I would not like to do it again.
- One Vote One Choice.....save taxpayers hard earned cash from political schemes that don't enhance the process. It was a big waste of time and money and didn't help the process we are still awaiting the outcome for mayor.
- One Person One Vote!!!
- Once again I will say it is a stupid way to vote.
- Once I wrapped my head around how RCV worked, I really like that a secondary/tertiary/etc choice is still has some merit in this ballot. RCV FTW!!
- Once I read the instructions that came with my ballot (and in the Sandy Newspaper) I understood how the process worked. I did have to read how the process worked to understand. I really liked rand choice voting as I felt I had more of a say and could support more than one candidate.
- Not seeing point... Should share would mayor be mayor ....wirhout rank choice... maybe splitting vote isnt helpful
- Not needed. Forget it.
- Not my favorite.
- Not all candidates are equally qualified for the position they are contending. Ranked choice could potentially place someone Whom I wold not chose at all!
- Not a necessity. Simple vote is better, simpler,
- Not a good way to vote. It is terrible.
- Not a good idea. The outcome was too close and I think a Primary Election would have helped.
- Not a fan. I think I understand some of the reasoning, but would like to know all the reasons. How does it hold up Constitutionally? If there are 5 candidates, do I need to rank all 5, or can I just rank the three I am familiar with? Are we doing it to save the \$\$ related to Primary Races? We still had a run off and the final result was a long time coming. Are we trying to circumvent the Democrats who vote Republican in Primaries to skew the results for the General election? I have lots of question before I would want to continue with this form of voting.
- Not a fan
- None of my neighbors or family members really understood or knew how to do this voting format. I think it is rather confusing and not necessary for the voting process.
- None of my first rank won, and I am glad I was able to vote for my next choice.
- No person or group of people gets to decide to fundamentally change our voting system. I'm very angry about this!
- No more RCV
- Never do this again
- Never do it again. When one candidate only wins by 21 votes that tells me that the process failed. She received 50% but in my mind she was not a clear winner. I will contact every member of the city council to complain. They never gave the residents in the city a chance to vote on rank voting. They just railroaded it in. Shame on the city council. They did not represent wishes of the their community. Just a singular desire for themselves to run for major.
- Need to know more about the candidates
- Need more access about candidates and their platforms that are easily accessed through the city website. When looking through 8 candidates, it is hard to find and remember key information needed to rank one candidate ahead of another.



- Need better vetting
- NEVER DO IT AGAIN! WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE ELECTED HAD WE VOTED TRADITIONALLY! STUNK! Won't vote again if it's rank choice.
- My wife and I prefer selecting a single candidate and not giving all the others a chance at winning the lottery, so to speak!
- My voting family of five and I found the sudden voting process change a grave disservice to the Sandy community. Nearly EVERYONE I spoke with was confused by the obscene number of (often underqualified) candidates, most of whom (absent a primary process) listed neither party affiliation nor concrete policy stances(e.g. taxes, traffic/smog/LCC, zoning, environment, parks/trails, urban sprawl, law enforcement or Covid mandates), if not the process. We unanimously believe this proved to be a disgusting betrayal of citizens rights to informed representation choice and the democratic process. Shame on YOU.
- My vote now counts. Thank you.
- My real problem with it is that it is not clear how the winner is selected. I would prefer a more transparent method. Also, I heard that in Sandy's mayoral race that the first place person won after all was completed. The voting process should always be transparent and easy to understand.
- My parents would be ashamed of me if I uses those words to express my dislike of ranked voting. (Think symbols used in cartoons for swearing.)
- My only suggestion is to narrow down the primary candidates a little more down vs having 8 options, its quite a lot to rank
- My only comment would be to provide more access to information on each candidate, where their opinions lie on key policy positions etc. I had a hard time researching some of their views on issues that matter to me.
- My last choice won, and really did not even deserve a my vote. It sucks.
- My first choice candidate did not win, but my second choice did. If not for ranked choice option, I feel like perhaps one of my least liked candidates probably would have been elected. RCV gave me more say about the outcome.
- My NO answer to the question about if RCV should be used in the future is based on the fact that I don't know how it impacted the outcome of the election vs. the old method. It would have been helpful to see what candidates would have been elected had RCV not been used.
- My #1 choice won for Mayor and city counsel, I had my top 2 favorites for each race, but ranking all candidates was difficult.... And, I didn't see the point to it as I knew who I was voting for in each race.
- Much easier and much, much less obnoxious.
- More civilized talk from candidates! It made for a "nicer" election
- Maybe okay for primaries or only a few candidates, but I think it was a poor choice using it for the crowded mayoral election.
- Maybe a primary should be used if there are more than 5 candidates to identify the top 5 for the general election.
- Maybe OK to narrow the field from 8 to the top two and then a final new vote between them.
- Make voting as secure as you can. But don't use it as a tool to exclude people who have a legitimate stake in government, like the state legislature did by gerrymandering some of us out of our representation. Don't listen to right wing fanatics who think China rigged our elections against Trump.
- Mail-in ballots and raked voting are to open to manipulation and fraud I believe that everyone should



have one vote for one candidate in every aspect of an election I believe it would be more fair if it was blockchain secured through a quantum computer let's get with the times and stop goofing with the people's choice! I feel it is oppression to an individual's right and open to manipulation strongly and adamantly disapprove!

- Made so much sense
- MANY people I know, young and old, were confused and they along with me found it completely unnecessary to change a time-proven method! I can see no advantages to rank-choice voting!
- Loved the option to rank each candidate, loved saving the city money by not holding a primary election,
- Loved rank choice. It takes the partisanship out of voting. Saved money by not having a primary. Keep it and keep mail in voting
- Loved it. Waay better than regular I believe because it was less expensive for the city and county to hold ONE election rather than multiple. Anything to save taxes is good!
- Loved it!!! Thank you. Please keep rcv
- Loved it! Super excited for Sandy to have their first female mayor.
- Loved RCV! Keep using it!
- Love rank choice, great move for the city
- Love it. Please do not take it away.
- Love it! Let us pick our first candidate that we really like without wasting our vote
- Love it! I do with there we're still primaries to narrow the field to 5(ish) and weed out the crazies but I want to keep rank choice voting
- Love RCV!
- Love It!!!
- Long after the election was over I found the interactive animation showing the results. I would have liked to have seen that much sooner. Perhaps there should be a way of notifying voters how to see the election results.
- Limit to primary use only. Elections are too important to tinker with.
- Limit candidates to four. Otherwise it is too cumbersome.
- Liked that we had no primaries
- Liked ranked choice voting. Disliked the mayoral outcome.
- Liked ranked choice and want it used in all future elections
- Liked it.
- Let's get rid of the extremist politicians through RCV.
- Let's not do that again.
- Let's not have it again
- Let's have a vote like regular people.
- Learned that each vote counts! Just too many candidates for mayor. It was confusing and difficult to find out what I needed to know about each of the candidates. There needs to be a way to reduce the field a bit. Still, there were some positives and I could see how it would work in the future.
- Lack of education on how RCV works has lessened its effectiveness.
- Kinda lame. Seems like a lot more work for not a lot of benefit.
- Kill Ranked Choice voting
- Keep it. I like ranking from 1 to 8.
- Keep it.



- Keep it, it's superior to old method
- Keep it! It makes sense when you have such a large field of candidates.
- Keep it going
- Keep Ranked voting. Fair and cost effective!
- Just seems unnecessary, you know the old saying, if it aint broke than don't fix it. Why are we changing for the sake of change. Silly
- Just plain overkill. Too many unqualified candidates seemed like a popularity contest. Not enough info on the majority of candidates to make a decision. Keep it simple.
- Just hold a primary election.
- Just go back to voting one candidate I saw that some with the most vote in round one ended up losing that doesn't sound fair to me
- Just beyond stupid
- Junk it
- JUST DO NOT LIKE IT
- I'm very unhappy that the city council made this decision without legitimate public input. It felt like a back door solution for all the city council members who wanted to be mayor. It's decreased my confidence in Sandy City's government when my confidence was already very low given our present mayor.
- I'm not a fan. Too many choices. I didn't know until late in the process that you didn't have to vote for all the candidates. Very difficult to learn about all the candidates. No debates or other sources of info until late in the process.
- I'm grateful that the city council had the courage to pilot the program. Over the years the Sandy City Council has been a legislative leader in the state. I'm happy to see that continue.
- I'd be okay with ranked choice voting used for primary elections but it should not be used for general elections
- It's unconstitutional
- It's ridiculous. We should stick with normal voting.
- It's awesome and leaves no drama
- It's an abomination to the voting system. Run a primary and have a general election. One vote per person, not the convoluted system that rolls up votes through some process of elimination.
- It's a total waste of time.
- It's a pain to research everyone for proper ranking, but worth it. I hope this can grow to reduce vote splitting and to reduce the pull toward more extreme candidates that we get in primaries.
- It's a great system, I hope it sticks.
- It's good please keep it.
- It's a terrible idea. There are so many candidates that no one has a chance of actually being elected by a "Majority", which is the way it's supposed to work. Toss it out!
- It's a costly process for candidates, and creates chaos for voters. It ends up being a popularity contest, and not the best person for the job.
- It's a better way of taking voter preference into account made possible by advances in computer technology. There's no reason to go back into the stone age of primaries and single-candidate voting.
- It would have been nice to know that I didn't need to rank all the candidates. Had I known, I would have just selected the only one I wanted to vote for and left the rest off.



- It would have been nice to have been consulted prior to the city's failed attempt to fix that which was not broken.
- It would have been nice if the voters would have had a choice to choose whether or not to use ranked choice voting
- It would be nice to just vote for who you want.
- It would be good to know if ranked choice voting resulted in electing a candidate that did not receive the highest number of 1st choice selections in the past election.
- It would be a shame if a candidate that received the most votes in election isn't elected. Changing the system so a candidate gets a fake 50% of the votes that overrides the real winner is nonsense.
- It worked well. Keep up the good work.
- It was wonderful to feel like I could vote for who I wanted instead of trying to figure out who I disliked the least out of the candidates who were most likely to win.
- It was weird a d odd to vote for people you didn't want to get elected. Way too many candidates!
- It was very good for the council people, but it was more difficult for the mayoral candidates. Overall it was an ok system. I would not be opposed to it, but I don't have strong feelings for it.
- It was valuable in that I became familiar with everyone that was interested in the position in question. I was disappointed that there was very limited information about some of the candidates. It was frustrating because of the number of candidates and hence time consuming to compare them all. If all of them had provided adequate information I would have felt that I could have made a more informed ranking. At the same time it would have made the process more time consuming.
- It was the worst. I didn't even vote for the top 2 final candidates. I wish it was the regular voting method because at least I could have voted for the best of the 2leaders. Instead our new mayor only had 20% of the vote. Pretty pathetic someone can become the mayor with that low of a percentage of support.
- It was supposed to give us a clear winner. Yet it didn't and we had to pay tax dollars and time to recount the votes. Too many candidates to learn about. This way of voting can be manipulated too easily.
- It was somewhat confusing and difficult to rank the candidates because some were so similar in their goals/agenda. I also could only imagine how much more difficult it was for those counting/compiling the ranked votes. Seems its importance and value is more for the candidates to learn how well their campaigning faired, and how they can improve their strategies next time running for office..
- It was really nice to feel like I was able to vote for whoever I thought was best rather than having to vote for the person I thought could win that I liked most. It was freeing and also had me looking deeper at each candidate and the issues they addressed.
- It was great! Really easy to understand. I hope that the city continues to use it
- It was great!
- It was great!
- It was extremely difficult to find enough information on so many different candidates. I pulled an all nighter the Sunday before the election in order to get my mail in vote completed before leaving on a work trip.
- It was difficult to learn about all the candidates. I support RCV. Next time I would put more effort into learning about the candidates.
- It was confusing. DID NOT like!
- It was confusing. Also it would be nice to know which party the candidates are affiliated with.
- It was confusing but I would still like to give it another try now I have a better understanding. Also,



- please don't get rid of vote by mail...
- It was bad. I only vote for the person I want in office
- It was an interesting way to vote but I feel the city should go back to the old traditional way of voting.
- It was an embarrassment for the the city for how it went, and those who voted for it should be equally embarrassed. It should be undone and never even mentioned again.
- It was a rush job...citizens needed more time to understand to be able to evaluate.
- It was a CLUSTER F\*\*K in no uncertain terms. NEVER TRY TO PULL THIS S\*\*T AGAIN WITHOUT ASKING THE RESIDENTS OF SANDY CITY! SHAME ON YOU ALL!!!!
- It was OK. It seems to work for municipal elections with multiple candidates for a specific office. Apparently the state legislate doesn't want anything to do with RCV for their elections.
- It turned out very complicated for a lot of voters. Neighbors weren't voting because they didn't understand it. The process was slow and probably cost a lot more that the other form of voting. Plus NO ONE asked the voters. It was railroaded. Totally unfair.
- It turned into a fiasco because the board didn't even know the rules and regulations. When it came to the final meeting to accept the vote for the Mayor, many members were not even there. The now Mayor didn't even bother to appear in person. SAD....
- It sucks. I hate it. Feel it was forced on us without our input. Very very angry
- It sucked
- It stinks!! It appears to be nothing more than a means for losers to get a second or third chance. If the candidate was the first choise, too bad. That one candiate appeared to have a cheap way of advertising his ego, i. e. ivy league education, and his rental. Why the does it take twenty days to find out who won in a city of less than 100,000? Nationwide results were available guicker by telegraph in the mid-1800's than they are now with the almighty computerized systems. Rank-choice was touted as saving money by eliminating a primary. The only thing it eliminated was the voter's ability to thoroughly vet the candidates on their true platfoorms and be able to ask questions of them.
- It should be made clear that you do not necessarily need to rank all candidates. There needs to be policies and procedures set up in the future to guide a recount in the event of a small marginal victory. Which candidates can challenge? How small must the margin be? What is the actual process? Etc.
- It should be abandoned as an idea.
- It seems to me that ranked choice voting waters down the election. It was difficult to sort out who the candidates were and what they stood for.
- It seems to me that it makes people more indecisive, more flexible, less interested in being exact & really doing the work to discover the person that best aligns with their values. I also have serious concerns about it's validity & potential use for fraud.
- It seems to me that by choosing more than one candidate you are not only voting for someone you really don't want to win but are likely to against your own choice because the other candidates can move up collecting votes from the down tier and add to the tally the 2nd choice over my first choice. It is confusing and not all is very clear on how it works. It is especially bad if there are political parties involved as it's possible that I could vote for a different party than I prefer. If the rank choice is continued I can only see voting for one person for each position on the ballot which will be the same as not having the rank choice.
- It seems to me that RCV would be more foolproof (and maybe fairer) if done electronically. That way a voter wouldn't accidentally rank the same candidate twice, for instance, because the app would flag the



error before the ballot was submitted. An electronic ballot could also randomize the order in which the candidates were listed, thus reducing the statistical bias favoring the first candidates listed. (Obviously, there are potential downsides of electronic ballots, too).

