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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. March 1 Primary Election Day Outreach: One of the best ways to engage the public about RCV is speaking to voters at polls. The RCV of Texas Outreach Lead, Jacob Roberts, helped organized the March 1 polling effort. He says "RCV Texas volunteers canvassed throughout Texas on March 1. They educated voters about Ranked Choice Voting and encouraged Texans who support RCV to join our cause. Over 150 new supporters joined our movement as a result of those efforts. The polling outreach also increased our movement's visibility among the most active voters in Texas. Our volunteers are excited to canvass again on May 24th. Canvassing is an uplifting experience that has a real impact on the progress of RCV in Texas."

Polling outreach is a vital activity for RCV. Learn more under Volunteer Spotlight and then [RSVP](#).

2. Get Ready for the next Texas Legislative Session: While a specific Interim Charge to study RCV in between legislative sessions was not approved, the Senate Committee on State Affairs was asked to "Study and recommend whether the state should shorten the primary election runoff period in Texas in order to allow voters to know who their candidate is sooner-while remaining in compliance with the federal MOVE Act." We know the solution and have begun to meet with legislative staff to discuss how RCV incorporates instant runoffs. We are also discussing our broader legislative agenda for the next session which begins on January 10, 2023.

3. The Versatility of RCV: One way to educate more people about the benefits of RCV is to use it for decisions other than public elections. Here are some examples:

- Both Democrats and Republicans in Oregon used RCV at their recent statewide meetings. They used it not to elect someone but to gain a quick insight into who the participants, at either party function, thought should be governor. We like this because the more political parties try it, the more likely RCV will be adopted for public elections.
- In Redwood City, CA, community members will decide how the city should spend \$1 million dollars to improve or support the local community. Voters will rank their top seven choices of project ideas across 15 categories and the winner will be determined by RCV. [Read more.](#)

choosing proactive steps to improve and expand their use of RCV. Check out the article to see how RCV isn't just growing. It's sticking!

[OPINION: Ohio Primary Would've Benefitted from 'Rank the Red' Voting](#) - *Newsweek*

If Ohio Republicans could have used RCV in their recent primary, they would head into the general election much more united than they will under the current plurality system. Two-thirds of them will likely be disappointed—if not disgusted—by a Republican candidate their favorite had been lambasting for the past year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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 anytime between 7 AM and 7 PM - Talk to voters about RCV on Primary Runoff Election Day or Early Voting:** 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.](#)
 - **June 14 at 7 PM - Improve Texas Election:** Join our bi-monthly meeting to learn more about RCV and how you can help implement this nonpartisan change to make elections better. These meetings are hosted via Zoom to help expand our network and recruit volunteers. Bring friend and join! [Register here.](#)
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Jacob Roberts

This month we are spotlighting Jacob Roberts who is the RCV for Texas Outreach Lead. He supports RCV for Texas by organizing volunteers to conduct outreach events and activities to increase awareness of RCV, educate Texans, and engage the public to become involved in the RCV movement. Jacob believes that RCV can be part of the solution for improving our elections, voter participation, and ultimately our democracy. Jacob is active with RCV for Texas because he feels a sense of urgency to protect and enhance our democracy. Thank you Jacob!



Why does Jacob support ranked choice voting?

"I volunteer for RCV Texas because I believe in democracy. Ranked Choice Voting increases representation by compelling elected officials to appeal to more constituents."

Do you want to support and improve our democracy? Do you feel the desire to reform our elections?

Join Jacob and other RCV volunteers on [May 24th - Runoff Primary Election Day](#) to speak to voters about RCV and encourage them to join the movement. We have momentum! Help us keep it going!

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 taxpayers 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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