



City Clerk Department

Date: October 1, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From:  Deanna Despain, CMC, City Clerk

Subject: Marking the Ranked-Choice Voting Ballot

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We have received several inquiries regarding the following question about Ranked Choice Voting:

“Does ranked choice voting require a voter to select more than one person when they mark their ballot?”

Response:

A voter may – but is not required to – vote for up to three candidates for each office. A voter may rank one, two or three candidates as they wish.

It is also important to note that ranking a particular candidate more than once does not benefit the candidate. If a voter ranks a single candidate as the voter's first, second and third choice, it is the same as if the voter leaves the second or third choice blank. In other words, the vote for that candidate is only counted once.

Please contact me at 981-6900 with any questions or concerns.