- It seems to have watered down the election. Yes, it's fair, but we will be getting mayors with no operational experience or business savvy.
- It seems that the idea is a good one in the surface but really not in practice. Sorry. The old way seems better.
- It seems like there was a great deal of confusion and the ballots were difficult to count. Other than avoiding a primary, I don't understand the benefit.
- It seems like a problem that the winning Mayor received only 17000 votes. It made the election seem to go on forever with the same candidates.
- It seems like a good thing. I am guessing that this method saves a lot of time and tax payer money .
- It seems like a fiasco
- It seems like Sandy City sent a postcard or mailer with ranked choice voting instructions, but with a bad graphic that was confusing. The actual ballot was easier to understand and made more sense.
- It seems RCV just flooded the field, diluted the vote, and out the election in question. Really, the winner only "won" by 50.?%. I'll always wonder what the outcome would have been under the normal voting system. Would love to see a run off between Bennett and Voktanski. I only wanted to vote for one person; I think it's crazy that votes meant for one candidate end up with another! Just another level of potential fraud. PLEASE-no more RCV.
- It seemed to be a fair option for picking/voting for candidates
- It seemed like a great idea, but when I did it I had to look at every candidates website to see what the stand for. It took a lot of time. I am sure not everyone did what I did. There could possibly be a lot of wasted votes from people for candidates if this happened. Plus I couldn't really see what party the candidates were supporting, so I couldn't see what there full plan is if they won.
- It requires a bit more involvement on the part of voters, but also gives us a LOT more power. I like it And hope to see it continue.
- It required me to dig deeper into the candidate's backgrounds and qualifications which was a good
- It really makes no sense. Why the change to ranked voting? Seems like this method manipulates the popular candidates position so the lesser will succeed. REALLY DO NOT LIKE THIS CHANGE!
- It really diluted the field with 8 candidates. Primary would have allowed better candidate separation and participation too.
- It proved to be not an effective way of voting.
- It produced way to much frustration and confusion among constituents that I talked to. Voter participation was at an all time low. Bring back the primary.
- It needs to be more clear if you have to vote for everyone for your vote to count or what happens if you only put one person.
- It makes a lot more sense, especially deleting primary elections.
- It made us look into all the candidates and what they were saying and proposing instead of just a few we knew which caused us to change some of our opinions and choices.
- It made learn about all candidates, so I am a more informed voter.
- It left too many candidates in the running. Would have preferred a primary election, then differences



- between candidates may have been clearer in the final vote.
- It isba great system that needs to be rolled out to the state level!
- It is very hard to know all the facts about each candidate. The way it eliminates candidates seems very time consuming & very hard to be accurate
- It is very confusing, can't find enough information about so many candidates. It should not be a popularity contest. Either the candidate won their parties' run off or not it at least allows the voter to learn more about them other than how many children they have or how long they have lived in Sandy. The issues and needs of the community are more important and need more discussion, which can't happen without narrowing the candidates involved.
- It is surely less expensive than an election requiring a primary.
- It is so dumb, please don't do it again. It confused people and made the freaking election soooooo long it was unbearable. Do a primary and narrow the field.
- It is ridiculous that soneone with only 20% of the vote can win an election!
- It is not fair to the candidates. They spend funds all election season rather for a primary and then the top candidates can raise more funds after proving the success of their platform. I did not contribute to candidates this year because the system does not allow the candidates with the best ideas to rise above others.
- It is nice having all the candidates on the ballet but we can not see the elimination process as it is happening so we are comfortable with the whole process and if it is properly done of not. Vote was too close for comfort.
- It is more time-consuming than regular voting.
- It is just stupid. We need a primary election and a final election.
- It is confusing and could open door for vote fraud.
- It is certainly new for me at least, but has its plusses
- It is an excellent system of voting and I hope it stays.
- It is absolutely the most democratic way to vote. Every voter's range of candidate choices gets appropriately considered
- It is a very good idea and should be adopted everywhere
- It is a great way to learn about all the candidates versus the one you know you will vote for. It also gives you the satisfaction that if your first choice candidate doesn't win but your 2nd choice does you still feel good about your vote.
- It is a complicated, not straight forward process
- It honors real democracy and prevents small groups from hijacking elections.
- It gives residents a chance to rate all candidates and saves money from a runoff election
- It forced me to take a deeper look at candidate's positions to know how to rank them. I think that was a good thing.
- It forced me to do more research on all the candidates, which I think is a good thing.
- It feels like it didn't raise my trust in a fair election and maybe that's just because of the way the Sandy Mayoral race went down. It felt like there were too many candidates and I felt obligated to rank them all which may or may not have made a difference to the candidates. I just feel unsure about it still. My husband and kids didn't even bother to vote because it seemed too hard. It wasn't too hard but that was the perception looking at the ballot.
- It encourages you to research candidates. You feel ownership.
- It encourages more moderate candidates.



- It doesn't give a balanced chance to hear from each of the candidates on a debate.
- It does not allow voters to hone in on specific issues with viable candidates. With so many candidates and each one running on a different platform, it is very difficult to compare one candidate to another, and some candidates are just noise. There needs to be a weeding-out process to eliminate candidates with little chance to win. If I support a weak candidate and focus on their platform, I could easily miss what opponents are saying about other issues
- It appears to most people I have talked to, and myself, that not having a primary election prevented vigorous debate among the candidates which made it very difficult to see through their "happy face" they put on for social media to the real person and their position in the real issues. Unfortunately, as in the previous Mayoral election, we are probably going to be very surprised by the actions of the mayor elect vs. his/her campaign rhetoric.
- It Sucks !!!!!
- In the traditional voting process with a primary, I felt like I had more information for each candidate, more time to study one candidate over the other in depth and I felt like I was making a more informed decision. With RCV, my choice was taken away from me by watering down the process, forcing me to study more than six candidates and how to rank them and losing focus on the issues while trying to navigate candidate profiles and a new voting system. In short, I felt this was a process that was forced on the voters and it plays on the emotions of the voter to "hurry and get it over with" and pick somebody that had big campaign signs and token promises. I did not appreciate it at all. The cities that used this is preying on the natural human tendency to take the easy road by RCV.
- In the era of potential election fraud concerns, I believe this is a step in the wrong direction. Vote counting is an additive process and this removes a significant amount of clarity when it comes down to counting votes after the fact. The winner should strictly be the person who received the most votes by their constituents and should be easily auditable. I do not believe that ranked choice voting lends itself to typical vote auditing in a way that justifies its use.
- In the United States we vote for a candidate not an aggregated conglomerate of who placed first second third fourth or fifth. I vote for a single candidate the winner should be announced based on how they ranked in total votes not where they appeared in a stack ranking
- In my opinion oh, it is the biggest mistake Sandy City has ever made. I like the idea of One V vote one candidate.
- In my opinion I vote for who I want. I do not like the fact that if the one I voted for is down in numbers then my vote is distributed among the others. I did not vote for that process. I think it is a lazy way of voting....do your research for who you want. I voted for a conservative but ended up with a liberal. Put tje D, R or I associated with the candidates. Also, make the candidate work for their vote!!!
- In April my wife and I were informed that the city council would be voting on changing our voting system. We learned about this by chance and we're frustrated that something so fundamental to our freedoms would be done potentially without us knowing. We logged on and watched the city Council that week and we're appalled and what we saw. Not only the incivility of the council but also that they would choose to go with RCV without getting hardly any citizen input. The two council women who opposed it were simply asking that citizens voices be heard first yet we're rudely put down for suggesting it. I appreciate this survey and hope if the finding show the citizens are against it the council will act accordingly and not implement it for Sandy. If the majority of citizens want it, then so be it, but their voices should be the only voices that matter



- If you use ranked in the future I will have to think hard about whether I would vote and I have not missed voting in an election for the past 42 years (including 4 years living in Russia).
- If you keep ranked choice voting, keep the primary. The general election shouldn't have 8 candidates. I'm fine with two rounds of RCV, but having too many people in the end was a pain.
- If you keep RCV, in close elections: Schedule a run-off election!
- If you are conservative or liberal and your candidate turns out to be the bottom choice then your second choice comes into play - meaning the the least favorite choice gets to have their vote count for second choice of their party. Hard to explain but it's not a real fair way.
- If we have to have ranked choice, limit the # of candidates to 4 or less.
- If using ranked choice option there should be something you can spesify that indicates you're only voting for x# of candidates. So that someone else could not add more votes to ones not ranked. Like accept an X as an indication that you are giving 0 vote to a candidate.
- If this is just to save a primary election, I find it a very BAD substitute. When elections come I have ONE person in mind that I want to vote for. As I watched your visuals of how it worked it doesn't sit well at all with me! I would definitely vote NO!!!!!!!!!!! to have ranked choice voting.
- If it wasn't for RCV the new Mayor would not have been declared the winner!!!
- If it saves money for Sandy, I am willing to do it but otherwise I really don't want to do it again.
- If it is used in the future it should only be used for primary election
- If Sandy is to use RCV in the future, do it in a primary and not a general election.
- If Sandy does ranked choice again I will likely not vote for Sandy officials.
- If Sandy City continues with RCV, would prefer to have limits on the number of candidates. It was rather confusing this year because some candidates had started campaigning before the City Council voted to try RCV. As I said in my earlier post, I would also prefer to have a partisan election that would include a primary election and then debates between the two winnin candidates
- If I vote for a candidate that is who I want. I don't find it helpful to vote for a secondary or third choice and having no political parties listed seems very shady, especially when one side wants defunding to police and eternal taxation and debt. Get rid of rank voting!
- If I pick a candidate I don't care about the others. That is why they call it an election so you select the individual that reflects your ideas and goals for the City. It is not the pick a baseball team. Select your candidate and vote. If there is a runoff, so be it. I don't care who got most of the second votes because two candidates tied for first. We are not building a baseball team.
- If I disliked a candidate I didn't know if I should not rank them at all or rank them low. And there were too many candidates to choose from. I prefer to have a primary
- Idiotic idea. Please reinstate a primary election
- ITS HORRIFIC. We don't want it. One vote!!! And stop with the automatic mail in ballots. Those are ripe for error or fraud.
- IMO, ranked choice voting should NEVER be used in the general election. People should decide who they want to vote for and cast that vote. Ranked choice voting is like "hedging" your bet. Many of my neighbors didn't vote because there were too many people running, and the field hadn't been winnowed down by a primary election. The Sandy City Council made a poor decision voting to participate in this form of voting.
- I've been told that Ranked Choice Voting provides for non-traditional candidates to be elected. I've also been told that Ranked Choice elects the candidate with the most overall support in the election. If



- those things are true I'd like to keep ranked choice voting.
- I'm yet to have it explained to me that makes sense
- I'm wondering why you would rush to choose to do RCV as a trial when the World Economic Forum is behind this. It makes no sense that a candidate can win without having the majority of the vote. Why did you choose to team up with Salt Lake County?
- I'm wondering why the city will send out a survey after the fact but nothing prior to enslaving RCV? I was told that notices of RCV were sent out with our utility bill but we do paperless billing and never received one. If I hadn't heard about it in a resident group on Facebook I would have had no idea that this was happening this year. I'm frustrated that the city council seemed to push it through with very little resident input. In my opinion residents should have been allowed to vote on whether or not they wanted RCV.
- I'm really glad we got to use this, especially in races with lots of candidates, and hope we expand its use. I'd also be interested in trying approval voting, and really hope we don't go back to the old "select only one" system.
- I'm not sure why or how it's "better" than traditional voting.
- I'm indifferent as to whether or not ranked choice voting should be used in the future.
- I'm all for open elections but think the vote should on allow voting for a single person not several.
- I would've liked it better if my candidate had won;)
- I would strongly prefer to continue Rank Choice voting in the future
- I would rather have a primary election than Ranked Choice voting.
- I would rather have a primary and then just vote between the two canidates.
- I would prefer to return to the old method of voting. What did this accomplish
- I would prefer to have the regular voting ballot. The way they count the ballots are too confusing. Why does it have to be so confusing & just have the person with the most ballots win?
- I would prefer to have a primary election to reduce the number of candidates to 2 or 3 for the general election. Perhaps the primary election could even be done online and the general election is mail or in person like it is now.
- I would prefer to have a primary and general election. Having a primary would narrow the candidates where the public can choose between two or possibly three candidates. Ranked choice muddled the process. After my first or second choice it was very difficult to rank them.
- I would prefer to have a primary and a final election. The number of candidates was overwhelming and I would have preferred an opportunity to think about and have more of a voice in the final outcome. Whatever happened with the election this year that caused campaign signs to be up for months and months was annoying.
- I would prefer to do away with it next election.
- I would prefer a party primary and then a final election.
- I would prefer a party primary and final election. Monica was not anywhere near a majority. No one had a chance at a majority like this. It felt like a playground team choosing session in 3rd grade.
- I would love to have a better way to compare candidates.
- I would like to see ranked voting in a primary that would narrow the viable candidates down to two choices. Ranked voting for 9 candidates is ridiculous.
- I would like to see a hybrid of a primary election and RCV. When there are eight candidates for mayor, it's difficult to narrow them down or distinguish the differences, and so few of them get any votes in a



ranked choice scenario, that it ends up with a surprise finish. A primary that narrowed it down first to a maximum of three or four candidates would be nice. If there were only three or four candidates, then I think the RCV voting would really help give us a winner that most people wanted in their top two or three choices. I preferred RCV much more when I was voting in the smaller city council races, but felt it didn't work well for the large mayoral field.

- I would like to know what difference ranked choice voting made in the election. Did it really change any result? If only the 1st choice candidates were counted without all the other choices - did any result change? It is easy to make a choice for my 1st choice candidate. But after that the choices became more difficult. Is there really any difference in the 3rd place choice and the last choice? Before I make a final determination about this new voting system, could the city provide a detailed analysis of the process?
- I would like ranked choice more if there were 3-4 candidates. It was too hard to learn enough about 8 candidates to rank them.
- I would like more information on how votes are divided up and the amount each candidate received
- I would like for Ranked Choice Voting to become permanent and to be extended to governor, congress, senator, and presidential races too.
- I would just like to day that the people complaining about this using the phrase "one person, one vote" are dumb. They seem to be intentionally misunderstanding what a vote is, and how the general voting previously used in the city, and still widely used elsewhere in this country, provides each person with far less say in the outcomes of an election. Please don't bow to the "Cult of Ignorance" that has been embraced by too many of our leaders on the "right" side of the aisle.
- I would have liked ranked choice voting if it only had 3 or 4 choices. Having to rank all 8 was totally Ridiculous!
- I wonder whether the election outcome would have been the same if the traditional voting method had been used.
- I wish we could narrow the candidates down in a primary election and then do RCV. I work hard to be an informed voter, and I looked at every single candidate's website to see where they stood on the issues. There were several offices to be filled, and this process took me three hours. I don't think many others took that time, so having so many candidates to choose from didn't end up benefiting the community as hoped.
- I wish all elections used ranked choice voting.
- I will tell my elected government.
- I will only vote for the candidate that I believe is best qualified and supports my political views. Why would I ever vote for anyone else, other than that one specific candidate? I believe ranked voting is a terrible idea, and should have never been adopted! What a waste of time and tax payers dollars! I believe that any source that was used to advertise the ridiculous idea of ranked voting was again a waste of tax payer dollars. Please Sandy City, there are much more important issues that your time could be better spent on, than trying to push this white elephant on the knowledgeable and well informed Sandy City residents.
- I will never use it. I will only vote for one. Everyone I talked to did the same.
- I was very surprised that the city council made the decision on how we voted without substantial public input. Once I found out that it was going to happen that way I studied the pros and cons of Rye and decided that It was a reasonable approach because straight party voting pretty much guarantees that I won't have a voice. Although my highest ranking didn't win my second did.



- I was uncomfortable with ranked choice voting. However, if this type of voting stream lines the process and saves tax payers money, I am sure I will become more comfortable with this process. Thank you
- I was unclear if my vote would still count, if I only ranked two, instead of all 3 choices.
- I was suspicious of the motives of ranked choice. I know the answers now, but I wondered if my 2nd or 3rd choices would get some credit thereby diminishing my choice for #1. I wonder if other people feel things like, "Well I voted for a woman in my first vote, so I will vote for a man as a second choice."
- I was surprised because I hadn't heard about anything like this and thought voters would need to approve voting this way. I tend not to go to primary elections for local elections, so the ranking method makes sense for someone like me.
- I was hoping to know of a meeting where candidates answered questions or debated the issues. Seeing all the candidates together interacting is most helpful. More information was needed to make my vote stronger.
- I was a little skeptical at first. After I went through the process, I like it. It made me research all of the candidates which was a little more work but I felt very worthwhile.
- I want to vote for one candidate only.
- I want to know the party affiliation of the candidate. I feel Ranked voting is not a real choice.
- I want my vote to count for one person.
- I want my vote to be counted not eliminated. This type of system is terrible. Did you notice the runoff for Mayor was with the first two people listed on the ballet. I believe most people that vote don't have the time to do all the research with that many candidates running so they pick the first ones listed.
- I want more time to choose between the two finalists. I would not mind rank choice voting to get to the final two candidates. I still want a primary. I don't think it saves money when you consider multiple candidates all the way to November. 8 candidates spent more money than two finalists would have spent having a primary.
- I voted in the mayoral election and I still don't have confidence that my vote counted, and that my negative vote for other candidates also counted. If I ranked someone in 8th place does that still count as a vote for them? I don't know. I think the outcome of the very close election may have been very different had there been a normal primary and then a choice between two clear candidates in the November election. Please, let's go back to normal voting. I don't feel that my vote counted. And, it's definitely not worth the money savings to have the results so unclear and potentially skewed.
- I very much do not like ranked choice voting. I also very much do not appreciate the city council just pushing it through on the city without any consideration for what the citizens want.
- I very much dislike the whole process. I want to know the candidates political association. I felt this method is not allowing me to know ALL about the candidates.
- I urge you to go back to the "normal" voting system.
- I urge us to continue with rank choice voting in all elections. The ability to do away with the expense and lack of representation caused by primaries is a major reason but also the ability to have a day with my second or third choices is of critical importance.
- I understand it was confusing for some, but I don't understand how that could be possible. It seemed intuitive and effective to us!
- I truly felt greater acceptance of the outcome of this election than with prior elections. I knew that even if I didn't get my first choice, I was still able to vote for other individuals that shared some of my hopes and interests for the community. Ranked choice voting really eliminated a lot of my partisan feelings that have become so prevalent today.



