

CITY OF TUCSON -- INITIATIVE PETITION

To the Honorable Mayor and Council, and the City Clerk of the City of Tucson, State of Arizona:

We, the undersigned, residents of the City of Tucson, Arizona, and duly qualified electors therein, do hereby submit and propose to you, for adoption, the following ordinance, and request that action be taken by you relative to the adoption or rejection of such proposed ordinance, at the earliest possible moment, and that the same be forthwith submitted to a vote of the people, to-wit:

Proposed change to the City Charter

Chapter XVI, Section 9.1. ALL ELECTIONS FOR CITY OFFICE SHALL BE HELD USING A RANKED CHOICE VOTING SYSTEM.

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SHALL ESTABLISH, BY ORDINANCE, THE SPECIFIC PROCEDURE FOR BALLOT DESIGN, AND COUNTING, FOLLOWING RULES BELOW.

IN ALL CITY ELECTIONS WITH THREE OR MORE CANDIDATES, VOTERS SHALL VOTE WITH A RANKED CHOICE BALLOT. IF ANY CANDIDATE RECIEVES A LEGAL MAJORITY OF THE FIRST-CHOICES, THAT CANDIDATE SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED. IF NO CANDIDATE IS DECLARED ELECTED AFTER THE FIRST BALLOT COUNT, THE JUDGES OF THE ELECTION SHALL CONDUCT A RANKED CHOICE OR INSTANT RUNOFF CONSISTING OF ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF BALLOT COUNTING WITHOUT A SEPARATE BALLOT.

IF AN INSTANT RUNOFF IS NEEDED, ANY CANDIDATE WHO IS DECLARED MATHEMATICALLY UNABLE TO WIN THE ELECTION OR WHO HAS THE LOWEST VOTE TOTAL SHALL BE ELIMINATED AND THE BALLOTS OF VOTERS WHOSE BALLOTS WERE CREDITED TO SUCH ELIMINATED CANDIDATES SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE NEXT CHOICE CONTINUING CANDIDATE RANKED ON EACH OF THESE BALLOTS. A SERIES OF ELIMINATIONS OF BOTTOM-VOTE CANDIDATES SHALL BE COMPLETED UNTIL JUST TWO CANDIDATES REMAIN, WITH THE ONE WITH THE GREATER NUMBER OF VOTES BEING DECLARED ELECTED.

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