

STAR Voting Canvassing Script

Have you heard of STAR Voting?

Intro:

STAR Voting is a proposal to adopt a more fair and expressive voting method. The idea is that **we should be able to vote our conscience, without wasting our vote**, and the candidate preferred by the people should actually win!

The Problem:

Our current system is only accurate when there are only two candidates in the race. **That's why we have a 2 party system.** If there are more than that, voters have to be strategic and consider voting lesser evil to avoid splitting the vote and spoiled elections. We can do a lot better than that.

STAR Voting:

With STAR Voting you score each candidate from 0 up to five stars.

The 5 star ballot lets you show who you prefer to who, and also how much or how little you support each candidate. If you don't have a preference you can give candidates the same scores. Those you leave blank get a zero.

STAR ballots are counted in 2 rounds: All the scores are totalled and the two highest scoring candidates are finalists. Your vote goes to the finalist you preferred. **If your favorite can't win, your vote automatically transfers to the finalist you preferred.** The runoff allows you to vote your conscience without worrying about wasting your vote.

Elevator pitch:

We should be able to vote our conscience, without wasting our vote, but our current system is wildly inaccurate when there are more than two candidates in the race. That's why we have a 2 party system. We can do better! With STAR Voting you score each candidate from 0 up to five stars. If your favorite can't win, your vote automatically transfers to the finalist you preferred. Simple, fair, accurate!

The Ask: Listen, ask questions and personalize it!

Find out what people are interested in or involved in already.

Find out what they would be most comfortable contributing.

The best way to stay in the loop is to join the email list. We have events and volunteer opportunities all the time, and email is a great stay in the loop. **(Hand them the clipboard)**

All the info you need is on the back of the mini-zine.

Help out by liking and sharing our content on social media. We are under STAR Voting and STAR Voting Lane County on facebook.

As we build towards adopting STAR for government elections we're looking for organizations to adopt STAR Voting for your own decisions or elections. We have a great online tool for hosting elections that was just used by Best of Eugene. <http://star.vote> is a great way to get people familiar with the system!

Do you know of a group that would like a presentation?

Come to our monthly meetings or volunteer from home.

Join our lawn sign list so we can get you a sign as soon as they come out.

Would you like to make a donation to support our work? Donations up to \$50 qualify for the Oregon Political Tax Credit, so you get it all back on your taxes. You can also become a member of the Equal Vote Coalition to show serious support. Membership is just \$10 a month or \$120 a year, or you can earn your membership by volunteering.

Make sure to check the sign up sheet with them to make sure it's legible!

Be friendly! Show that you are personally inspired by this. Feel free to be yourself! The script is just a guideline. Speak from the heart!

If someone is not interested that's okay. Just move on!