- I tried to find out the political affiliation of the eight Sandy mayoral candidates because the mail-in ballot did not reveal this typical political information. After reading all of the bio info supplied with the ballot, and searching on our Sandy City website, I was befuddled to find that this content was so difficult to find. To this day I still don't know this answer. I reached out and emailed each of the candidates and received only one response from "Mike Applegarth", who revealed his affiliation, also stating in so many words, that the elected mayor is now a non-political-affiliated position. I believe it's important & necessary to know the party affiliation of any public servant. It's wrong that I know about the political affiliation of the mayoral candidates in NYC than I do in my own city.
- I totally prefer the vetting process. I think you get to know the candidates better. Ranked choice seems very chaotic. I would rather thin the herd first.
- I thought this was a really dumb idea and ended up causing unnecessary confusion and conflict.
- I thought the entire process was unnecessary, confusing, unfair, not well thought out, or presented to the voters earlier enough before the election to allow for public comment, stupid, dumb, foolish, idiotic, asinine, imbecilic, and the mathematical formulas used to compute which candidate received how many votes from other candidates with fewer votes leaves too much room for human error or fraud. The process was too unclear and too shady for my liking.
- I thought it was simple to understand. By "playing" the rounds I could see how the ranking went. I did not know how many the margin of error was before the election, but the decision seemed fair to me.
- I thought it was rather annoying to have to rank all the candidates -- esp. those who I had no interest in. I also felt that ranked-choice voting encourages people to randomly guess the lower-ranked candidates. My estimation is that people higher on the ballot will be more likely to be randomly selected than people lower on the ballot. Lastly, I felt there was a significant chance for error in filling out the form. I checked mine multiple times to make sure I had properly ranked each candidate in the order I preferred, but it would be very easy to make a mistake and end up giving one's first-place candidate the lowest rank.
- I thought it was great! I really liked the system. I also really appreciated the voter guide that came in the mail. Thank you!
- I thought it was efficient and I liked that it eliminated the time and cost of a primary. The process made it far more likely that I would get a candidate that I liked. I can't understand people's dislike of this process.
- I thought it was confusing and if you voted for more than one person, someone you didn't really want could get in if enough people voted for them by ranking them
- I thought it was confusing
- I thought it helped keep the campaign more focused on the goals and qualifications of the candidates. There was less negative campaigning because the candidates didn't want to offend someone who might choose them as their second choice. It saved the city money;)
- I think weeding it out to 4-5 candidates through a primary would be helpful. I also really think campaign limits are important if we are doing rank choice voting.
- I think we should go back to regular elections. Every detail was not addressed and made known before implementing RCV and we ran into issues with the recount. It seemed to also have less transparency and much more confusion. RCV should never have been "practiced" with an important mayoral race with 8 candidates. The city council should have asked voters their opinions BEFORE deciding FOR us to use it. Very disappointed in our council and anyone else who pushed this through.



- I think we should be moving to ranked choice voting in all elections and get rid of primaries altogether. I was excited to see Sandy City being progressive in this regard. Given the number of candidates running I honestly had 2 I was fine with so I felt like if my first choice didn't win I still have a vote with my second choice which was nice.
- I think we had too many candidates for mayor.
- I think to this type of voting to be discounted
- I think this was a terrible way to vote for our Mayor and I hope you never, ever, ever do it again!!!!!!!!!! I don't think its fair
- I think this was a terrible way to choose a leader. When a mayor of a city is decided on a 20% vote, it does not in my opinion, reflect who the majority of voters want for mayor.
- I think this is a great way to ensure that candidates with wide support win elections
- I think there still may have been some confusion about how to do it. If people are fully educated that I am convinced it is the best way. In this case though I think results would have been different if we had done a primary and then a general election with fewer candidates.
- I think there should be a limit for candiates. There too many candidates and not enough info about them for me to make a wise choice.
- I think there needs to be more training on why it is important to rank every candidate. I thought that by not ranking 2 of the candidates I just wasn't giving them a vote, but I didn't realize I was actually missing my chance to vote on the final candidate (those 2 candidates ended up being the front runners, and although neither was my preference, I would have like to express a vote for one over the other).
- I think the ranked choice system is crap! Too many people. If you are going to use that system in the future I believe there should be a "primary" election to narrow the choice to only two candidates...... What are we in grade school that everyone gets to run, advertise, spend money and for what a gold star for nothing. People we are not stupid--thats what primary elections are for!
- I think the law needs to be revised. We had to choose our preferences from 8 candidates. I think a primary should be automatic if there are more than 5 candidates. The primary would be used to eliminate half of the candidates. And the November election would use RCV to choose the winner. The law would have to change because now a primary produced only the top 2, not half. It would cost the city more, for two elections. It would benefit the public by giving them another chance to learn by doing, and the primary losers would save money for them and their supporters.
- I think the delay in election results could have been avoided if ranked choice had not been used. I also believe it over complicates things.
- I think the council was WAY too hasty in implementing RCV. The fact that several members voted against certifying the results speaks volumes to their complete lack of understanding of how the process would play out. It is irresponsible to conduct city business, especially something as important as an election, with so little planning and research. They should be ashamed.
- I think that the process of totaling the votes and ranking the candidates is too complex and could possibly lead to mistakes being made.
- I think that the City should place a limit on the number of rankings allowed for each race. The limit should be 3-5, in my opinion. This will reduce the number of rounds and less voters will be exhausted in a packed race. While I liked RCV for the general election. The City might instead consider holding a RCV primary followed by a standard general election.
- I think that ranked voting, is pandering to the politically correct people. We've had a system that has



worked for many many years it doesn't need to be changed. We need to have a primary election and narrow it down to two candidates. So people have a chance to get to know the two top candidates. Not have a dozen or so candidates that they have to try to get to know. Too many chefs in the kitchen spoil the soup.

- I think that ranked choice voting is a cheat of the election process. A single vote for a single candidate should be the only process we have, by allowing multiple choices we are cheating any candidate from winning that may possibly won the first time. Ranked choice voting is like giving every child a participation trophy, instead of working toward a goal of becoming the best and winning a single trophy. Ranked choice voting is cheat of the election process, and the voice of the people.
- I think that not only is RCV a great thing, but the non-partisan campaigning was also great. The two party system is dividing our country, I want to vote for people who are going to put aside party, and work for everyone. I hope that everything we did in the most recent election, sticks around.
- I think term limits are a good choice
- I think should be. Ranked Voting is a joke. You vote for one person only and that's the way it. Someone on the left always trying to slip something in on the puplic. Just stay with our old way of voting and don't change.
- I think rcv is not a good system- especially when there are so many candidates running for the same office. Primary elections are much more practical / logical/ feasible when you have more than, say, 4 candidates. Just did not like the process at all. Especially, as we found out, if the election is close. Recounts are very different than what a traditional recount would be. They are difficult to explain and understand the process which places doubt on the whole process. Just not a fan at all
- I think ranked voting gave us more choices. I liked it!
- I think ranked choice voting was a self-serving effort by multiple underdog candidates to dilute the voting process and give them a better chance to win in the election. Sandy citizens should have been the ones to vote for or against RCV, not those of whom many were running for office. I think there was a conflict of interest in that vote and any Sandy City council members desiring to run for office should have abstained from voting for or against RCV.
- I think ranked choice voting is an important tool, especially for municipal elections with several candidates. I hope Sandy will continue to use it.
- I think ranked choice voting allowed for further options than typical voting so that your vote counted even if your top candidate didn't make it through the early rounds.
- I think rank choice voting introduced a high probability of error. Way too many candidates. No clear indication of where unranked candidates votes go as the rounds proceed through the process.
- I think people might not have liked it for mayor because there were so many candidates and the information about each one was lacking. Also not sharing their donor list earlier was wrong...developer money
- I think not having a primary was detrimental to the election. 8 mayoral candidates was too many, even with RCV. The majority of people do not have the time/energy/bandwidth to study, meet and talk to 8 candidates. Many people I know voted for their top and then guessed and just filled in. It's interesting to me that the 2 at the top in the end were the 1 and 2 positions on the ballot. I would like to see the candidates trimmed down with a primary to at least 4, so people can really study them and make better informed decisions.
- I think most people that disagree with Ranked Choice Voting disagree because they just don't understand it, and certain political parties unfairly demonize it. I really like led the graphics that the city



and the county put out that made it abundantly clear that you did only get one vote.

- I think it's very effective and results in a more fair process
- I think it's great. There is less fear of having a "waisted vote."
- I think it's dumb. You really can't find all the information you need about a f
- I think it's a very inadequate process. At least with a primary you can get to 2 candidates and then focus on the differences for November. My guess is that with a primary the mayor elect would not have "won". It also appears that more money is spent given all the candidates are spending well into October to get out the vote.
- I think it's a great way to go takes all of the partisanship out of the race so you can actually choose the candidates that you think would best serve the public
- I think it's a great way to allow voters to clarify their preferences. Arguments from the city council that it's "too confusing" for voters is insulting.
- I think it's a bad idea
- I think it's important to get the best candidate who's wanted by the majority of citizens, ranked choice voting accomplishes this. I also think it helps with electing moderate candidates who are willing to look at all sides of an issue and welcome all voices at the table.
- I think it's great. It's unfortunate that despite a lot of information being available, people were still so uninformed about the process
- I think it's a great option so it's not all or nothing voting. I can indicate my top candidate even if they aren't going to win the popular vote, but also put some support toward another candidate who is more likely to win. Before it was more like if you don't support this one candidate that we predict to have the majority votes then you're supporting the other "party" which is nonsense.
- I think it worked great
- I think it was the right way to go
- I think it was an interesting experiment but we should go back to the traditional approach. How the results are tabulated for RCV was too confusing, and likely caused some unexpected results.
- I think it was a waste of time and money for many of the candidates
- I think it should go back to how it used to be to eliminate so many choices in the final vote
- I think it leaves a lot of room for error. It doesn't feel like my vote counts. Waaaaay too many candidates.
- I think it is more fair to make one choice and easier to get results.
- I think it is a waste of effort and unnecessary time. Let's just vote for the best candidate. We are not school children.
- I think it is a stupid idea.
- I think it is a great option. I do think eight candidates was a little much for the first go around trying it out, but it was nice to actually research in the candidates and I think it encourages more informed voting. I also think an issue with a survey like this is you with get a response bias for those with strong opinions rather than an impartial representation of public opinion. While I think no voting system is perfect, I enjoyed the experience and would hope to vote this way in future even though my favorite candidates did not win....it's a good system
- I think it is a good method. Did the right people get elected?
- I think it is a good concept but it is confusing. But I believe this is what we should be using going forward.
- I think it encouraged me to learn more about the full set of candidates than I would have otherwise



- because I wanted to be able to come up with a complete and informed ranking.
- I think having one party that dominates and won't let those not registered as Republicans doesn't provide a real choice
- I think by having so many candidates running and doing ranked choice voting that it made the candidates that were not as popular or wanted rise to the top.
- I think a video of how the run off works when a candidate has been eliminated would help people visualize how this all works and possibly get better adoption.
- I think a lot of people are confused how the voting works if you don't vote for everyone, all 8 candidates. It's confusing how the votes get counted when you only vote for 1 or 2 top candidates. What if you vote for your one and two person and then place the bottom two as 7 and 8. Then leave 3 thru 6 blank. I prefer to vote for just two, conservative or liberal.
- I think Sandy (and elsewhere) to return to traditional voting. Too many candidates to research, several dropped out. It is a real mess. I guess the new standard is to not trust the reliability and process of the election.
- I think Ranked Choice would be ok to narrow down candidates in a primary election if there are a large number of candidates running but I really did not like if for a general election.
- I think Ranked Choice Voting is a waste of time for calculating the winner and it does not seem to make it all that different from primaries. I believe it should be the campaigning that helps make the decision easier and that would be the best of two candidates.
- I think Ranked Choice Voting is a waste of tax payer money. Sending out the post card, and this Survey. There is only one winner, what is the point of finding out the ranking of the losers? You people have lost it! What you need to be doing is purifying the voting records. Who has died, who has moved etc. I'm even in favor of going back to paper ballots were you have to show up at a polling location and show proof of citizenship. We didn't have the problems then that we have now. -GET BACK TO BASICS- Quit trying to reinvent the wheel. Think about the money you're spending to find out the ranking of the losers, give me a f--king break!!!
- I think Ranked Choice Voting could be effective in a primary race. However, in a general election there were too many candidates for the public to properly vet.
- I think RCV should be used in the future. However if more than 4 candidates it may not work as well. Possibly if 7 are running you might be instructed to vote for your top three in a ranked order.
- I think RCV should be used in all future elections. It will help reduce the duopoly that the Republican and Democrat parties have. People feel like not voting for one is a vote for the other, and RCV can help change that.
- I think RCV is great. I was however a bit overwhelmed to have to take the time to research 8 candidates. I feel that I may have been able to learn more about each candidate if there weren't quite so many.
- I think RCV is fantastic, and how all elections should be conducted. Utah and Sandy are ahead of the curve relative to the nation. RCV is a great way for voters to support their ideologies without fear of throwing their vote away. It is the key to eliminating the two party system which dominates politics.
- I think RCV is brilliant and we should all be doing it. It helps to encourage people to actually be more informed about candidates who are running and they are voting for. It just makes sense!!
- I think RCV is a waste of time. I much prefer just voting for one candidate.
- I think I made myself clear. Quit around with the voting process. We've done just fine for over 200 years... STOP WITH THE NON-SENSE.



- I surely hope this does not continue. I feel it isn't fair to the one getting the most votes, or at least the top 2. Candidates didn't give much info about themselves like normally. With so many, had no time to check everyone's website.
- I support it, I believe it is more fair. I think the format could be researched and improved to make it as clear as possible.
- I support Ranked Choice Voting.
- I support RCV for primary elections, and only in GENERAL ELECTIONS WHERE THERE ARE NO MORE THAN (3) candidates.
- I strongly prefer primary elections and then debate between the remaining candidates. I couldn't get a good feel on issues.
- I strongly prefer going back to voting for only one candidate and holding a subsequent 2nd election for the highest vote getters if no one has received more than 50%
- I strongly noticed the lack of negative campaigning in this year's mayoral race between candidates.
- I strongly dislike it. It is a way to manipulate election outcomes and allows candidates with marginal support to win elections. It also disconnects elections from issues and appears to disenfranchise those who don't vote for top candidates.
- I strongly disapprove of this voting method. It forces me to divide my vote between my preferred candidate and others that might just be "acceptable" to me. There is great value in the primary process as well as run-off elections when necessary.
- I strongly disagree with the ranked choice voting (RCV). I believe the RCV give an advantage to political candidates who do not represent the values of the majority of the residents.
- I still prefer voting for one candidate and a runoff if necessary. Your second choice may be different depending on who the opponent is.
- I still am not sure if the whole process is fair or if there are tricks that can be used to beat the system and get an unfair advantage.
- I spent a lot of time researching all the candidates and their positions in order to rank them rather than just picking a favorite. i took it seriously and it was hard work.
- I son't understand what good this did. I had to call the city to ask about it. It was hard to look up every candidate. I searched at first and knew who I wanted but the n when I got the ballot I had to look at all of them again to rank them. It was time consuming.
- I see no advantage in using Ranked Choice over traditional voting.
- I see no acceptable reason to institute this new system. It reeks of seeking to benefit those incumbents who voted for it. Why is it, that so often, those who go into politics to "help their fellow citizens" only end up trying to manipulate or change things to benefit themselves!
- I saw no benefit to ranked voting, I have no idea why this would even be considered benefical.
- I said yes to RCV because our traditional voting method has created a system that is way too polarized and favors polarizing candidates. However I would not keep the RCV system the way it is. There are better ways to rank that could accomplish the goal in a better way. It was way too many to have 8 candidates at the end. It wasted a lot of resources to run all those campaigns. Plus the voters time and energy figuring out each candidate.
- I reviewed the results to see if there were any instances in Salt Lake County where the candidate with the most first votes ever ultimately lost the election and did not find any, so I'm not sure where the benefits of RCV will actually be realized. I'm also concerned that RCV could be abused where a group of voters may thwart an election by throwing all choices after their 1st choice to the wind since they



may not care outside of their 1st choice. It is difficult to get acquainted well enough to throw a vote for a single candidate. How are voters expected to learn enough about a long list of candidates in order to rank them properly? As a voter, I don't have perspective on the big picture to understand if it is creating a more even playing field or not with RCV. Perhaps when the list of candidates reaches a certain length, it may be more prudent to not use RCV or vice versa? It is still very unclear to me whether RCV better serves voters or not.

