WHAT IS RANKED-CHOICE VOTING?
Ranked-Choice Voting (also known as instant runoff voting) allows voters to rank a first, second and third choice candidate for a single office. This makes it possible to elect local officials by majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election.

WHO IS ELECTED USING RCV?
Starting in November 2010, voters in Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro used Ranked-Choice Voting to elect most local officials. Ranked-Choice Voting does not affect the election of County, State and Federal officials or the adoption of ballot measures.

HOW DOES RCV WORK?
To start, all first choice votes are counted. Any candidate who receives more than 50% of the first choices is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first choices, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins (second choice ranking counts only when a first choice candidate is eliminated):

• **Step One:** The candidate who received the fewest number of first choices is eliminated from the race.

• **Step Two:** Voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice.

• **Step Three:** All the votes are recounted.

• **Step Four:** If any candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes is repeated until one candidate has a winning majority.

THE RANKED-CHOICE VOTING BALLOT
This brochure shows a sample Ranked-Choice Voting Ballot. To review the official ballot, please see your voter information pamphlet or go online to www.acgov.org/rov

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE
For more information on Ranked-Choice Voting, please contact the Registrar of Voters Office.

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How to Mark the Ranked-Choice Ballot

**First Column**
Mark your **first choice** candidate by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.

**Second Column**
To indicate a **second choice**, select a **different** candidate in the second column by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.

**Third Column**
To indicate a **third choice**, select a **different** candidate in the third column by completing the arrow pointing to your choice.

**Keep In Mind:**
Your **second choice** will be counted only if your **first choice** candidate has been eliminated. Your **third choice** will be counted only if both your **first choice** and **second choice** candidates have been eliminated.

If you select the same candidate in more than one column, your vote for that candidate will count **ONLY ONCE**.

**To Vote:**
Connect the arrow as shown here.

**Write-In Candidates**
If you wish to vote for a qualified write-in candidate for any of your three choices, write the person’s name on the blank line provided and complete the arrow pointing to your choice.