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We are back for this month's The Scoop on RCV - your short update about all things ranked choice voting in Texas!

THE SCOOP: RCV FOR TEXAS UPDATES

- 1. Successful Primary Day Outreach:** In our first live outreach since the pandemic started, our volunteers greeted voters at the polls on Primary Election Day. Thanks to their efforts approximately 150 new supporters have joined our network!
- 2. RCV for Texas Endorsements:** RCV for Texas has begun to publish our movement's endorsements on our website. We have received multiple endorsements from organizations and thought leaders across the political spectrum! RCV is nonpartisan and helps elect candidates who receive broad voter support. Please contact us if you or your organization is interested in endorsing our cause.
- 3. Runoff Elections in Texas:** Texas' recent party primary elections resulted in 14 runoffs for congressional seats and 25 runoffs in the Texas State legislature. In total, 57% of races with 3 or more candidates went to a runoff. We don't have to tell y'all but that is a whole lot of runoffs (aka time and money that is put on the taxpayers). This is the perfect moment to share the benefits of RCV with your network. Send them a link to our ["Why Use RCV?"](#) or forward this newsletter.

WHAT WE ARE READING (or watching)

[OPINION: The case for ranked-choice voting in Texas](#) - *Fulcrum*

It is our job as activists, voters, and Texans to make RCV a reality in the Lone Star State. Right now, we're spending millions of hard-earned taxpayer dollars to pay for elections where few voters participate. A small, shrinking fraction of voters choose the candidate that represents all of us. We need change. Here is the case for RCV.

[VIDEO: Matthew Germer testifies to the Wyoming Legislature on RCV](#)- *R Street Institute*

Enjoy this 3-minute video of Matthew Germer, resident election fellow at R Street Institute, testifying to the Wyoming Legislature regarding his submitted request for the state legislature to study RCV.

[VIDEO: How does The Academy for the Oscars use RCV](#) - *The Academy*

Watch this fun video on RCV from the Academy (yes, the one that hosts the Oscars! Woah!). The Best Picture winner is selected with RCV and other forms of RCV are used to nominate the Best Picture candidates and other noteworthy Oscar categories. Give it a watch!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 24 at 2 PM - Austin RCV Meet & Greet:** Meet fellow RCV supporters in real life and learn how you can get involved in the movement to improve our election process. Come for the brief presentation, stay for the conversation, refreshments, and door prizes. [Register here.](#)
- **May 3 at 7 PM - Speaker Training:** Come join us to learn how to educate the public about RCV and gain endorsements through speaking engagements. [Register here.](#)

- **May 18 at 6 PM - May 2022 Phone Bank:** Join us between 6pm and 8pm CT to call supporters who have signed up on our website to engage with folks in our movement! Help them identify volunteer activities, follow us on social media, and/or donate to support our efforts. [Register here.](#)
 - **May 20 at 12 PM - Canvass-Grapevine Main St. Fest:** Join other RCV supporters in Grapevine. A great chance to meet other RCV Texas members and to advocate for our cause. Free RCV T-Shirts may be involved. [Register here.](#)
 - **May 24 at 7 AM - Talk to voters about RCV during the Runoff Primary Election:** Join our effort to educate more Texans about RCV by volunteering to talk with people as they leave after they vote on Tuesday, May 24. You can do this at your local polling place or another location in your area. [Register here.](#)
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EVENT SPOTLIGHT: HOUSE PARTY

We believe that the best way to grow our supporter network is to have more people learn about the benefits of RCV from a friend or neighbor. What better way to do that than through a party? We can help you plan and run the event and advise you on ways to invite your friends and community members. The party could be in your home, on your front lawn, or in another setting you can arrange. If you do it virtually, one of our trained RCV speakers can definitely join you. If it is a live event and there is a speaker nearby, they would be happy to join you. If not, we will arm you with sufficient information to talk about RCV confidently and be able to answer most questions.

For Texans to be able to use RCV, the Texas legislature must pass enabling legislation. To do that we need supporters to contact their legislators at the appropriate time to ask them to sponsor or co-sponsor a bill or vote yes when a bill is being considered. The best route to legislators is through their constituents, so that is why our network must be spread across Texas.

In addition to serving as a fun gathering and educating your network about RCV, your event can also encourage them to participate in our efforts or contribute monetarily.

RCV for Texas has been extremely frugal, but we need money to pay for a lobbyist who will be invaluable during the upcoming legislative session, as well as our website and expenses for in-person outreach events (like printing flyers instead of sharing them online). We are currently all volunteers, but we hope to be able to afford a part-time volunteer coordinator.

Please fill out our [Host an RCV House Party](#) form so we can help make your event a success.

We need your help!

Leading the charge for better elections in Texas through our grassroots campaign requires resources and help from committed supporters like you!

Ranked choice voting can lead to better elections by saving voters time and money, creating broad support for candidates, reducing negative campaigning, and giving voters more choice and a stronger voice.

Please help bring ranked choice voting to Texas by donating today!

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