

Resolution 2024-01
Northeast Community Council (NECC)

January 18, 2024

Ranked Choice Voting in Anchorage Muni Elections

In light of the reality that municipal elections claim to be non-partisan while many candidates enjoy the support, financial and otherwise, of partisan influences, let it be resolved that:

Whereas, municipal elections sometimes have more than two candidates running for the same position; and

Whereas, runoff elections are expensive and take a lot of time; and

Whereas, people are sometimes compelled to vote against a candidate instead of voting for their first choice for reasons including but not limited to concern about who can and can not win; and

Whereas, the current threshold of victory for people being chosen for representative government in the municipality is less than 50% of the voter choice.

Therefore, the Northeast Community Council proposes the threshold for election results be raised to 50% + 1 vote, and rank choice voting be utilized in all municipal elections, regardless of how many people run, including write-ins.

Resolution Vote: For _____ Against: _____ Abstain: _____

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