

# Using Ranked Choice Voting within Democrats Abroad

At International & Regional Levels

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of this amendment

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# Ranked Choice Voting

Endorsed by:

1. DA 2020 Platform,
2. Nobel Prize winners,
3. Scholars of math, science, democracy,
4. Politicians such as: Elizabeth Warren, John McCain, Barack Obama, and Andrew Yang.

# Ranked Choice Voting

When used properly, for DPCA:

- voters can write their intentions for multiple rounds of voting at one time.
- In multi winner elections, allows for different groups of votes to have a candidate that better represents them.
  - Works for selecting finalists too

# Scope of Ranked Choice Voting in this amendment

## DPCA Meetings

Explicitly says that methods of ballot voting include Ranked Choice Voting.

(a) Ballot voting: methods of ballot voting include “select one item from a list of choices”, Ranked Choice Voting, Single Transferable Vote, and Instant Runoff Voting.

Requires a “Ranked Choice Single Transferable Vote” to be used for some decisions:

- Election of DPCA Officers, including Regional Vice Chairs
- Election of DNC Representatives
- Election of delegates to DNC convention
- Selection of DPCA Meeting location

# Scope of Ranked Choice Voting in this amendment

Regional Meetings follow the same rules as DPCA meetings.

DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- Country Committees. They have their own bylaws.
- Executive Committee. They make their own rules.
- Trivial votes where there is only one or two options to select between.

Details of implementation are delegated to NEC or equivalent body.

(1) For an election or for a meeting: The Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC), or equivalent group that governs voting rules will decide what method(s) of voting to use unless specific instructions are specified in the bylaws. Such a group will also decide the particular implementation details of the chosen method(s) of voting.

# New Feature for Democrats Abroad

This amendment, for Single Transferable Ranked Choice Voting elections, gives voters a chance to to vote for a candidate called:

“none of the remaining candidates are acceptable.  
I wish for further discussion OR to elect no one today.”

- Normal Ranked Choice Voting ALWAYS selects a winner
- However, DPCA is a smaller body, voting in real-time, and members may want to have more discussion before electing someone.

(d) All ranked choice single transfer vote questions shall include an additional candidate called “none of the remaining candidates are acceptable. I wish for further discussion OR to elect no one today.” If such a name is too long to fit, then equivalent information shall be displayed on the ballot for voters.





Want to give voters and candidates confidence voting took place fairly.

(e) Access to all voters' anonymized voting data, and reports of rounds of voting that can be generated from voting software, should be available to any candidate or elector on DA's website or wiki within 10 days of the conclusion of the election.

(f) A voter or candidate may challenge the results of an election within 30 days of the election's conclusion. An election auditor who was not a candidate or voter in the election must be appointed and agreed upon by the challenger and winning candidate(s). Access to all the non-anonymized voting data and reports will be made available to the Auditor. The Auditor will report on validity of election to all interested parties and NEC in a timely matter.

# Bylaws Cleanup

Adds definition section for:

- winning threshold terms: majority, quota, etc
- methods of voting.

Tries to draw a line of distinction between them.

Changes all references of “simple majority” to “majority”. These terms mean the same thing. “Simple majority” is not used in Roberts Rules. Let’s just use one.

# We can be a Leader for America

DA can be a leader for the rest of the Democratic National Committee and the USA by formally adopting Ranked Choice Voting for use.

# Amendment links to a supplemental Q&A Document

Author has tried to anticipate [your questions and write answers](#).

Please add your questions to the google document or contact the author.

## **Supplemental Information (Q&A, Analysis, Explainer Videos, etc):**

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- Explainer Videos
- Amendment Analysis, Q&A
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