

46TH LD DEMOCRATS RANKED CHOICE VOTING

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RCV Ballot

- ▶ Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is our method for this year's Endorsements process for winnowing a field of candidates that has seven or more candidates down to a field of six candidates. From there, our standard method of single-choice ballots will determine which candidate receives our Endorsement.
- ▶ On your RCV ballot, rather than choose a single favorite candidate, the voter is tasked with **ranking the list of candidates** according to personal preference.
- ▶ Candidates are eliminated according to their level of ranked support in automated rounds until the field is winnowed to a field of six.



Vetting the Votes

- ▶ We have ensured that the implementation of RCV is intuitive and consistent with the electronic balloting that we developed in response to the COVID-19 emergency moving our district functions online last spring.
- ▶ As before, a credential code will be emailed to all Members in Good Standing to the primary email we have on file, just prior to the meeting.
- ▶ There will be a spot on the ballot to enter this code prior to submission.
- ▶ This code will be matched in our balloting system to ensure that only valid votes will be tallied.



Top of Ballot

- ▶ Make sure to read all instructions for the ballot!

Simulated Endorsement Vote: Movie Ranking

Rank the best picture winners from 2001-2010.

Results of the ranking will be used to filter a large list down to the top 6 movies for further consideration on another ballot.

Instructions

This is a sample ranked choice vote for the 46th District! We're testing this ballot to inform the District's consideration of using ranked choice voting (aka preferential or instant runoff voting) on the 1st ballot to narrow a large primary field of Democrats seeking our endorsement.

We are looking for feedback on how this format works for you, as well as running through the voting process itself.



Contact Information

- ▶ It is essential that you enter accurate information for both email and your Credential Code. In the case that your ballot is spoiled and has issues being tallied, we'll need to contact you to cure it.
- ▶ Your Credential Code is essential to identify valid votes from Members in Good Standing, ensuring ensure an accurate tally.

Email *

If there is an issue counting your ballot, this email will be used to contact you for corrections.

Your answer

Credential Code *

To have your vote counted, enter the secret key you received from the tally committee - it will begin with 'p'. You can request an key by contacting Marty Ross via the chat in the Zoom meeting. You can also test the ballot without using a secret key (leave this blank), you can submit test votes to try to trip up the counting process.

Your answer



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Ranking Your Choices

- ▶ There be will as many ranking slots as there are candidates plus the option of “Take no Action”.
- ▶ Choosing **1st** means this is a voter’s top choice.
- ▶ A voter will be able to rank as many candidates as they would like. If the ballot is submitted incomplete, it will be implied that “Take no Action” will be your vote for all subsequent choices if your top-ranked candidates do not advance to further rounds of tallying.
- ▶ Pay close attention to the ballot margins and scroll bars. RCV Candidate Ranking can be quite a large table of choices!

Rank these films

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Million Dollar Baby	<input type="radio"/>								
[No Action]	<input type="radio"/>								
No Country for Old Men	<input type="radio"/>								
The Hurt Locker	<input type="radio"/>								
A Beautiful Mind	<input type="radio"/>								
Slumdog Millionaire	<input type="radio"/>								
Crash	<input type="radio"/>								
The King's Speech	<input type="radio"/>								
The Departed	<input type="radio"/>								
Chicago	<input type="radio"/>								
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	<input type="radio"/>								

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Submit

On the Back End...

- ▶ For a vote to be tallied, it must meet two criteria:
 - ▶ The vote must be submitted with **a valid Credential Code**, which are sent to the primary email addresses of Members in Good Standing prior to the Endorsement Meeting
 - ▶ To ensure we hold to Robert's Rules in the virtual environment, the voter **must be present** in the Zoom meeting. The Tally Committee will be checking throughout the open voting window of each vote to see that the voter is in attendance as we do not allow for votes by proxy.
 - ▶ The members of the Tally Committee will scroll through the participants list and mark on a *separate* Google document from the tally sheet. This is for the privacy of the vote; this group helping with this step will not see how any votes are cast.
 - ▶ Once attendance is completed, the list of participants is copied to the Main Tally Google Sheet and anonymously reconciled to the list of votes.

Voter Validation			Mark with an X if the voter is present in the meeting at the time of the specific vote.						
First Name	Last Name	Volunteer	Vote #1	Vote #2	Vote #3				
Voter	001	Vol #1	X						
Voter	002	Vol #1	X						
Voter	003	Vol #1							
Voter	004	Vol #1							
Voter	005	Vol #1							
Voter	006	Vol #1							
Voter	007	Vol #1							
Voter	008	Vol #2	X						
Voter	009	Vol #2	X						
Voter	010	Vol #2	X						
Voter	011	Vol #2							
Voter	012	Vol #2							

Vote Tabulation

- ▶ The tabulation of an RCV vote to narrow a broad field proceeds round-by-round, with candidates who receive the least support for the round being eliminated from subsequent rounds, and a voter's ballot will revert to their next highest-ranked choice.
 - ▶ For example, if your #1 top choice candidate receives the fewest number of votes in a round, that candidate is eliminated and your ballot will be tallied according to your second ranked choice.



