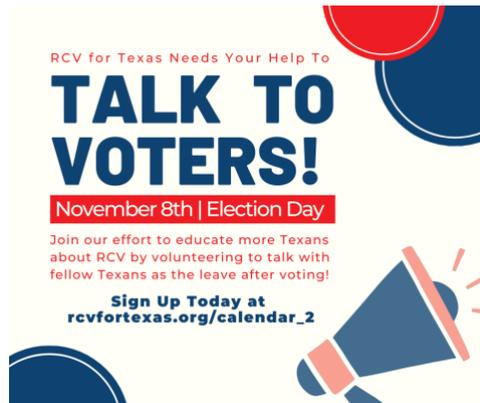




October 17, 2022

## THE SCOOP: RCV FOR TEXAS UPDATES



### 1. We Want YOU to Canvass at the Polls on Election Day

**Why Attend:** Meet voters and help educate more Texans about RCV as they leave the polls on election day. To get more comfortable greeting people, read our [Elevator Pitch](#).

**Where:** Your local election day polling location.

**When:** Tuesday, November 8th 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. You can volunteer for any amount of time. Find everything you need to canvass and [register here](#).

## 2. Texas Bipartisan RCV Bills Update

We have our first Republican Texas State Senator who will author a RCV bill in the legislative session that starts on January 10, 2023. This bill will allow ranked choice voting for military and overseas voters. Often military and overseas voters cannot receive and return a runoff ballot in time for them to have their voice heard through their vote. A ranked choice voting ballot eliminates this problem.

Because RCV is a nonpartisan approach to elections, we are working closely with both Republican and Democratic legislators to co-author bills to allow RCV in Texas.

## 3. All Eyes On Alaska

Last month we recapped the special election for Alaska's U.S. House seat, which Mary Peltola won in the state's first RCV election. Alaska also used ranked choice voting for its Senate primary – an all-party race where the top four advance to a ranked choice general election in November. There were 19 candidates in all. The results are below. Buzz Kelley, the fourth place finisher, later dropped out of the race for the November general election.

Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ <b>Lisa Murkowski</b> * GOP	85,344	<b>45.0%</b>
✓ <b>Kelly Tshibaka</b> GOP	73,161	<b>38.6</b>
✓ <b>Patricia Chesbro</b> DEM	12,945	<b>6.8</b>
✓ <b>Buzz Kelley</b> GOP	4,034	<b>2.1</b>

## 4. RCV Live Outreach Success

In September, RCV For Texas welcomed RCV supporters at the Forward Party Convention in Houston and Principles First Texas Swing Tour in Austin. Thank you to Randy Kepner who manned the RCV For Texas table at the Forward Party Convention and to Joanne Richards and Tom Mast who participated in the Principles First Tour. Let us know if there are events in your area where we should have a presence. Email Jacob Roberts with the details at [jacobcproberts@gmail.com](mailto:jacobcproberts@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 18 at 7PM - 9PM - Volunteer Mobilization Phone Bank:** Call potential volunteers so we can get more people active in our efforts! Help them identify upcoming opportunities to get Texas to adopt RCV. This is a great way to help from the comfort of your home while interacting with other volunteers making calls. [Register here.](#)
- **October 20 and every Thursday at 7PM - 8PM - Weekly RCV Pitch Training:** Come learn from a Rank the Vote national organizer how to talk to someone about Ranked Choice Voting when you're in the field. We'll talk about best practices, and have opportunities for you to practice your state's pitch in a friendly environment. You'll also be able to ask any and all questions so as to ensure a positive canvassing experience. [Register here.](#)
- **November 8 at 7AM - 7PM - Talk to Voters about RCV on Election Day:** Join other RCV supporters to help educate more Texans about RCV as they leave the polls during election day. You can volunteer as long as you want throughout the day. We provide all the information you need to have a great experience. [Register here.](#)

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## WHAT WE ARE READING

[Time has come for nation to embrace ranked choice voting](#) - *Las Vegas Sun*

This opinion piece by FairVote's CEO and the head of the Utah Republican Party advocates for national adoption of ranked choice voting for all the familiar reasons - it's popular where it's used, encourages positive campaigns and more. Crucially, it explains why despite simplistic reporting in some places the Alaska results don't indicate that RCV favors one party over another.

[FairVote's Scholarship Makes The Case for RCV In Republican Presidential Primaries](#) -

*FairVote*

Researchers at FairVote authored an article for *Politics and Governance* arguing that the use of RCV in presidential primaries allows voters to select nominees who best represent their party's interests and the will of the people. RCV combines direct voter choice with the traditional coalition-building practice of choosing presidential nominees.

[Ranked Choice Voting In Virginia: A Conservative Solution For Party Nominations](#) - *FairVote*

In Virginia, RCV has delivered strong consensus winners, an electorate eager to embrace ranked ballots, and transparency and legitimacy to the nominating process. Check out the [report](#).

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## MEET YOUR REPS AND TALK RCV



RCV For Texas is considering hosting a Lobby Day to speak with legislators at the Capitol about the ranked choice voting bills we support and why we support them. It will take place in late February or early March. We will provide materials and training. If you are interested in participating, please email Joanne Richards at [Joanne.Richards@RCVforTexas.org](mailto:Joanne.Richards@RCVforTexas.org).

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

RCV For Texas is looking for a few talented supporters to help us expand our reach and increase engagement among our supporters. Read about the roles below, and fill out [this form](#) to let us know if you're interested.

### **Google Ads Coordinator**

- Create brief advertisements to attract new supporters
- Experience with Google Ads preferred

### **Live Outreach Team Lead**

- Find opportunities for volunteers to talk to voters about RCV
- Coordinate and document outreach activities
- Attend bi-weekly Team Lead meetings to discuss planned activities
- Hold monthly Team meetings to keep volunteers engaged

### **Technology Team Lead**

- Manage our NationBuilder platform and maintain our supporter database
- Coordinate volunteers to work on projects as needed
- Attend bi-weekly Team Lead meetings to discuss planned activities
- Hold monthly Team meetings to keep volunteers engaged

Email [harriet.wasserstrum@rcvfortexas.org](mailto:harriet.wasserstrum@rcvfortexas.org) or [sign up here](#) if you're interested in volunteering!

In the meantime, if you haven't yet, you should be following us on social media. You can find us anywhere:

- [Twitter](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Linkedin](#)      [Instagram](#)
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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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