

# Ranked Choice Voting

## **Requirements and Costs**

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Our current election system **STILL** meets only the first requirement.

We have plans and the budget to purchase new ballot scanners/tabulators in January 2025. The new equipment will still only meet the first requirement.

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## 2. Export the ballot data to a Cast Vote Record (CVR):

- Available upgrade from vendor that would enable current and new equipment to produce the Cast Vote Record required for further tabulation.
- Initial purchase and recurring annual license fee.
- Sufficient for one-round RCV. Additional tabulator software required for second and further rounds.

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- Additional “tabulation software” required to re-allocate and recalculate votes after each round of elimination.

# VOTER EDUCATION

- Voter education is key to the success of RCV elections.
- The law *requires* a RCV voter education campaign at least 60 days before an election. We view this as a minimum.
- The cost of a voter education campaign depends largely on how much we can leverage internal county communication resources and use some of the education materials developed by other jurisdictions that have adopted RCV.

## Budget

Electionware upgrade (Results Reporting module) & dedicated laptop

Initial cost \$13,626

Annual licensing \$7,200

Dedicated Laptop for tabulation software (software is provided by ELECT).  
\$3,000

Integration, testing, validation. \$6000

Training - An Elections Staff member whose primary job function is to create and conduct training of voters, election officials and fellow staff members. (adding a staff position) \$\$\$

Increased costs for longer ballots. \$\$\$

Voter education program (to include PSA's, mailings to every registered voter, demos at various sites etc.....) \$40,000 minimum