- I responsible for read up on every candidate because of RCV.
- I researched all the candidates. I would rather have had a primary so I could research just those two in more depth. Plus I greatly disliked that we couldn't have a recount just a retabulation.
- I recommend discontinuing this practice.
- I really love rcv. It makes me feel like my opinion matters more. Although my first choice for mayor didn't get elected, someone in my top 3 did, and I am happy with that. The one drawback is the increased time it takes to research all the candidates. However, I am willing to do the research because I think it's important. Thank you for implementing ranked choice voting!
- I really liked the idea that my vote could still count even if I didn't vote for the candidate that would have likely won without ranked-choice voting. I appreciate feeling like my preferences are listened to via ranked-choice voting. In practice, on the ballot, it was a little hard to vote since the chart made by the candidates/ranking number options was big and kind of hard to read/decipher to make sure I was actually voting as I meant to. Maybe having lines dividing the candidates and also lines dividing the ranking columns would be helpful? And with one of those line types bolder than the other, so that it doesn't seem a huge grid but rather separated lines of candidates with thinner lines showing the ranking deliniations?
- I really liked the choice
- I really liked that it encouraged me to research all the candidates, not just the ones that I was most likely to support. It really helped me make the best choice for my representation.
- I really liked ranked choice voting. It allowed me to vote for a preferred candidate, but also a secondary in case my first choice was not elected.
- I really liked ranked choice voting and hope we will continue to be able to vote this way in the future.
- I really liked it as it took primary voting away and it didn't matter what party each participant was registered with. I got to vote for who I thought was the best candidate regardless of what republican/ democratic party members, who participate in the caucus/primary voting process, thought.
- I really like being able to choose a #1, followed by a #2. and more if I want. It was tough to choose #1 for City Mayor. Many qualified candidates. Ranked Choice voting gave me the sense that my vote really counted. It isn't all or nothing. If there are several people I could see as my mayor, for example, then ranked choice is sort of like the community deciding who the 'favorite' is. Somehow, it seems more democratic (with a small d) and less having to choose one political party or the other. I could rank more than one candidate affiliated with the party of my choice. It takes the power out of the hands of the very small group who had in the past, chosen THE candidate to run for office to represent that political party. Sometimes (ok often) I preferred a different candidate for that political party, but MY choice was not chosen by that very small group. Denying me the right to vote for the person I felt would do the best job. Not fair that this small group could take away that right from me. With ranked choice, I got 'the whole buffet' of candidates to choose from. YES!
- I really like Ranked Choice Voting. I hope this continues forever!! Please continue to do this.



- I really hated RCV and hope it is changed for next year!
- I really had to do my homework and learn about the candidates. I think that is the way it should be an informed electorate is essential. Please keep the rank choice voting. I think it also led to campaigns that we not attacking each other, but talking about their own positions. Much better!
- I really enjoyed RCV. For the first time, I felt like my vote really counted. For each office either my first or second choice was elected.
- I really don't think this method of voting is necessary.
- I really don't like this method. I would rather have a runoff.
- I really disliked having to wait so long for the votes to be calculated and certified. I want to know the results election night! It's absurd that it took two weeks. (If this is due to mail-in votes, maybe that should be rolled back too).
- I really dislike your Rank method.. please change back to original method. Thnx.
- I really dislike ranked choice voting1
- I really didn't like this process and would far prefer to go back to the usual way of voting. I don't like how the numbers are added together to get the final winner. Somehow, it just doesn't seem equitable.
- I realize that it probably saves money, but I feel quite certain that this method resulted in the winner being Monica rather than Jim Bennett. In future elections, as with this one, so many people run who have absolutely no chance of winning yet they pull a small percentage of the vote away with each candidate and their small group of supporters. Then the candidates who have the real horsepower and ability to win the election and effectively operate in the public sector are left to the chance of which votes would have gone their way, but instead are wasted on those candidate's voters who haven't got a chance of winning..
- I realize it is a money saver for Sandy but I don't think it is a good method
- I ranked my first choice and last choice only. I prefer the older style of votng. Additionally, I wish Sandy would have told us the results. It did not see results on television news or Sandy website. I eventually called Sandy city to find results.
- I preferred Ranked Choice Voting because I feel like my VOTE had greater possibilities of getting a candidate I would like to have representing me.
- I prefer to vote for just one person running. Having a ranked choice seems to me to be "if I can't have the person I want I will settle for someone else".
- I prefer the primary and final election system rather then have to vote, in rank, people who would never have made it through a primary election.
- I prefer the method since it minimizes impact of fringe candidates from either side
- I prefer the Primary Election Process. I do not like that several candidates ran for Sandy Mayor to prove the point of how messy RCV would be and it was messy. When people have too many options to choose from, they do not take the time to research each option in depth and make a hasty judgment.
- I prefer ranked choice voting. I hope Sandy continues to use it moving forward.
- I prefer primary elections leaving fewer candidates in the final election. I felt it was harder to weed through all of the candidates.
- I prefer primary elections and clear winners
- I prefer having the primary election, it allows better filtering before the election starts and it will weed out WASTED votes. So many votes went to lower candidates and those votes could have determined a bigger gap between the winner and the runner up.



- I prefer having a primary election to narrow the candidates.
- I positively DON'T Like or want to see it used again. I don't feel it's totally fair and I'd like the old system of voting--not RANK.
- I personally think it's a horrible way to vote!
- I personally felt that it was not thoroughly researched by some on the Council and were candidates, made it sound like sour grapes and demanded a recount! Those individuals looked rather foolish when it came down to a vote of the Council, even their demeanour was less than positive, not even attending this situation they created, shame on those individuals. And they needed the Lt. Governor to uphold how an RCV is to be handled, had they really read and understood how it was to be handled, there wouldn't have been a need for the Lt. Governor to have the final say. Yes, the wording was ambiguous, but not until the tight run-and Jim had already conceded- what were they thinking? They didn't like the outcome, so challenge the vote. I can see through that and I'm SO glad none of those nincompoops had a chance. Spoiled brats.
- I paid more attention to the promo about candidates & discussed with neighbors & friends to gain more knowledge than I usually do.
- I oppose Ranked choice voting because the person elected does not have the support of the majority of the citizens or even those that voted.
- I only voted for my mayoral candidate...and she won! I only voted for my candidate for my district...and he won!
- I never understood why the need was felt to change our previous method.
- I never heard how much time and money were saved
- I never got to hear all the candidates speak on the issues. There needs to be a primary election to narrow the field to get the best person elected. It's worth the cost and time it takes to hold a primary election.
- I much prefer primary runoffs and I would like to know political party of the candidates
- I made my comments earlier
- I loved rank choice voting! We used it as a family learning experience to learn about ALL the candidates
- I loved only having t mail in one ballot. Primaries are a pain. Seems like RCV saves money
- I loved it. Please keep it!
- I loved it. I think it provides a great opportunity to elect someone that I feel will best represent Sandy without focusing on the two party lines.
- I loved it!! It really felt like my choices and priorities mattered. I was much more interested in evaluating every candidate when it felt like my choices could really make a difference.
- I loved Ranked Choice Voting, but we need to revise the rules regarding disclosure of campaign financials sooner so we can eliminate some of the behind the scenes corruption we saw in this last election cycle.
- I loved RCV, particularly as it allowed me to vote not only on their stated platforms and priorities, but who they seemed to be as people and leaders. Several of the candidates seemed somewhat equivalent in terms of their priorities, but those other factors led me to feeling very different about them as elected officials.
- I love that ranked choice voting encourages a positive campaign and better represents people's preferences. I feel more confident voting for someone who may not seem to be candidate #1 or #2 because if my first choice is at the bottom, my voice is still heard. I am very in favor of ranked choice



- voting and was so proud of Sandy when they announced they would be using it for the Sandy city mayoral election.
- I love that my vote still counted even though my first choices did not win. I still had a voice in the final selection!
- I love rcv! I typical research candidates for elections and rcv improved my own candidate research prior to the election. I felt like my vote really mattered. Ranking all the candidates made me feel more involved in the voting process. Please keep it!!
- I love ranked choice voting. I don't think approval voting sounds like a viable idea, though. If prefer not to try that.
- I love ranked choice voting and think it gives residents more control. I've been frustrated to hear how nasty to city council has been not wanting to certify the election. I think it's arrogant of them to think they can control what residents want.
- I love rank choice voting. Please keep it
- I love RCV it gives me a chance to vote my conscience without wasting my vote. And who knows with enough like minded voters my conscience might actually win.
- I look at all candidates, pick the candidate that I want in office and vote for them. I do not care for the Rank Choice Voting. If I wanted one of the others I would have voted for them.
- I liked the process itself, as it was easy and the concept it sound. However, the challenge is closing the loop on the results. If we take the time to rank our choices, we should have insight into how the full rankings led to the determination of the race winner, or in other words, full ranked results.
- I liked the previous process more.
- I liked the old layered system much. I know that RCV is cheaper to do, but I wonder if it dilutes good candidates that would win.
- I liked the fact that there is no need for a primary thus saving time, money, and campaigning.
- I liked that my vote still mattered, even though my first choices did not win.
- I liked that it's more efficient in some ways. I also felt that it was tough to have to research so many candidates- however it inspired me to get more involved next time around so that I can determine my candidate of choice earlier and really help them. I think debates and what not, should happen a bit earlier in the process with Ranked Choice, there sure were lots of signage around for a long time, but when push came to shove, there seemed little time to hear more explicitly from candidates each answering the same question(s).
- I liked that it gave an unlikely candidate an opportunity to win, but I think Sandy city really failed at educating its citizens.
- I liked that if my preferred candidate wasn't chosen, I could throw support behind someone else I felt good about, instead of potentially helping a candidate I objected to strongly.
- I liked that Ranked Choice Voting removed the fear of "splitting the vote," allowing me to vote for my favorite candidate, then rank higher those candidates that I would rather take office.
- I liked that I could vote my preferences in order and that I didn't have to make one final choice, although my preferred candidate didn't make it. I really liked that it allowed candidates to compliment one another and were not so mean or downgrading of each other (except, in my personal experience, for the candidate who ended up winning. She seemed to trash and stomp on everyone else.).
- I liked that I could vote for who I liked without having to think about about who other people would be voting for. I'm not sure if ranking all eight mayoral candidates was necessary. Once you get past, like, five people, you're getting into the territory of candidates you more or less equally dislike.



- I liked it very much. I would advise the City never go back to the old Primary model.
- I liked it and it should be continued, along with mail in ballots.
- I liked it a lot and feel it's a much better way to have everyone's vote actually count.
- I liked having multiple choices available, that way my second choice could still get my vote if my first choice was eliminated.
- I liked being able to rank candidates by preference. It makes sense, and I found it easy. I don't like the outcome of the mayor's race, but that isn't the fault of ranked choice voting.
- I like, I think Sandy should keep it. I would like to use it for State and Federal elections.
- I like the way the candidate results were displayed (excel spreadsheet online) and the ranked choice voting didn't change the outcome anyway, so that was cool to see.
- I like the very idea of ranked voting. I hope we can use it on state and federal elections.
- I like the strait forward voting. Have a primary and go from there.
- I like the rank choice voting so my vote doesn't go to waste
- I like the primary vote bouz it narrows the main candidate choices. 6 wasted time & resources when they probably never had a real chance of winning. I understand no primary saves the city approx \$30k, but when I want a Mayor who cares about the community, RCV diluted the information who the "right" choice was in a group of 8. Also, this mayor election was about who had the most money to spend on a campaign. Mr. Applegarth never had a chance of winning being a first time candidate; however, I applaud him for trying! I believe the traditional vote works & is clear for the younger voters.
- I like the idea of ranked choice voting. I think it is a process that we need to continue to try for a few more voting times before being able to say if it should stay or go. I think there may be a little to learn how it really works. It would be helpful to have a little more information about all of the candidates available to study before voting.
- I like the idea of ranked choice voting. What is hard is accumulating enough information on each candidate to adequately compare them. You get flyers in the mail and on your door. The Sandy Journal has a writeup. There are usually some writeups online. Sometimes you have minimal information about a candidate. I think it would be helpful if the Sandy Journal would have a set of guestions each candidate must respond to including a final one asking what are the most important things you want your potential constituents to know about you. I said must respond to because sometimes there aren't responses to all the questions from all the candidates which makes it harder to compare.
- I like the idea and would like Sandy to continue using RCV, but there needs to be a limit on the number of candidates on a ballet. Anything over 8 gets overwhelming.
- I like the elimination of the primary election and that the candidates need to appeal to a wider group of people than just those that vote in primary elections. I feel the resulting winners better represent the community of which they serve
- I like that it requires some extra thought about candidates and helps finish partisan bias, promoting stronger response from candidates. Con is those who voted for the "worst" (least popular) first choice candidate get their second choice candidates counted first, adding weight to almost, the "most wrong" votes? Not sure how morally correct a way of looking at it that is
- I like that it makes people look at more candidates and their views to rank them.
- I like that I can vote for my first, second, third choices. It's less binary and makes me feel like my vote has more power to choose the best candidate, regardless of party affiliation.
- I like rcv, but to do it right it really takes a lot of time to research everyone. Usually I would rule several



out and not worry about researching them anymore, but to rank all candidates i really had to study all of their positions thoroughly. I do think it was worth my time though.

- I like ranked choice voting. Especially when there are a lot of candidates for a race.
- I like ranked choice voting although when we had so many candidates for mayor it did become a bit too much. The rest of it was great.
- I like ranked choice as it seems the candidate with the most support from the community prevails in the election. It eliminates the danger of a "split vote" eliminating good candidates. It also allows voters that are not party affiliated have some voice in the candidates that are normally selected in the party primaries.
- I like it. It saves time and money compared to having a primary, though there may be some downsides with voter confusion and financial disclosure deadlines.
- I like it because I feel like my vote counts. I'm an Independent voter. Thanks to our wonderful cheating Utah legislators and gerrymandering my vote never seems to count unless of course you vote Republican.
- I like a primary election to reduce the number of candidates. Then I can focus on the viewpoints of just one or two when I vote.
- I like RCV. Please continue in the future.
- I learned a lot from this first go around and look forward to future elections using this method!
- I know who I'm voting for so why should I be forced to choose a candidate even as a second or third option when that's not who I want? For one thing there was no public comment period about considering this type of voting. I feel as if I were left out of the conversation..... then the ballot arrived. In a democracy I thought we could all get the chance to weigh in on how the system is being constructed. I do feel someone has made that choice for me and I'm very disappointed about that. But that period is all but over, now I'm being asked if I like it or not. Shouldn't there have been more of this conversation before we actually implemented it?
- I know they say it was Random that Monica appeared as the first name but I believe it was totally rigged!! People who didn't know who to vote for of course just went with the first one.
- I know that rank choice voting is intended to save time and money. But it seems like it takes away more of my choice of who I want to vote for. I rank everyone down to the end but I don't get a chance to reevaluate the remaining candidates and determine who will do a better job of the two finalists.
- I know several people did not vote because they found it too complicated
- I know ranked choice voting is a socialist method to devalue my voting rights. If there is a big change to voting rights a referendum should be held. Sandy city government is supposed to SERVE citizens not control them.
- I hope we use rank choice voting again. It saves money and keeps the campaign more civil. I also like to have more choice in who comes out on top.
- I hope we keep ranked voting for future elections
- I hope this system is not used again
- I hope that Sandy will not use ranked choice voting again. I don't think most people even read how to use ranked choice voting and the hold up with the results of the election were unnecessary and stress inducing.
- I hope that Sandy City will continue to do this, as its more efficient, less expensive, and just a very smart