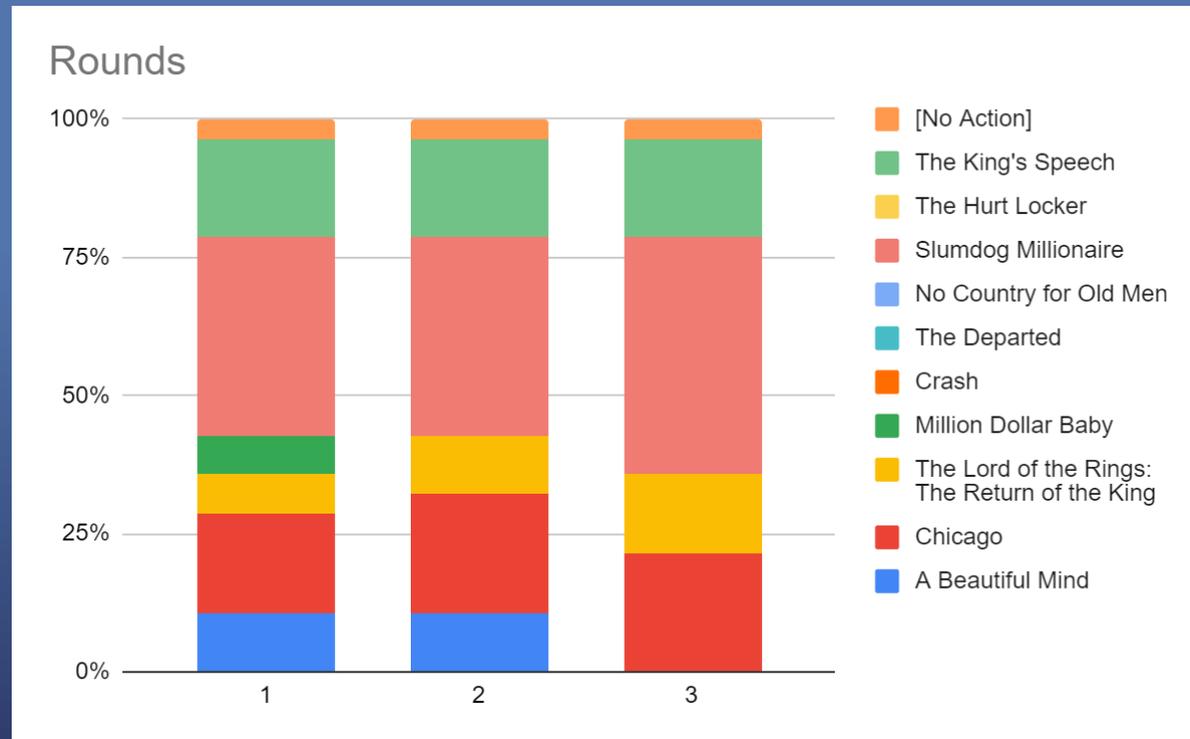
Vote Tabulation, continued

- ▶ Crucially, in the case of two candidates being tied in the lowest position for a round of tabulation, a deciding physical coinflip will be performed to break that tie, in accordance with state law.
 - ▶ There is a spot in the tally sheet to note these tie-breaks and the tally will proceed.
 - ▶ Note that this will not be broadcast on the main feed of the meeting, but will be in the “Tally Room” breakout room, and performed and witnessed by members of the Tally Committee.



The Readout, an Overview

- ▶ Round by round, you will see candidates with the least support have their support redistributed to other candidates according to how voters ranked them. This process proceeds until the candidate list is winnowed to six.



Detailed Breakdown

- ▶ The tally that *candidates* will be able to review is the round-by-round tally of the list of ballots, as each is re-allocated to support candidates still in the running. The ballots will be fully anonymous in this review process.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Chicago	The King's Spee	No Country for C	The Lord of the F	A Beautiful Mind	Crash	
A Beautiful Mind	The Lord of the F	The King's Spee	Million Dollar Bal	[No Action]	Slumdog Milliona	
The Lord of the F	A Beautiful Mind	No Country for C	Slumdog Milliona	The Hurt Locker	The King's Spee	
A Beautiful Mind	Slumdog Milliona	No Country for C	Chicago	The Hurt Locker	Crash	
Slumdog Milliona	A Beautiful Mind	[No Action]	No Country for C	Crash	The Departed	
Slumdog Milliona	A Beautiful Mind	No Country for C	The Hurt Locker	Million Dollar Bal	Chicago	
Chicago	Slumdog Milliona	The King's Spee	A Beautiful Mind	[No Action]		
The King's Spee						
The King's Spee	A Beautiful Mind	No Country for C	[No Action]			
The King's Spee	A Beautiful Mind	No Country for C	Chicago	Crash	[No Action]	
The King's Spee	A Beautiful Mind	No Country for C	The Hurt Locker	Crash	Million Dollar Bal	
Chicago	[No Action]	The Departed	Million Dollar Bal	Crash	Slumdog Milliona	
[No Action]	Slumdog Milliona	The Lord of the F	No Country for C	Crash	Chicago	
Slumdog Milliona	The King's Spee					
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Slumdog Milliona	The Lord of the F	Million Dollar Bal	No Country for C	A Beautiful Mind	[No Action]	
Million Dollar Bal	The Lord of the F	Chicago	Slumdog Milliona	No Country for C	The Departed	
The King's Spee	Slumdog Milliona	The Lord of the F	A Beautiful Mind	Chicago	[No Action]	

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The King's Spee	Slumdog Milliona	The Lord of the F	A Beautiful Mind	Chicago	[No Action]	

QUESTIONS?

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