

Instant Runoff Voting

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HOW DOES IRV WORK?

Voters rank their first, second and third choices.

- **Candidate who receives more than 50% of first-choice votes is winner. If none receives more than 50%, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins:**
- **Candidate who received the fewest number of first-choice votes is eliminated from the race.**
- **Voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice.**
- **Votes are recounted**
- **Candidate who receives more than 50% of the votes is declared the winner.**
- **If no candidate receives more than 50%, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes repeats until one candidate has winning majority.**

OFFICES
1 First Choice

Assessor

(Vote for ONE)

John Smith ←
Ben Jones ←
Raymond Carson ←
Larry North ←
Write In ←

OFFICES
2 Second Choice

Assessor

Must be different than
your first choice
(Vote for ONE)

John Smith ←
Ben Jones ←
Raymond Carson ←
Larry North ←
Write In ←

OFFICES
3 Third Choice

Assessor

Must be different than
your first and second choices
(Vote for ONE)

John Smith ←
Ben Jones ←
Raymond Carson ←
Larry North ←
Write In ←

1 First Choice

Public Defender

(Vote for ONE)

Chip Carter ←
Dean Edwards ←
Robert Gore ←
Beverly Prevatt ←
Write In ←

2 Second Choice

Public Defender

Must be different than
your first choice
(Vote for ONE)

Chip Carter ←
Dean Edwards ←
Robert Gore ←
Beverly Prevatt ←
Write In ←

3 Third Choice

Public Defender

Must be different than
your first and second choices
(Vote for ONE)

Chip Carter ←
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Write In ←

What is status of IRV?

On August 21, Sequoia submitted IRV program to Feds for certification.

Decision expected early 2008

SOS approval then needed.

- Registrar of voters and City Clerks from Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro have been meeting regularly since March to plan for launch of IRV.
- General agreement in that group that if IRV is not ready by January 2008 launch should be postponed to a date beyond November 2008

Additional Costs for IRV

- **IRV in Berkeley will cost an estimated \$225,000 to \$325,000 above normal election costs in November 2008.**
- These costs include:
 1. Printing and processing of the separate IRV ballots.
 2. Berkeley's share of the \$350,000 IRV development cost
 3. Cost of producing and mailing educational flyer explaining IRV to voters
 4. Additional costs such as extra poll workers, poll worker training and post-election auditing of IRV ballots

Instant Runoff Voting in Alameda County 2007

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
		March: IRV Advisory Committee formed in Alameda County to explore outreach and other measures to prepare for launching of IRV in 2008. Group continues to meet.											
							-August 3: "Top to bottom review" results in new Security mandates that Sequoia and other vendors must meet in time for November elections						
							August 21: Sequoia submits IRV program for Federal approval. Certification expected by early 2008.						
										November 6, 2007 Election Day			

Instant Runoff Voting in Alameda County 2008

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<p>Early 2008: Decision expected by Feds on whether to certify IRV in Alameda County. Approval by Secretary of State would follow</p>											
<p>February 2008 Presidential Primary</p>											
<p>June 2008 Primary</p>											
<p>November 2008 Presidential Election</p>											



Questions?