- way to handle elections. I just wish that Monica Z hadn't won--I've worked with her (or TRIED to) and I don't think she'll make a good mayor. Oh well, there's more elections to come!
- I hope that Ranked choice voting will not ever be used again. it disrupts fair choice voting and I feel that it greatly affected the outcome of this last election
- I hope it's decided to keep ranked voting. I find it a very fair representation of my feelings regarding my voting preferences.
- I hope all elections will be RCV. At this time RCV is the most, efficient, most fair, and gives all candidates the opportunity to participate.
- I heard some candidates telling voters to only vote for them and not to rank anyone else, which seems wrong. We need more ethical people in government.
- I have no way of knowing if the winner was the winner. The Sandy mayor race had too many candidates. The votes were spread out over too many candidates. This does not appear to be a good system to me.
- I have had my preferred candidate drop out of the race after early voting, in the past. My second choice did not prevail because the votes were split between them. I felt my vote did not matter and was a wasted effort. I feel better about voting early with RCV. Thank you.
- I have been in organizations that used RCV. I found that good candidates are "squeezed out" by wellpublicized candidates who got voted by high(often second or third) by unknowing electors. Run offs are more cumbersome but result in leaders truly determined by the electorate.
- I have and will always vote, but when you are a busy parent with a million other important things to do, you don't have time to research 11 candidates and find out what their platforms are. I want to know what party each candidate is with and then I can research the 2 or 3 candidates for further knowledge. I voted my top 3 and still my #10 choice was voted in. We should have a Primary election to reduce the number of candidates down to 2 and then have a final vote from the 2 candidates. It was just a huge waste of time to have to get to know what all the candidates platforms were. This was not a well thought out process and needs to be re-thought for future elections.
- I have an elderly friend who asked me to help her understand how to read the ballot. She didn't understand it, had not heard about it and was going to throw it in the trash because she didn't know what to do with it. I explained and went through it with her. She did get to vote. Without my help she would have thrown it away. I am sure she wasn't the only person who didn't know what to do with it.
- I hated this. I went to each candidates website or social media account to learn a out them. Not once anywhere was I able to determine ones political party. I want to know that.
- I hated it. I think it is unnecessary and confusing re the candidates. We were not informed about it prior to the vote. No one bothered to let us know.
- I hated how RCV turned out. It was rushed through which hurt its reputation and then hurt again by the disaster which was the recount/not so recount. I'm disappointed in our city politics and the shenanigans that led to it. I don't think rcv would've happened without some on the council thinking it would benefit themselves. I love RCV. It allowed me to vote for my number 1 but yet vote for others ahead of the folks who I despised. Please keep RCV
- I hated every aspect of this election. I hated driving home because of the copious and hideous campaign signs that litter every square inch of our city for months on end. It was worse than any other election I've seen, it's not like that in other cities and needs to stopped. No other city in Salt Lake County looks as shabby as Sandy does during an election. I think Blackburn started that trend and at least two candidates followed in his tiny footsteps. The city MUST stop candidates that don't know when enough is enough because they can't show restraint! Heaven help us at budget time and show restraint with my



- tax dollars... PUT RCV ON THE BALLOT TO LET VOTERS CHOOSE TO DO IT OR NOT.
- I hate ranked choice voting. It seems like the city likes it because they didn't have to sponsor a primary. But that subverted the primary process, which brings to voters the most liked candidates, instead of giving all candidates equal footing. Also ranked choice allows the possibility of ending up with a lesser liked candidate. That is not right, and not a proper process.
- I hate it. With a passion. Lots of people didn't rank every candidate, so their vote didn't count. Plus the recount fiasco wouldn't have happened if it was a normal election. No one knew what the threshold was, and the fact that no recount occurred was crazy. RCV needs to go away.
- I hate it. It stunk. Too many mayoral candidates in Sandy. What a waste of time and effort. Much prefer voting out of a few candidates.
- I had a very difficult time researching each candidate to find our their political party affiliation. I like to know party affiliation because it tells me their stances on topics.
- I guess this process eliminated a primary election and saved money, but voters need to be more informed on the candidates. My choices were basically made by seeing signage on the roads and neighborhood.
- I guess the idea is to do away with a primary election. And I thought I would like ranked voting, giving an order of preference sounded like a great idea. In reality it took too long to learn about each candidate and where they stood. Plus it seemed to give equal standing to candidates who had no business running who would have been weeded out in the previous process.
- I guess the cities will do anything they can to try to manipulate in the candidates they wan. This is one of the ways.
- I greatly disliked rank choice voting. I am not even sure how my votes or ranks are used and also super frustrated that I still don't know who won and that it is not made known who won. I have to go searching for that information. I also am not a fan of the candidates not making it known there party affiliation. Again had to go searching for that information and never could find it even on their websites. I think that information should be made know, especially when running in an election.
- I found understanding how the votes are tallied somewhat confused and I'm sure others did as well. It might be good to give people a sample results example using only 10 votes or so and showing how the overall votes would be counted. I think it's a great idea but had difficulty finding meaningful information online on the candidates. Their websites were far too generic and didn't specify where they stood on the issues most of the time.
- I found this way of voting a bit difficult to do at first, but soon got the hang of it. I like the candidates are available in August giving plenty of time for the research I like to do. Kuddos to whomever came up with this way of voting.
- I found the process very time consuming. I am still unclear how my choices were used to determine the winner. I do not like knowing who I am voting for. A candidate I ranked low won the election. I do not feel my desires as a voter were well represented. There were also WAY to many candidates to learn about and form an informed opinion.
- I found that ranked choice voting made me take a much closer look at each candidate. I really enjoyed the voting process.
- I found it worked well and support its use from now on, at all levels of election.
- I find RCV to extremely valuable, and easy to do.
- I felt this process was time consuming and tedious.



- I felt that with ranked choice voting I was compelled to look into candidates more than I ever have. I felt like I was a more informed and competent voter. I appreciated that as it is something I have always wanted to be but didn't feel a pressing need.
- I felt that there were too many mayoral candidates.
- I felt that there were too many candidates and it made it hard to know where each one stood. My hopeful actually won but I don't think that winning with such a small percentage is the way to go.
- I felt like, for once in this state, my vote might count! Lost every one, anyway...
- I felt like there was a lot of information about how candidates would receive votes through the process, but very little information about how my votes would work through the process. Some of the most helpful information I received was on the website government 101.
- I feel the choice made to do rank choice was too fast and the public nor the council and candidates were fully educated about it. If more education and transparent information was given, I may be inclined to change my choice in disliking rank choice.
- I feel that ranked voting is wrong. I vote for who I want. voting 1st, 2nd, etc makes me uncomfortable voting for someone I do not want elected
- I feel that in this type of voting you vote does not count in the way that you wanted it to.
- I feel that by using RCV, my one vote didn't really count. Voting should be 1 person, 1vote, not 1 person, 8 votes as it was in this past mayoral race. It's not right, it was confusing, and it shouldn't be used again, EVER.
- I feel ranked choice voting more accurately gets a scope on who the people want. I also like that the party of each candidate is NOT emphasized. We should be voting for the individual, not the party they belong to and I feel RCV helps even the playing field a little better. Please keep RCV!
- I feel our freedom s to for whom we want in office is being taken away from us.
- I feel more invested in municipal elections and did a lot more research on my candidates. I feel like my voice is heard more than in single vote elections. I value and support RCV.
- I feel like voting this way does not really give a fair majority vote. If the candidate you prefer is toward the bottom of the votes then you don't really have a chance to make your preference know as to who will be elected.
- I feel like ranked choice voting is incredibly important for our democracy in sandy. There's so much political division right now, forcing our hand to voting for a single candidate that's being sponsored by a political party is deepening that divide. Instead we can vote for individuals who we align with or choose to vote for ourselves, instead of having a party chose them for us.
- I feel like it's the best way to get the most qualified person in office, and the person who appeals to the majority of the voters.
- I feel like it forces, or tries to, citizens to vote for candidates they don't want. Of course one doesn't have to vote for a second, third or fourth choice but I bet most folks do.
- I feel like it diminishes the process. Coupled with the late financial disclosures I did not feel like it was a great election.
- I feel like it diminishes someone who votes for only one candidate.
- I feel like a survey before this decision was made would have been most helpful.
- I feel like RCV gives opportunities to those more moderate candidates who do not necessarily align purely with the two big parties. In other elections I always feel like I'm choosing between the lesser of two evils.



- I feel it's just a randomizing way if selection not reflecting the peoples choices
- I feel each person has one vote; should there be a tie, then a run off should ensue.
- I feel RCV artificially inflates/will inflate the candidate field. I did appreciate the encouragement it gave for me to investigate all of the candidates' positions, but a field of 8 for mayor is too many, and it will only grow, a Few years ago, my father in Washington stage faced a field of 20+ candidates to do RCV for governor of the state. That is just too many. I also think that if winnowed down to just two or a few choices, then the choices between candidates and the questions to ask might become more clear, plus people whose ballots were exhausted during RCV might find themselves doing more investigation on the remaining candidates for final election. I would be OK with RCV to handle a wide field for primary elections, but then have the final election with just the two top vote getters, or one per party for partison seats.
- I fear that in a 1 party state, RCV will be manipulated in the same way gerrymandering is happening
- I enjoyed utilizing ranked choice voting for all offices, but found it a bit cumbersome to research all eight mayoral candidates. I think voters might be able to make more informed choices if we had primaries for the office of mayor. That said, I'm pleased with the results, as all my preferred candidates were elected.
- I don't trust rank choice voting. It seems it could be easily manipulated for voting fraud.
- I don't think this type of voting does anything but save the city money.
- I don't think this is a good method. Let whoever run, but give the seat to whoever gets the most votes. They don't need a majority, just more votes.
- I don't think this gives enough time for a whittled down field to make their case and stress their differences. I felt somewhat unsettled about ranking them based on the sheer number of candidates.
- I don't think that ranked voting is what Sandy City should use. There was a problem certifying the mayoral election. How many more problems will there be? Please return to the one person, one vote method.
- I don't mind the Rank voting. It just was not advertised and explained to enough of the citizens. And the worst part was the RIDICULOUS after math with Houseman and Nichol with their tantrums to get a recount. They made Sandy City look like we have a bunch of money driven, emotional people who didn't like the outcome of the Rank voting that they voted to have. The Sandy city council is a laughing stock in this state. They're all mismanaged and clearly let the developers line their pockets without any accountability to the residents.
- I don't mind RCV but was frustrated about trying to rank when there was so little information about the candidates
- I don't like the fact that results were so unclear that there was no official winner for several days
- I don't like the concept of it. I don't want my vote going automatically to another person.
- I don't like it
- I don't like it
- I don't know the purpose of all this confusion or maybe I find change difficult
- I don't hate the idea of ranked choice voting. My problem with ranked choice voting was that it was a decision that was made by the council quickly without involving the residents. Sandy residents should have a say in how they vote. 7 people should not decide the voting method in an election year, especially a mayoral race year and have a race come down to 21 votes. In addition to this, the



city should have a primary to narrow down the field. 8 candidates was too many to have in a general election and quite frankly, I don't think most residents researched all the candidates because 8 is an absurd number. I know there isn't anything the city can do, but the city should make it known to the state that ranked choice voting statues need to be more fleshed out. There was a lot of confusion around the vagueness of the statute this year. If the city chooses to keep RCV in future elections, these issues need to be addressed. Also the council should be more aware of RCV and it's potential issues instead of just voting for it because it's a new and sexy thing to vote for.

- I don't feel that ranked choice nominates the correct winner. I think it is a game created by those in advantage to this process.
- I don't feel rank choice voting is ready to be used as bylaws or further rules need to be in place to avoid the issue Sandy had with City Council feeling the need for a recount. It seemed too much of a gray area. The events that took place with rank choice voting in Sandy could have been avoided if more clarification was present in the state and county levels for piloting this method of voting. Also RCV needs to have a limitation on the number of candidates running for one office. Also don't pilot something during a Mayor race year. Huge error on Sandy City Council's part.
- I don't believe ranked choice voting gets the result of the top candidate. I won't ever vote that way. It is giving bites to candidates you aren't actually wanting to vote for.
- I don't agree with this way of voting. People should just vote for the person they want the most. Period.
- I dont really understand RCV. It looks like to me there is a good chance of some cheering or hanky panky. I think every one should be judged on the amount of votes they received. I'm not sure, but if I understand this right. If a person has the most 1st choice votes, THEN they get the votes added to them from the ones who didn't qualify. Thats sounds like hanky panky to me.
- I dont like it. You need to ask the voters approval first before you switch to RCV.
- I don't want to see this used. It's a little ridiculous when all voting entails is a little research to decide on which candidate you like the best, and then to vote for them. Stop over-complicating an otherwise simple process.
- I don't think the best candidate wins with this process of voting. I hope this is the only time we see voting this way!
- I don't think the average voter knows most candidates well enough to say that he/she can correctly have a very accurate opinion of numerous candidates especially to choose wisely as you care less and less about those one ranks towards the bottom. It is hard enough to get a real accurate picture of those you think would do the best job.
- I don't think I was ever asked if I would like to try RCV before I was required to use it. That's not right.
- I don't see advantages to using Ranked Choice Voting over traditional voting. It seems like a gimmick.
- I don't like it and I think it makes voting more complicated and I hope Sandy doesn't do it again.
- I don't know EXACTLY how it works. Is it strictly to go to a runoff of the top two vote getters? How close does that gap need to be to go to a runoff? I don't like that the 3rd most popular candidate could possibly get enough votes to somehow keep him in the running
- I don't care that it took a bit longer to announce the winner. I love the fact that that we don't have to spend time and money with primaries!
- I don't believe people are really able to rank candidates beyond about three candidates.
- I do not think Sandy City should use Ranked Choice Voting in the future!
- I do not support ranked voting.



- I do not support changing voting laws and rules without the residence approval. It was illegal and unconstitutional to change voting regulations before the elections.
- I do not support Sandy City using RCV again.
- I do not see the point. If two people are tied, how can second choice votes decide who won.
- I do not like this voting system. It is inefficient and I have no idea how a mayor no one I know voted for won this election. Let's not use something as important as city elections to try a new system.
- I do not like the idea of RCV. I would like to have seen the results of how each candidate to maybe understand how RCV works.
- I do not like ranked choice voting I think it is a waste of time and really actually kind of dumb. You should know the candidate you wanna vote for and vote for them and be done with it. Just like I think all these recounts are stupid what a waste of taxpayers dollars and peoples time
- I do not like nor do I want Ranked Choice Voting. Was very disappointed that Sandy City chose to participate in this voting program. Should be 1 vote per registered voter for 1 candidate of their choice as it has always been.
- I do not like having campaign signs in the city for so many people and for such a long time
- I do not like Ranked Choice Voting. Please return to the traditional form of voting going forward.
- I do not believe this should be used. I do not believe it accurately reflects the will of the people. Mayor Elect Monica Zoltanski was elected by 21 votes. She received the votes of only 15% of the total number of ballots mailed to Sandy registered voters. She was not my choice and do not believe this reflects the will of the people and least this people in particular.
- I do not believe this is the way to determine the best candidate in an election, especially when it is a close election like the Sandy mayoral race.
- I do not believe in ranked choice voting and will not use it in the future. Look at the mess we had with choosing a mayor this year. In my opinion, ranked choice voting is nonsense.
- I do not approve of it. It was not presented to the people to vote whether WE the people wanted it. There is too much opportunity for fraud and people should vote in person so we can have accurate counts the same night, not weeks later with greater potential for fraud.
- I do appreciate how easy RCV was.
- I disliked ranked choice voting because it meant that there were too many candidates to have to learn about (specifically in the run for Mayor) and I wasn't able to do as much research as I normally would on the issues they were for/against. This means I'm not as confident in the choices I made as I have been in the past.
- I dislike ranked choice voting. Only one candidate should receive votes.
- I dislike ranked choice and will not be ranking candidates in the future if it is kept.
- I dislike how the Council asked for a re-count from the County/ Swenson even though Monica won with the same count after an internal city re-count with the same results and Jim already called and conceded the race. Waste of time and resources. If this is how it will always be, I'd prefer to go back to traditional voting than watch this show every 4 years.
- I dislike RCV for the following reasons: 1 Due to the breadth of candidates, the process to learn of each and their platform was much more compressed and required more time. 2 - When it came to what would have been the final vote, there was not an ability to compare the final two candidates, in depth. This allowed the lesser of the two candidates to win by 21 votes.
- I disagree with RCV. Votes should be 1 ballot to 1 registered voter.
- I didn't like it. Too many choices which made it take more time to research candidates and attempt



to rank them. I only ranked the my top 2-3 choices any ways. I also didn't like the drama rank voting created in our city over the results.

