Where is Ranked Choice Voting Used?

The map below shows the American communities that have already chosen ranked choice voting as a way to ensure that every voter has a meaningful choice and a strong voice in every election.

In California, Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco, and San Leandro all use RCV to elect mayors, board of Supervisors, city council members, and school board members.

The Iowa, Texas, and Arlington County, VA Democratic parties and the Utah Republican party have all used various forms of RCV in recent nominating contests.

RCV has been used in Minnesota’s two largest cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, since 2009 and 2011, respectively. Minneapolis uses both multi and single-winner variations of RCV for different offices.

Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Springfield, Illinois have all provided ranked ballots to military and overseas voters in runoff elections.

Takoma Park, MD and Telluride, CO have used RCV for their local elections since 2006 and 2008, respectively. Basalt, CO passed RCV in 2002 for mayoral races. March 2018 marks the first use of RCV in Santa Fe, NM’s mayoral and city council elections.

A number of locations have passed but not yet implemented RCV for their elections. These include Sarasota, FL; Memphis, TN; Ferndale, MI; and Benton County, OR.

Cambridge, Massachusetts has used the at-large form of ranked choice voting, called single transferable voting, to elect its city council and school committee since 1941. Cambridge uses no wards or districts, and it is spared the expense of administering primary or runoff elections.

Portland, Maine has used RCV to elect its Mayor since 2011. In 2016, Maine passed a statewide ballot measure to adopt RCV for all state and congressional elections.