

## What is Ranked Choice Voting?

In 2006, voters approved an amendment to the Pierce County Charter that instituted Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for some races. RCV will go into effect for the first time in the 2008 General Election. RCV allows voters to choose and rank a first, second and third candidate for a single office.

## Who is elected using Ranked Choice Voting?

Most county officials. Ranked Choice Voting does not affect the election of city, state and federal officials, judges, or the adoption of ballot measures.

## How does Ranked Choice Voting work?

To start, every voter's first choice vote is counted. Any candidate who receives a majority of more than 50 percent of the first choice votes is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the first choice votes, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins.

- **First**, the candidate who received the fewest number of first choice votes is eliminated from the race.
- **Second**, voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their second choice vote transferred and counted.
- **Third**, all the votes are recounted.
- **Fourth**, if any candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes in the second count he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent, the process of elimination, transferring votes and recounting is repeated until one candidate has a winning majority.

## The Ranked Choice Voting Ballot

This brochure shows a sample ranked choice ballot. The ballot you will receive this fall in the mail or at your polling place can be viewed in your voter information pamphlet or online at [www.piercecountywa.org/rcv](http://www.piercecountywa.org/rcv)



For more information, contact:  
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**RANKED CHOICE VOTING**  
A new part of your voting experience.

The logo consists of three stylized blue waves above a red five-pointed star. Below the star, the words "RANKED CHOICE VOTING" are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the tagline "A new part of your voting experience." is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

# Ranked Choice Voting Here's how to get ready.

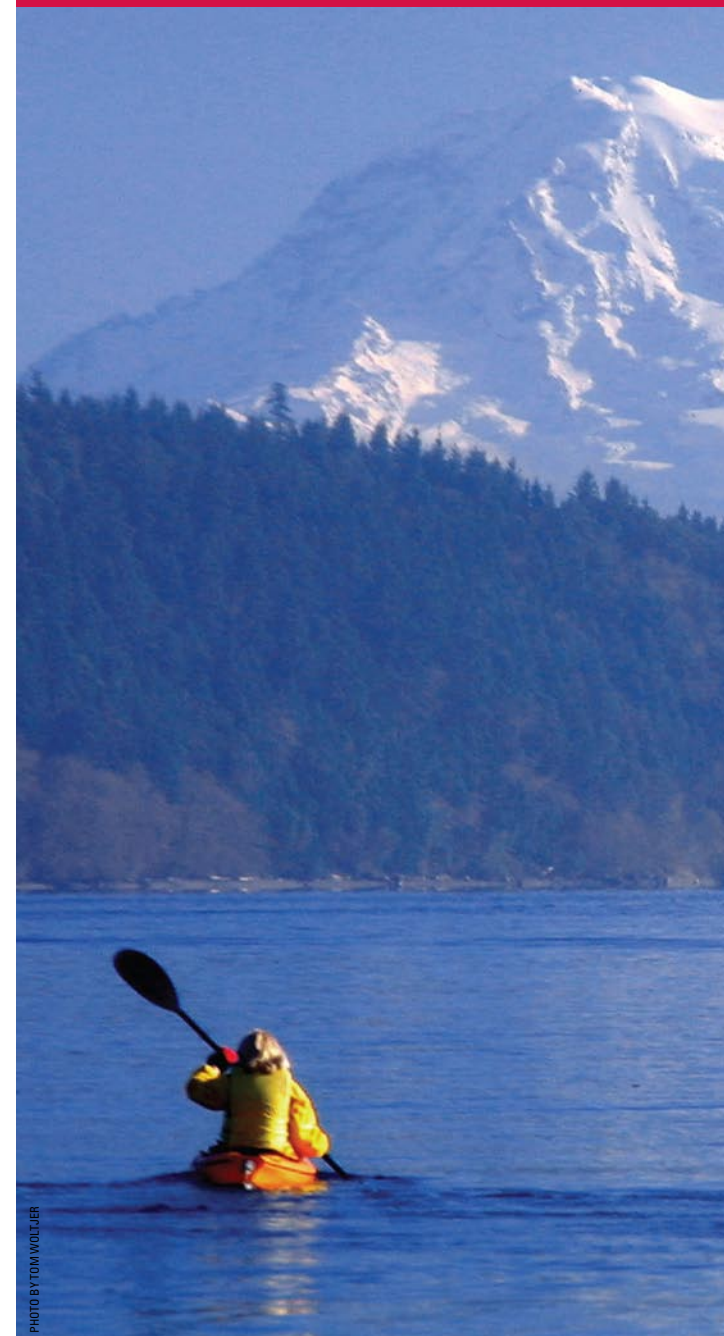


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# How to Mark the Ranked Choice Ballot

## First Column

Mark your first choice in Column 1.

## Second Column

Mark your second choice in Column 2. This choice must be different from your first choice.

## Third Column

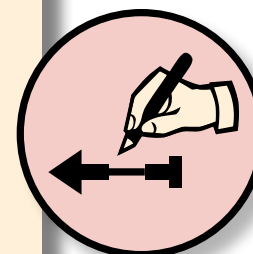
Mark your third choice in Column 3. This choice must be different from your first and second choices.

## Important

If you select the same candidate in more than one column, your vote for that candidate will only count once. You may rank less than three candidates by leaving remaining columns blank.



Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
<b>Candidate</b> Pierce County Office	<b>Candidate</b> Pierce County Office	<b>Candidate</b> Pierce County Office
<b>1 FIRST CHOICE</b> <i>(Vote for One.)</i>	<b>2 SECOND CHOICE</b> <i>(This must be different from your first choice. Vote for One.)</i>	<b>3 THIRD CHOICE</b> <i>(This must be different from your first and second choices. Vote for One.)</i>
Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat ← →	Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat ← →	Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat ← →
Booker T. Washington Republican ← →	Booker T. Washington Republican ← →	Booker T. Washington Republican ← →
Diego Rivera Independent Candidate ← →	Diego Rivera Independent Candidate ← →	Diego Rivera Independent Candidate ← →
Arthur Miller Reform ← →	Arthur Miller Reform ← →	Arthur Miller Reform ← →
Shirley Horn Green ← →	Shirley Horn Green ← →	Shirley Horn Green ← →
Bruce Lee Constitution ← →	Bruce Lee Constitution ← →	Bruce Lee Constitution ← →
(Write-In) ← →	(Write-In) ← →	(Write-In) ← →



**Connect the arrow as shown.**