- I didn't like it at all.
- I didn't want to rank candidates that I didn't support. I picked 2 candidates for mayor and would have put the person I liked the least in 8th place but I wasn't sure if that meant I had to fill in people for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. So I stopped at 2.
- I didn't understand why we had ranked choice voting then some wanted a recount on mayors race anyway. Also hated nonpartisan voting. I would prefer knowing what party each candidate is registered as.
- I didn't like this form of voting and don't feel like the voters could adequately vote the way they wanted to!!!
- I didn't care to this type of voting. Go back to the old way of voting.
- I did some analysis after the election results became available to the public My calculation show approximately 20% (4,000+ voters did not list a second choice. When you analyze the final results which was a difference of 21 votes, you see the two final candidates votes it shows the vote was close in round one, and it was close in the end. With no primary, we had originally 13 people start to run for the mayor position and then down to 8 before the voting period, it takes away from really getting to know the two final candidate after the primary season, and how they stand on many issues. When the candidates have 3-5 minutes at a forum, there was no time for the voters to ask questions from the audience.
- I did rank candidates but now feel I should have only voted for one...not sure what exactly this ranked voting gives you...other than your original candidate did not win so you get a second shot at a winner.... need better understanding on why people think this is the way to go...knowledge is power.
- I did not use ranked voting for mayoral race...only voted for my candidate and my candidate won. I did not use ranked voting for my council district...only voted for my candidate and he won.
- I did not see any candidates tell us what party they represent!! Is that because of RCV? If so, I do not want RCV! Or was it something else? Party matters a lot to myself & my whole extended family!
- I did not like this type of voting
- I did not like the rushed introduction of RCV in this election without citizen input. It seemed as though some members of the City Council wanted it in hopes that certain candidates wouldn't win. It was very expensive for candidates because the field wasn't narrowed by a primary. The citizen education was very poor. It would have been much better if the City had produced a small door hanger for candidates and their assistants to pass out with their campaign materials. The amount of misinformation circulated by the grapevine and candidates was a serious problem. The City Council's lack of understanding of recount in RCV and failure to certify 2 times was amazing, embarrassing, unbelievable and lots of bad words I can think of. I think that when the Council receives the results of this survey they should circulate it to the community and then invite citizens to comment on the Council's vote on how to do the next election.
- I did not like the process of ranked choice voting. The primary election process is much better in my opinion.
- I did not like that some votes were not counted due to the person(s) not selecting either of the two remaining candidates. RCV does not allow for EVERYONE's vote to count like the Primary does.
- I did not like it. I want to vote for whom I want and know that my vote is going to stay on that person and only that person



- I did not like it.
- I did not like it we as voters should of been asked if her wanted it but like everything else you seem to know better than we!
- I did not like having many candidates and not being able to see what they stood for.
- I did more candidate research in order to vote this year but I do not like ranked choice voting.
- I despise it. I don't want representation that only a small percentage of the public ranked as their first choice. I prefer candidates to be vetted through a primary process and narrowed down to two in the general. It makes for more informed voting and a forum where candidates need to work much harder to get their message out. Think about how voters just played guessing games on ranking. This is an absolutely insane method!
- I couldn't understand how and why you would/could take votes from one person that didn't get many votes and give to another person that I didn't want elected and then take it from that person and give again to another. There were way too many candidates to choose from and would rather of had a primary election to narrow the field. It makes me wonder if I would vote in the next election.
- I can't see putting this much effort into every race in a general election year. If I'm not voting for someone it's because I don't want them.
- I can't say enough good things about Ranked Choice Voting! I hope that Sandy continues using it, and wish for it to become the standard method of voting for all of America.
- I can't remember the exact number, but between mayor, district council members, at large council members, and water district, I think there were about 16 candidates I had to research. I don't like to vote uninformed, and to research all the candidates took multiple hours. I spent maybe 5 hours researching???? Way too much time. And I know for a fact that most people don't do that, so I think this voting method probably led to a lot of uninformed voting. I rarely, rarely don't vote for every election, but the amount of time I spent this time was so extreme that I would be hard-pressed to want to do this again.
- I believe this would work if people could understand how it works
- I believe the ranked choice prevented a lot of issues in this last election.
- I believe that this is a very useful tool for providing a fair and balanced election process.
- I believe that ranked choice voting will only serve to elect the least worst middle of the road candidates who will have no strong positions or agendas and that will stifle progress in either political parties agenda.
- I believe that Ranked choice voting has several flaws and likely kept the best candidate from winning the election. An excess of candidates resulted weak and generic campaign messaging which masked candidate qualifications. In some communications (mostly news outlets) voters were incorrectly told that they would rank their top three choices, completely mis-communicating what to do if there were more than three candidates on a ballot. Conversely, the wording on the ballots made it seem as if you were required to identify a ranking for ALL candidates even though voters had the option to select only one candidate if they wished. Finally, the layout of the columns and rows did not make it clear how to prioritize the choices.
- I believe that I have a greater opportunity to effectively vote for a specific candidate under the old system. Under RCV it is impossible for the average citizen to see how their vote affected the outcome. It all becomes a case of "I'm from the government, I'm here to help you, you can trust me." with no visible means of verifying the result. You might as well appoint a winner and ask us to accept it. Politician's love



- it because it saves them money. The cost to democracy is too high.
- I believe tank choice watered down the votes and spread it out too much. I would prefer to vote between two candidates
- I believe ranked choice voting, should be used for all elections. Local and national
- I believe ranked choice voting more accurately represents the will of the voters. In the last gubernatorial election I believe the majority wanted someone other than Governor Cox. But that majority was split between two candidates. With ranked choice voting We would have had different results.
- I believe rank choice voting should be part of a complete revamp of the American electoral system at both state and federal level. The current system is truly not representative of each voters' choice being counted. Get rid of the electoral college and ridiculous amounts of money candidates need to promote themselves. Let's have policies over party affiliations.
- I believe people are slow to buy into change, but RCV makes sense and is the best way to get the right person in office.
- I believe it makes people be more involved in the voting process. As a voter everyone should be researching each candidate not just voting R or D.
- I believe it is unfair, somewhat confusing, and unamerican.
- I believe it encourages more voters to read/study the candidates more so they know how they want to rank them or how many they'd like to rank if not all.
- I believe it costs too much government time to count votes. Also the top five candidates were similar politically thereby the middle and bottom candidates had no chance. I prefer one political side against another. Give three people a clearer choice. Also it was too much work to understand every candidates position. It was a lot more difficult than the past method. I also don't like the way RCV was implemented without the people voting.
- I believe in one vote for a candidate. With one vote per person per candidate then you can find out guicker who won. It's also too complicated The person with the most votes can lose Your vote might not count if it's "exhausted" It violates "one person, one vote"
- I believe Ranked Choice Voting should be expanded and utilized in all Utah elections.
- I believe RCV allows for selection of the most-preferred candidates, cutting down on political extremism in our government. Please keep RCV for future elections. Don't give in to the ultra-loud minority that tries to shout it down through misinformation and conspiracy theories.
- I believe that rank voting is wrong, and takes away the correct voting process I Hated it, and everyone I spoke with felt the same shame on the city council for doing this without consulting us first.
- I assume the process works as follows. Example... say I vote for the candidate who comes in at #8. My vote goes to my second choice. If my second choice gets eliminated may i assume then you go back to my ballot and move my vote to my 3rd choice and that process continues til the process selects the winner. Is this how it works. If so.... how would you ever "hand count" the vote. You would have to keep going back to every ballot multiple times. PS... I voted for Monica as number one.... love that she won.
- I appreciated the ranked choice voting. With so many candidates for mayor, I'm very glad my vote would count even if my first choice candidate was not in the top vote getters.
- I appreciated having rank choice voting so that I could vote my conscience but also be able to rank and vote a second or third choice (in the case that my first pick didn't win) for other candidates that align closely with things that matter to me. I think standard voting typical pushes people to have to choose between 2 popular candidates they may not even really prefer and so I liked that the rank system



- allowed me to rank all the candidates based on how I felt about each one.
- I am worried that political candidates will attack RCV because they know that First Past the Post systems make them work harder and develop more nuanced platforms during election season-close elections are not bad elections, and providing voters with ranked choice makes candidates more accountable to the community and their constituents, especially those who didn't rank them first. I sincerely hope you keep the system and don't allow smear campaigns against it, playing on the fears some have of change.
- I am very unhappy with Ranked Choice Voting. Tabulating the results is far too time consuming and the results are questionable.
- I am very opposed to using ranked choice voting. It is unfair and seems like a way of cheating.
- I am very much in favor of RCV and wish it were used in ALL elections. I think people are suspicious of it because they are not informed about it and don't understand the potential benefits. We definitely need better communications about it. I think RCV incentivizes more civil campaigns and reduces polarization toward the extremes. Rather than half the voters getting stuck with someone they really dislike, I think you would have more voters who are okay with the winner, even if it's not their first choice. This is what happened for me in this last election.
- I am very disinterested in rank choice voting. I don't like it.
- I am pleased with RCV.
- I am not sure how the vote counting process worked. I prefer the former method of voting.
- I am not in favor of ranked choice voting. The traditional method of primary and general is much easier to navigate.
- I am not at all convinced that ranked choice voting results in the candidate that the majority of people want - especially when there are so many candidates. It seems to dilute the vote over many candidates, resulting in the winning candidate being elected by the largest minority, but still a minority, of voters.
- I am not a fan of ranked choice voting. I prefer the traditional method.
- I am infuriated with Sandy leaders for imposing this on us with no notice to or input from residents. It seemed to be a bandwagon move, deliberately done under the radar of voters, and more in line with the ideology and big brother government model of progressive large cities than the nature and character of Sandy City. There was no need to "fix" something that was never broken. This was a key issue for me when deciding which candidate to vote for and will continue to be going forward.
- I am in strong support of it and believe it makes a great deal of sense. I definitely want to keep it!
- I am glad the city tried this system.
- I am doubtful that this type of voting really elects the people's choice. It seems to be worthwhile this last year because there was no primary election held. But when a primary election is held, I feel/believe this will adequately narrow the choices down and allow the people to vote for the candidates based upon a more informative format. That is to say, able to focus on a more narrow field of candidates.
- I am disgusted at the use of RCV. Playing with people's right to a free and fair election is fraud and should be criminally prosecuted.
- I am disappointed our city elected officials changed such a fundamental method for electing representatives without allowing us as citizens to vote on the change.
- I am concerned about elected officials who are not willing to try new things. Too many candidates said they were against it. The mayor-elect is one of them.
- I am apalled and angry that the Sandy City Council implemented a new method of voting without voter input. Citizens should have a say in how elections proceed and you bypassed this process in a hasty and



- thoughtless manner. There also should have been mayoral debates to learn how each of the dozen or so candidates would govern. Having so many candidates without the chance to whittle that number down through the primary process was a disaster and definitely impacted who won the election.
- I am absolutely against ranked choice voting because I don't feel that it gives us representative government leaders. Very few people will take the time to distinguish between their choices beyond the third choice yet those details will make a big difference in the outcome. Ranked choice could be used to narrow the field in a primary to allow voters to choose between the best candidates but should never be used in a final vote. I will vote against any candidate that supports ranked choice voting regardless of how I feel about their opponent.
- I am a huge fan of rank choice voting. HOWEVER, it SHOULD NOT result in the discontinuation of primaries. Sandy should move to a party system and use rank choice voting in a primary to narrow the field down to no more than one candidate per party. Then the general election will be a true rank choice vote. Until this happens, rank choice voting is irrelevant because there are too many candidates with no readily available distinction, and most people are too lazy to inform themselves.
- I am ELATED that ranked choice voting is being utilized, along with the mail-in ballot options. I think it leads to greater civics engagement & involvement, overcomes many of the disadvantages of traditional single candidate voting, and leads to better representative politics (and policy) in the long term.
- I always thought ranked choice would be great. However, I feel there can be unintended consequences. If you rank every candidate, are you giving points to your lowest choice? Are you actually helping your last choice to win? If yes, you'd be better off only voting for one person. Then ranked voting is if no benefit.
- I also wish to use mail in ballots that give me an opportunity to more fully research the candidates and their positions.
- I actually don't have an opinion either way if ranked voting is used. I know many people were confused about the process and decided not to vote at all.
- I absolutely love RCV I hope it's here to stay for the long term
- I absolutely hate ranked choice voting I think it's unfair I don't think it's a representative and I hope we never see it again I will vote against it every time and may become more vocal about it with others do not ever do this again!
- ITHINK THE PROCESS IS FRAUGHT WITH PROBLEMS. I do statistical modeling as part of my work, and while this may yield a result, it is not a truly Democratic process.
- I LOVED voting with Ranked Choice Voting. This format helped me feel that my vote was valued and valid for the people I'm hoping with represent me. Giving people the opportunity to feel that their vote is valued only helps our community. Please consider keeping Ranked Choice Voting moving forward.
- I HATED the ranked Choice System. It did force me to investigate other candidates besides my first few choices, but in my opinion, some candidates, who were on many people's ballots in the 2-5 slots could amass enough "points" to sneak in and steal a victory from a candidate who many people knew would be a definite outstanding #1 candidate. And that is my view of what happened this year. I was tempted
- I HATED it!!!!
- I HATE RCV. Please go back to one person = one vote
- I HATE IT
- Huge fan of ranked choice voting.



- Horrible idea, not to mention having the cart before the horse, looking for more widespread commentary AFTER the election. I hope it will be a lesson learned, but somehow I have little faith in that part of political processes.
- Hopefully we will NOT be forced to use ranked choice voting again!
- Hopefully Ranked Choice Voting will never be used again.
- Hope we keep it. Get rid of parties.
- Honestly, these last few years in Sandy have reminded me of Flint Michigan or some banana republic in a third world country. Every Sandy official looks like an idiot, not to mention our President. We need better local and national leaders.
- Honestly, it was one of the dumbest things I have ever continued through the whole process of doing. It took way too long. I did not care about anyone after my number 1 pick, who by the way, did not win. I am sure it had something to do with "fairly dividing all the points among everyone." It reminded me of the new way that children play sports...everyone gets a trophy because everyone needs to feel validated. Really! We were the only city that did something that stupid. I would assume that Sandy knows better.
- Holding a primary election to narrow down the candidates is a far more effective system.
- Having to rank the candidates made me look more at the platforms of all candidates to feel like I was making an informed decision. I hope others were motivated to do so as well.
- Hated ranked choice voting
- Hated it. Too difficult.
- Hated it.
- Hard to know if it is a fair process.
- Happy to have ranked choice voting and have a better say in who i want elected!
- HATED it. Way too many candidates and really seemed messy at the end when determining the winner.
- Great innovation to promote greater range of choice. Would especially love to see this at national level. :-)
- Grateful to the city council for giving the opportunity to try ranked choice voting and I think this is how it should be done going forward.
- Good idea, I liked being able to see the graphic after the poles closed as to how the votes got tallied
- Go back to the way it was. This stinks.
- Go back to the previous way of voting! This was horrible!!!
- Go back to the old way
- Go back to the old voting
- Go back to standard way of voting. The one with the most votes wins.
- Go back to single choice voting.
- Go back to regular voting
- Go back to primarys.
- Go back to a primary
- Go back the way it was
- Glad not to have primaries that cost money and tends to favor the most extreme.
- Getting people to vote in the first place seems to be difficult, then you put so many choices in front of them and I am sure many ballots were trashed.
- Get rid of ranked choice voting in Sandy!



