

LWVIL Ranked Choice Voting Task Force 2022

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LWVUS and LWVIL positions support ranked choice voting (RCV) as an alternative to plurality voting that can be applied in any election. The LWVIL recognizes that these recommended criteria represent best practice. As many of these criteria as possible should be included.

- Provides for voter education on using an RCV ballot.
- All voting equipment must be fully capable for RCV.
- Understandable ballots.*
- Proportional RCV is used for multi-winner elections.
- Allows for qualified write-in candidates.

The LWVIL supports local Leagues' ability to advocate for such a system at the local level. The LWVIL supports the right of local governments to choose RCV for their local elections regardless of what system is used at the state level.

*Sources for ballot design:

RCV Resource Center: <https://www.rcvresources.org/>

Center for Civic Design: <https://civicdesign.org/projects/rcv/>

The LWVIL Ranked Choice Voting Task Force included members from these Leagues:

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Downers Grove-Woodrich-Lisle

Evanston

La Grange Area

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