- Get rid of rank voting. It is not democratic
- Get rid of it. There should be a winner, and the rest be lovers. It isn't a foot race.
- Get rid of it. It is a crap shoot. It makes you feel like that you really did not have any say in the election.
- Get rid of it.
- Get rid of it!!! We are adults, no need to make them feel good about themselves. Too long to get a results. Dumb idea!!!
- Get rid of it!!
- Get rid of it
- Get rid of Rank Choice Voting
- Get rid of RCV, it's a scam to cleat the voters choice designed by the Communist/Socialist Democrats!
- Get rid of RCV
- Get Tix of it. It's lazy. There should be a primary and a final vote.
- **GET RID OF IT!**
- GET RID OF IT!!!!
- Fully support rcv.
- From what I see, ranked choice voting brings a total lack of transparency. The morning after the election, only information on most of the candidates was "did not win". No visibility into how original votes were cast. An audit of the results either did not happen, or was too complex to communicate. This is a total subversion of the voting process. The electorate should be able to vote on having this be the way elections are held.
- From what I could tell, it made an already frustrating election cycle, where candidates were out campaigning nearly an entire year before it was time to even think about elections, even worse. Everyone should get one vote, not "let me make my vote count when I pick every losing candidate." Also, given how the election turned out, where we weren't even sure who the winner was, it was an embarrassment to our city, and was amplified with every news outlet sharing the crap show. Whoever thought this was a good idea either didn't do their research, or is truly horrendous at executing on projects. Either way, let's get back to elections where you get one vote and you're done.
- Found most voters were confused and frustrated by all the names on the list. Many opted to select two or three
- Found it confusing trying to understand how the last place candidates voter's first place vote was removed but given to the second place candidates.
- For me, Ranked Choice Voting eliminates a vital step in the election process. It denies voters the right to reduce the number of candidates in a more fair way and then allow for all voters to select from the final two. I have to believe it has to also be a nightmare for the candidates. I understand statistics and probabilities yet still see Ranked Choice Voting as a negative for citizens.
- First, I think it made the campaign season WAY too long. Candidates began putting up signs in Feb.-March and only added to them for 8 months. By November, the city was littered with signs. It looked like graffiti at best. And MANY of the signs were put up in illegal locations, or at least without permission. Candidates are supposed to be leaders, yet many had little regard for the rules of sign location and the city did little to enforce it. With a primary and then general elections, each one has a "season." Then it's cleaned up. Also with the long election cycle, the election tends to go to the candidate with the most money to go the distance or to the candidate who had little else to do and can afford to put that much effort into it. In the first case, the more money the candidate raises or needs to raise to sustain that length of time (and meet other candidates' responses) the more they are beholden



to donors. And I wonder about a candidate who has few other commitments or responsibilities; is that the kind of experienced, educated, involved person we want in office? I also did not trust the outcome. It felt like a shell game. It was as if you had to guess who was in the lead and who was most likely to take the second or third spot. You did not necessarily give your vote to the person who you felt was the best qualified, but to the person who you thought had a better chance of winning. That's misguided rationale. Please, return to the former way of voting. And PLEASE shorten the campaign season. It went on way too long.

- Felt like my opinion carried more weight
- Felt like I had no choice in the way I could vote
- Feel I have more input in selection process. A good way to minimize polarization of candidates
- Explain better the pros and cons to citizens
- Everyone I talked to disliked it and preferred the known primary voting. They, and I found it ridiculous to have SO many choices. Some refused to vote with such little time to understand the candidates and only got last minute cards in the mail. We felt left out of the process we have known for decades. Not one person I know was happy with this voting and I felt Sandy citizens were cheated out of a campaign that felt clean and organized. This city is better than that. Sad
- Even with ranked choice voting the choices for mayor were undesirable
- Even the media had it all wrong, giving predictions based on only the mailed in returns. You did a very poor job of educating everyone. You also failed to either give on-going updates of the count, or to tell people there would be no updates after the initial mailed-in ballots until all were counted. It was handled very, very poorly and I think that significantly damaged people's trust in a system that was already (rightly or wrongly) under suspicion.
- Even after reading and hearing about Ranked Choice, I still do not fully understand it. The simple explanation just didn't explain fully, in my opinion. A more in-depth understanding would give me more confidence especially since the vote was SO close. Further, the state legislature should have a different formula to determine a recount as their formula said a recount could only happen if the spread was 19 votes or less.
- Equity EQUALITY wokeness has gone too far when it comes to voting. Participation trophies for kids, etc. etc. What happened to the good old winner,.? People that make the election rules are trying to please too many people. What's wrong with just actually winning the most votes? Being the best athlete? Being best candidate that expresses the best views? And gets their own supporters out to the polls?
- Eliminate it.
- Eliminate RCV immediately and never use it again.
- Eight candidates (mayor) is too many for RCV. Four to six would be much better. Too little distinction between candidates with eight.
- Easy to vote but rank voting is still confusing. Still not sue it is the fairiest wat to pick someone.
- Dump ranked choice and let's get back to a proper primary election.
- Dumbest thing ever concived, hope it never happens again
- Down with ranked choice voting!
- Don't use it.
- Don't use it!!!!
- Don't use it ever again



- Don't use it anymore
- Don't take the peoples choice of one vote per person.
- Don't pull this in such a big election, understand what it means to have ranked choice before tossing out, then to turn around and not believe results and guestion the outcome, makes our council members look incompetent to the general public that is paying attention.
- Don't like it
- Don't do it.
- Dont like it. Dont think its fair.
- Don't use it again. It was a mess. Thank You.
- Don't use RCV.
- Don't like it at all. Waste of timr and paper
- Don't give up so quickly. Try educating the electorate and try doing it this way again. It will be more confusing when there are more issues/candidates on the ballot, like there will be in 2022.
- Don't do it again. We need to go back to requiring an ID, paper ballots filled out on site and counted by Precincts. Mail-In Ballots should only be used for people who actually cannot show up to vote on Election Day and should be requested by the voter. I will fight this through the Legislature as they are the ones voting on whether or not this will take the place of the correct, Constitutional way to run an election.
- Doesn't make sense and doesn't represent we as voters.
- Doesn't seem like it was very effective. The Sandy mayor's race had a recount, even though the losing candidate conceded.
- Do we really know who won? How long did that take? Do the think this enhances confidence in elections, or just raises more concern? Looks like you successfully eliminated any chance of a full audit in the future to validate election integrity.
- Do not use rank choice voting in the future.
- Do not use going forward
- Do not use again.
- Do not use RCV again.
- Do not like this process
- Do not like it. Could not determine party affiliatation for anyone
- Do not care for this process
- Do away with it. Foster decided commitment.
- Do away with it
- Disliked the process. After learning that City Council votes for Ranked Choice without any citizen imput, I started researching on my own. The majority of city's that have tried it across the United States have not liked the results. Their have been multiple incidents of mistakes and terrible outcomes. Even our own City Council would not accept the results and would not listen to multiple legal authorities concerning the process. Please! Please! Ask the citizens, and do what the majority of us want, not what you want as a city council representative.
- Dislike
- Disgraceful what we've allowed politicians to jam down our throat. No public discussion...just pushed through by a bunch of scuzzy council members who were candidates and wanted what they thought was an easier oath to becoming mayor.



- Discussed Ranked Choice Voting with candidates and those form cities using the traditional method.
- Discard the Ranked Choice Voting. I study the issues and chose one person I think will best represent me and for get about the RCV. The RCV is more for the the ones running than the voter. WASTE of TIME.....Please NO RCV.....
- Discard ranked voting
- Disaster. Now some peoples' votes literally did not count. And mayor announced weeks later? Spare me.
- Didn't like ranked choice plus it wasn't clear that if we mailed in our ballots & had them postmarked the day before election our votes would not be counted! We did our research & voted & signed & dropped to post office not drop box. Ours did not count!!!!
- Didn't like it, only ranked my top 3 choices
- Didn't like any aspect of ranked choice.
- Didn't see the value in ranking candidates. It should be based on an individuals top choice. I felt by me ranking additional candidates was almost disingenuous on my part because I really didn't agree with some of the candidates platform.
- Didn't feel the purpose of this didn't really save money candidates still campaigned just as long. Many just voted the number one spot for the first candidate on the ballot
- Did not like. Too many months of posters for candidates. Toooo many candidates. Like a primary with debates.
- Did not like!
- Did not like this way of voting.
- Did not like rank choice voting
- Did not like it.
- Did not like it!!!
- Did not like how council chose this option when half of them were running for mayor that same year. Why not choose RCV trial for a non mayor election year?!?!
- Did NOT like RCV! Please return to the caucus system (traditional voting).
- Despite some complaints about RCV, I believe RCV will help our democracy and begin to eliminate two party divides that are ripping our country apart.
- DON'T EVER DO IT AGAIN!!!
- Curious to know how it benefits or hurts candidates that may have been in the minority otherwise.
- Could we do a primary that narrows down the choices to 4-5. I can rank 4-5 but beyond that it became overwhelming, tedious and required too much "homework"
- Could propel minority vote getters into office, a disastrous policy.
- Consider using it for a primary election and then go back to the regular way for the general election.
- Confusing. Don't do it again.
- Confusing process that feels untrustworthy, low quality access to candidate information (what they really believe, not puff-pieces), confusing instructions (thought we had to rank all the candidates), delayed results with the city arguing with the county, state about recounts. Have yet to see how many raw votes each candidate got. Did the RCV create a winner with the down choice votes? Social experiment gone wrong. City council needs to focus on voter priorities: never heard any other voter ask to have RCV. Purely on the council.
- Confusing for many people. Too many candidates. If there had been 3 candidates, sure it may have been fine. I believe that if we had followed traditional voting (primary followed by final voting) that the



results would have been different. I am not in favor of rank choice voting. I am very dissatisfied with the voting process. I am even more dissatisfied with the city council and their implement RCV without allowing more significant input from the people they represent. It should have been something that was proposed and voted on by the people in a general election, not just proposed and implemented in the relative obscurity of a city council meeting.

- Confusing as to how things would work out.
- Confusing and to much for a vote...
- Confusing Did my 3-8 votes move to a 1-2 if yes I feel like my vote went to Monica and I didn't want it to at all. Should have had a primary get it to two candidates then a run off vote Very displeased is this how Monica got Voted in almost by default of ranking moving. Not happy withis rank voting at all. All the signs up for so long was ugly Go back to primary And real vote of top two
- Concerning the last several election cycles in Sandy, we've noticed candidates masking their party affiliation - this is a deceptive practice. Voters need to know if the candidate identifies with progressive or conservative ideals. Voters tend to associate with a party that best represents their political ideology. Ranked Choice Voting should not be allowed unless the candidates state their party affiliation. Its telling that RCV is widely promoted in states and cities that vote progressive. This allows the dominate party to crowed out candidates of the opposing party and taking from voters a clear choice as opposed to choosing the "lesser of two evils".
- Changing the voting process should not have been done without the approval of Sandy residents. The candidate with the most votes should win, not you must gain 50% or ranked choice takes over. I vote for the candidate I feel is the best period. Having numerous candidates running fragments the vote. I don't want the winner to be someone's 2nd or third choice. Next time don't railroad this through without residents approval, and don't try to convince me it's a better way!
- Change is always hard, but from everything I have read about ranked choice voting it really is a better way to conduct our elections
- Cease and desist!!!!! If I thought any thoughtful evaluation of my comments would happen, I spend more of my time relating pertinent observations
- Can you e-mail me a copy of this survey?
- By ranking from most liked to least liked, I am still giving a vote to someone I don't want to win.
- By not eliminating candidates in a primary election all candidates continue to spend money and bother the citizens with their campaign phone calls, mailings and TV/Radio advertising.
- Bring back the primary
- Beyond question it is a better way to vote.
- Better give some thought on what todo if's recount is needed
- Because it was a different process than I have ever experienced in voting I don't have any confidence in the process or the outcome. It seem just like one more effort of government trying to manipulate the voters into doing something. One more case of loosing confidence in Sandy City Governemnt.
- Because I research candidates, I only have 1 choice for each office and find the other candidates completely unacceptable. There is no "ranking" in my thought process. It is like asking me to accept an unacceptable choice. I want to vote for one person only!!!!!
- Basically I didn't like it. Too many candidates and too hard to try to decide how much or how little I liked or disliked a candidate.
- Bad idea. I would vote differently if I had a primary.



- Bad choice
- As everything new, it had a little work to learn about it, but I believe it's a great way to elect our officials.
- As I recall there were +6 candidate for mayor, and thought ranking was valid way to short list candidate. I only ranked those I felt were qualified for the job. I view ranking works best in filling position were multiple position are filled and higher rank is awared the more SR or authoritative position. Mayor / Vice Mayor and similar.
- Appreciate the savings of tax money by not having a primary, this benefit is enough to continue with ranked choice voting.
- Any system that can not certify a winner for nearly 3 weeks is not worth using. One vote for one person seems like a better plan.
- Any changes being considered in the election process needs to be made by the people. Not bureaucrats or elected officials that are easily swayed by paid lobbyists
- An excellent procedure, with many advantages.
- An absolute waste of time and money!!!!!!!!
- Althouh I vote for the person I feel will do the best job, I prefer traditional ballots where the candidates are clearly defined by party. I personally think RC voting is a stupid idea. There is nothing wrong with holding a primary, eliminating candidates, then listing the top candidates in each party. This is an attempt by the GOP to confuse voters.
- Although new to us, my spouse and I very much liked RCV. Although our preferred (top choice) mayoral candidate did not win, we were happy that our votes for 2nd or 3rd place choices ultimately counted toward the winning candidate. We appreciated knowing that our vote for a particular candidate would not "spoil" the chances of another good candidate. We also are glad to know that our mayor was elected with the confidence of the majority of voters.
- Again. Our elections need to be on even years. Better candidates would help. Letting people understand how this really works. Because this was the first time used I am not really sure that people understand it.
- After learning even more about the ins and outs of RCV I may be more comfortable with this method of voting.
- Absolutely the worse idea for voting imaginable, the winner gets such a low percentage of the vote how can they fill like they won anything. Basically a handful of the population.
- Absolutely terrible. 8 candidates on the ballot. Need to go back to primary elections. Vote for 1 only. If you can't get through the primary you don't deserve to be on the ballot. RCV should not be allowed period!
- Absolutely loved it.
- About a third of the council candidates had anti-RCV messaging in their official statements. I voted against those clowns!
- A write in option would be nice.
- A vote is a vote. Ranking candidates is not voting. It seems like a method where everyone gets a ribbon. A true vote has one winner and not a list of placements.
- A ranked -choice vote may not be bad for the primary. However, you want to choose between the top two candidates that you feel best represents you. Only 30 % of the vote went to the top two candidates.
- A problem with this survey is you asked if RCV should be used in the future and only offered yes or no. Should have offered "maybe". It has possibilities, but 9 or 10 candidates for the mayoral race was nuts



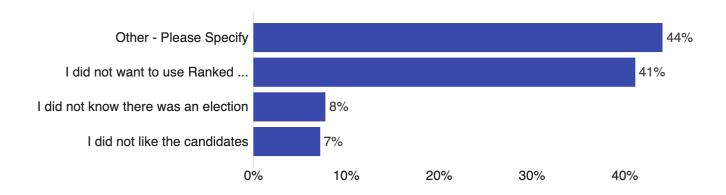
and didn't serve the city or candidates well, although I am OK with the eventual outcome. There needs to be a process to pare that number down to no more than 4 or 5 max.

- A party affiliation would be helpful in making a decision.
- A little confusing because it's so new but I appreciated being able to make multiple choices
- A crazy person takes the mayoral seat from a crook. Good job sandy. Good job.... Insert slow clap here.
- A clear recount criteria and process should be established.
- 5 council members passing RCV for personal reasons as quickly as they could was unfair to all involved. I am totally against 5 people deciding my voting rights. This is not how we vote as Americans which should be 1vote 1 person. It allowed for too many candidates and no one person getting a true majority of votes. The outrageous amount of money spent averaging \$50,000 per candidate with 8 people running is unconscionable. I studied RCV and found it totally wrong for any election. There should always be a primary narrowing down the candidates to two.
- 4027 votes of the 21,165 were eliminated because many people did not understand how the voting worked and only voted for a couple candidates. I studied the election results from all the rankedchoice voting races and for the most part, the races required one less rounds than candidates. Having 8 candidates to learn about was really time-consuming, but as someone who has been highly involved in the City before the Bradburn years, I put in the time to do it. Seems to me the money spent by so many candidates' campaigns could be better spent. I also think the fee to run for office needs to be increased to discourage those who are protesting rank-choice voting or other serious contenders from entering. I prefer the primary election in June to select 2 candidates, so I am not bombarded by 4 times the amount of mailers, etc. and spared the effort of researching so many candidates. Please vote to go back to the tradition voting!!! If it continues, educating people to rank all but 1 choice needs to be emphasized. I think the outcome could have been very different had people understood how it works and how important it is to rank more than a few of the candidates. However, so many candidates really puts a larger burden on our citizens than is necessary. At least with 2 choices, most people will do at least some research to select their candidate.
- 1.NON-PARTISAN PRIMATIES STATEWIDE! 2. ALL elections (municiple, bonds, special, etc.) need to occur at the same time as bi-annual congressional elections. 28% turnout for muni elections is NOT democracy
- 1. Limit ballot to maybe 3 candidates. Very difficult to get to know 8 candidates 2 Make research easier with a site with comprehensive info on the candidates. The site I found was quite limited. I dont care about their personal statements or softball questions. Issues questions and statements etc
- \*\*\*\*show. Really bad execution by council. Couldn't have been worse. Good luck moving on without promising a smoother rollout. I'll admit you guys are showing real guts by issuing a survey
- Since I had taught mathematics for forty years, I know that the victor could have been declared after one run of the votes if the rankings had been adequately weighted. Subsequent tallying appears to me to be a way that the system tallying was subject to manipulation. I also could not see any rational to rank a number of candidates who had no valid reason to be running or considered as being capable with more than a zero. It was a time waster when considering that primaries would have eliminated them as serious candidates.



# Only those who DID NOT vote in the 2021 Sandy Municipal Elections answered the following questions.

Please select the reason you did not vote in the 2021 Sandy Municipal Election.



#### Answers indicating "Other":

- Didn't live here yet. Just moved in.
- probably moved in to the city after the election.
- I waited too long to vote.
- Not interested.
- Your booklet on all the candidates did not have any mention of "Party (Republican, Democrat, Independent)". I did not like that I didn't know what party the candidate was representing.
- I just didn't get around to it.
- I was late in sending in my ballot
- I was away
- I am not a resident of Sandy City.
- I vote in CH but zip code is Sandy
- I don't trust elections that do mail in ballots or use Dominion voting machines. There is to much FRAUD going on.
- Forgot
- I am on the border with Midvale and voted in the Midvale mayoral election
- I don't live in Sandy but you send me Sandy stuff which is probably a waste of Sandy tax dollars. Good job!!!!!!
- Ranked choice voting is unfair to the people voting. There is zero information on the candidates, we as citizens don't know what party they are for and ranked choice voting is basically a glorified popularity contest.
- Too many to rank

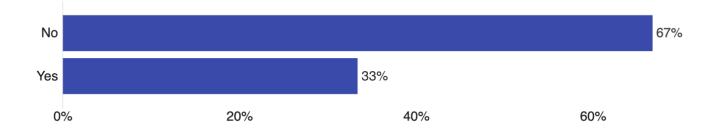


- Other time commitments kept me from having sufficient time to investigate the candidates and vote.
- New to town, didn't have time to research candidates
- I wasn't registered to vote in time
- I was unprepared to make choices. I hadn't gain knowledge of the candidates
- I never received my ballot in the mail, only advertisment from the candidates
- Didn't have time..
- I could not adequately evaluate 8 candidates. Therefore I did not vote.
- Not registered to vote
- Wasn't registered
- I missed the cutoff date to vote
- I was lazy.
- I forgot.
- Family Issues—Divorce, Health
- Out of town. I don't like early mail in balloting. Too much can happen before election day.
- Just moved to Utah
- Was really hard to research each candidate's positions.
- Second home in Sandy, voted in primary home's election
- Timing of the election
- Working two jobs I did not have time to research all the candidates.
- This was stupld
- We were in the process of moving, and I lost my voting envelope. Otherwise, I would have voted for Monica Z.
- sdf
- I wasn't informed enough to make a responsible decision
- Got the vote information, due to the rank choice voting I threw it away will never vote if you continue to use this!
- Got busy and missed the deadline.
- No East way to know all the detail about a candidate. You should focus on a stream line the details about each candidate so i can easily see their credentials.
- Missed the deadline
- Didn't have time to get to TL ow the candidates. When I tried it was hard to know where they stood on issues.
- Also we moved into a new Sandy home on Oct 30, and our household just was too distracted by
- I didn't feel like I knew the candidates well enough to make an informed choice.
- I didn't like the ranked voting system
- Insufficient position information available on the web and other media sources. Candidate position were basically unknown. There was no real information available about candidates political positions.
- Not registered yet in UT
- Was not send a ballot!!!
- I didn't know the candidates
- Didn't take time to go vote.
- Didn't have time.



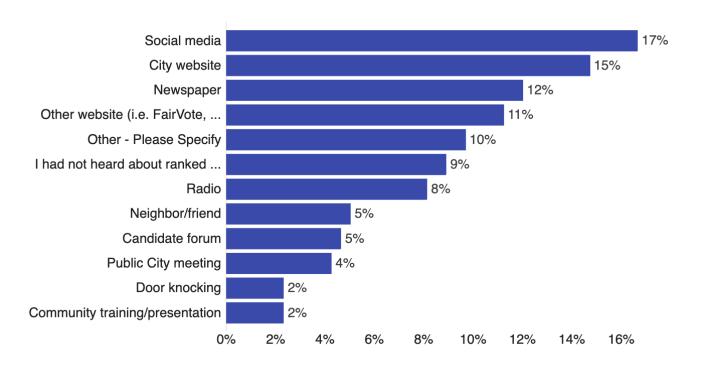
- Chose not to
- out of state
- Discouraged about ranked choice voting, did not want to vote by mail, did not have time on election day. I do not trust the election process anymore. Too much corruption. Looking to get involved.
- I didn't fully understand the RCV
- We have a Sandy address but live in Salt Lake County
- I'm not citizen
- I still own the home but live elsewhere
- I am an employee
- I didn't pay attention to the election date/deadline and missed my opportunity.
- live in SIc county unicorporated
- Make ID required for voting. No reason to waste time voting now if there is no way to mitigate fraud.
- The time got away from me. I kept saying that it was time to vote, but just never did. The voting from home option is a double-edged sword, in that it can be procrastinated.
- My ballot never arrived. Which was very annoying.
- Currently I reside outside of Sandy, but own a home in Sandy.
- N/A
- just missed the date accidentally
- Options one and two.
- sick and out of town most of the month and didn't feel educated enough to cast a vote
- I missed the deadline.
- Didn't have the chance to vote on time
- Also lost my ballot.

# Do you think Ranked Choice Voting should be used in future Sandy City Municipal elections?





## From what source, if any, did you learn about Ranked Choice Voting? (Select all that apply)



### Answers indicating "Other":

- **Voting Booklet**
- The ballot I received in the mail
- Personal research
- From my boss, who is a Sandy City resident.
- Utah GOP committee meeting
- mailer
- KSL.com
- It's been around a long time, particularly in other countries.
- Classes for my BA in History.
- No sure but I thought it was from a mailing newsletter from Sandy City
- Have done my own research from multiple sources in the past.
- TV
- Τv
- Didn't hear anything
- I work for South Salt Lake and they used RCV also.
- T.V.
- My ballot went on about it ad nauseum
- Research
- Internet
- School
- news and personal research



- Have used it in other elections
- I'm a math nerd and I've been all over this for years
- I believe I received an email from the city regarding this.
- **Ballot**

# Please use the box below if you have any additional comments/feedback regarding Ranked Choice Voting.

- While RCV might not be the most representative of a population, and I'm not an authority to speak on the matter, anything is more representative than winner takes all and I'm happy to see this change coming to local democracy.
- I don't think there should be a change and this way if voting were could lose our freedoms
- No sorry
- I like to think that I'm a responsible voter. However, your booklet that you issued for all the candidates, although very informative, left out the most basic piece of information - which party the candidates were representing. How could this oversight happen? Is this an attempt to keep people from voting strictly along party lines instead of know the candidate and ranking them from what type of work they do or family??? Very skewed in my opinion.
- Ranked Choice Voting requires voters to thoughtfully and precisely rank every candidate on the ballot to achieve its aims. At best it is a massive burden on a thoughtful voter. At worst it cannot be done with the limited and superficial data that is available. While the primary system has its faults, principally that closed primaries tend to benefit the candidacy of those with the most vitriolic supporters while open primaries allow voters committed to another party to snarl the opposite parties primary by voting for candidates they believe will be easier to defeat in the final election, those faults can be better solved than by placing a massive burden on all voters to precisely determine just which candidate is their fourth, fifth or sixth choice.
- What is it?
- Ranked choice voting was a bad idea.
- I really doubt that this saved any taxpayer dollars, since in the end a recount was done. Utter nonsense.
- Rank choice voting makes sense to get the widest consensus for a candidate.
- It's a way to trick voters into voting, by ranking, candidates whose values do not align with their own. If it was a good idea our Founding Fathers would have implemented it.
- The traditional system is a better system. Primary election followed by a general election. One person one vote. The candidate receiving the most is the winner.
- Giving my vote to someone I did not vote FOR??? NO! There are to many white washed criminals working our election process today and trying to change what has worked in the past only to put in the people THEY want not for who THE PEOPLE voted for. WE ARE A REPUBLIC NOT A SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY. EVILDOERS TRYING TO DESTROY THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.
- Will not vote ever ranked format
- **LOVE RCV**
- RCV seems like a perfect way to rig elections. Stop it!!
- It's a bad idea. Why should any person's vote count more than once? If your "person" doesn't make the



- cut, you should NOT get to vote again, possibly several times. No, No, and No!!!
- I liked it because it forced me to research all of the candidates. Then I felt like a better informed voter.
- RCV is a bad idea
- Stop sending Sandy City stuff to White City residents. I imagine it is a waste of your limited resources.
- It's stupid and stop using it.
- I generally like the idea of ranked choice voting but the number of candidates (8) was so high that it would have been difficult and time consuming to investigate and form an opinion on each one sufficient to rank all of them. Perhaps a Primary is unavoidable when there are that many candidates.
- In regular city elections I have to choose one candidate whom I feel represents my views. In Ranked Choice Voting I have to evaluate ALL candidates, in this case 8 of them, and rank them in order of preference. That is too much work to require before a person can cast a vote. Especially in a non-party local election, held in a city, Sandy, with no major newspaper of its own. It is much more democratic to hold a primary, in which the candidates must give information in order to distinguish themselves from their rivals. In an RCV election the candidates try only not to say anything controversial. This denies voters accurate information on their positions.
- Ranked choice voting is excellent and should definitely be continued!
- The ranked voting is about the silliest idea to ever come out of the Sandy City council. If I want to vote for mayor I will check the box for mayor. Why in the world would anyone want to complicate how we vote. One vote for one office seems simple and effective. Why have to rank several people for one office. The most votes should win. Please do not use ranking again as it will stifle votes for seniors that don't want to do silly new things when we vote. Remember the old saying...Keep it simple stupid!
- Voting is not a popularity contest, the #2 spot should not with if everyone puts them as number 2 because they are the people's second choice.
- get rid of it
- Through various news & social mediums you get an overview. Selecting a candidate to do a deep dive is time consuming. It is too time consuming to do in depth research on every candidate and then a ranking of all the candidates. Also, you would have to create a ranking system. 1 candidate may rank high in 1 area and low in another. The specificities of the process are too cumbersome.
- Rcv is not a free fair or legitimate election. They are a scam and should be prohibited!
- Stop using rank choice voting. One citizen. One vote. One day. With ID. In person. On paper.
- Voting is ONE choice selection, period.... this voting method is almost as bad as the rigged presidential election. You either get the vote or you don't. There is no inbetween.
- It makes sense, better chance of preferred candidates winning
- It is bad enough to choose one candidate out of several when you don't know anything about many of them. To try to rank more than one is impossible. I thought the outcome of the mayor's race was ridiculous. Why no recount, or certification? Pretty awful.
- I like the idea of RCV, but there should be some sort of primary to limit the number of candidates to choose from in the final election. The number of mayoral candidates in Sandy made it impossible for me to research all of them and make and informed decision.
- I did not vote BECAUSE of ranked voting....ridiculous!!
- Too complicated!!
- Ranked Choice is BAD, because it should always be the person with the most votes that wins. Ranked voting has the potential to bump someone up, if the person with the most votes do not reach 50%. It is



- confusing, and it should be a simple 1 vote for the person you want to see win.
- Ranked-choice voting is simply old-fashioned stuffing the ballot box in a shiny new PR package. One person. One vote. Period.
- · Make it go away.
- This drastic of a change in how we vote should have been a ballot issue, or other methods of getting more voter input than the limited effort made.
- I may rank stores I shop at but I am not going to vote if you continue to use this method...
- Confusing, don't like it, won't do it.
- Why complicate it? If a runoff is needed let the voters re evaluate at that time. If I'm choosing between 4 candidates my second choice may not be the same as it would be when I'm deciding between 2 and the ranking order might be different.
- There is only 1 winner in an election. No need to waste energy to vote for a second choice because there are already laws in place to replace a candidate if they die for example.
- I love ranked choice voting. I think it can help us get less polarized.
- Ranked choice voting makes absolutely no sense. I'm very opposed to it.
- What works on paper doesn't necessarily work on ballots. After living in California and in Australia I believe that RCV.disconnects our elections from issues. RCV gives candidates with only marginal voter support an opportunity to win. I haven't witnessed the "no-guilt" third-party voting and legislative moderation with RCV that I was promised in California or Australia and it won't happen here either.
- I think it's a horrible system that confuses voters and the result does not always reflect the will of the people. Sometimes the math produces an outcome that favors some candidates over others. It feels like a way to manipulate elections.
- · Poor way to run an election!
- I think RCV is a terrible idea. Basically, if I vote for my first choice candidate, and don't really like any of the other candidates, and also not enough people also vote for my 1st choice, then whoever I select as 2nd choice, if enough people vote for that 2nd choice, then that 2nd choice would win, essentially rendering my vote for my 1st choice meaningless. I want ONLY my 1st vote to count. As a progressive person living in conservative Sandy, I feel that RCV would ensure a conservative candidate to win every time. I suppose I want at least a \*chance\* to believe my progressive candidate would/could win. RCV must go away.
- I don't like it!
- It's new, but basically a biased forced choice that shortcuts opportunities to concentrate on the specifics of each candidate. It does not allow the traditional time to make more informed choices and ask questions.
- Audit the 2020 election results!
- Well it would have been nice to have participated, but since we didn't get a ballot. I am a registered voter
- Confusing and stupid.
- ALL politicians are scum, and should be hung from street lamps outside their own government buildings as a warning to the next generation of frauds and con artists.
- This voting process felt like a game in Las Vegas. I knew who I wanted as Mayor and I knew I didn't want the other candidates. I voter, 1 vote. Please bring back primaries!
- I was not about to vote for any candidate who's ideas I do not agree with. Say a friend complains about an office holder have I given up the option to say don't blame me, I didn't vote for the sob?



- No Rank Choice Voting
- I don't know what ranked choice voting really is.
- Wow. Unreal that Sandy City Would implement such a fiasco. Citizens did not have a choice in this. Implemented from paid lobbyist.
- Would love to see RCV implemented. Not just in Sandy but in all of Utah!
- I want to use it in the future.
- I like the concept and am in favor of it
- Prefer traditional voting methods.
- Please stop this practice
- It didn't feel my vote mattered so I didn't participate
- Love it! Keep it!
- Do it!!
- It sucks
- What a frustrating and clunky system. A return to a normalcy would be welcomed.
- I think that it is not fair. You should know who you want to vote for when you go to vote. Each person needs to do their due diligence or our constitution will not survive.. I think it is an easy way to vote for the uninformed. You can choose 2 names for your top candidate-place number one and then place number 2.. However, voting in this sequence type voting will take votes away from projected leading candidate and the number two ranking maybe come the number one. In simple words the candidate that may have got the most votes in a normal voting situation.. may now come out number 2.. Really- if you don't know who to vote for then inform-educate yourself or maybe don't vote since you really do not have a firm opinion on who you want in the office.
- It's just another way to bring more voter fraud into our elections.
- Get rid of it!
- My neighbors and I thought it was a great choice. But this might be because we liked all the candidates this round. Not sure what I'd think of it if the candidates varied greatly in politics.
- It is too complex. Keep voting simple
- I think it is a horrible idea. Please discard. First time in my life I did not exercise my right to vote in an election. I am 79 years old. It made me sad.
- It is simple. One person one vote. This nonsense of multiple votes is wrong.
- I love the idea of ranked choice voting, it gives a better idea of the people's preferences. If someone is everyone's second choice but not their first choice, more people would be happier with that person than if someone's last choice was barely most people's #1 choice.
- The excuses used for your RCV never did ring true. Don't do it.
- RCV steals elections!
- I hope we don't have it again EVER
- It was too confusing and overwhelming for me
- You changed the voting law without the public's input. Just a bunch of council members thinking it was a great way to get more Democrats in office and then the council complains when the RCV didn't go their way.
- Get rid of it!
- Bring back the primary. One person, one vote!
- Get rid of ranked choice voting

