

Easthampton Voters *for*

① RANKED
② CHOICE
③ VOTING

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INFORMATION ABOUT QUESTIONS 1 & 2

Can't vote for your favorite candidate because you'd be **throwing your vote away**? Tired of choosing between the **lesser of two evils** to avoid splitting votes? Ranked Choice Voting allows candidates to run **without splitting votes**, encourages candidates to run **more positive campaigns**, and ensures that the winners are elected with a **true majority**. Easthampton voters will have a chance to upgrade the way we vote for our Mayor and our district City Council members by voting **YES on Questions 1 & 2** on **Tuesday, November 5**.

Most cities in Massachusetts hold *preliminary* elections, where the top two candidates advance to the general election. This ensures that one of them achieves a majority. Historically, Easthampton has not held preliminaries because they're expensive and often poorly attended. As a result, candidates are sometimes able to win **without** the support of most voters.

The Easthampton Charter Review Committee and City Council both voted **unanimously** to recommend using Ranked Choice Voting for our city elections. RCV achieves **more representative results** than preliminaries **without any of the additional cost**, allowing voters to attend one high-turnout general election and ensuring that the winner achieves a **true majority of voter support**.

EXAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE NOV 5!	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

RANKING IS OPTIONAL

You can rank as many or as few candidates as you want to! Mark only one candidate like you would under our current system, rank all of them, or just rank your top favorites.

If your first-choice candidate is unable to achieve a majority, your vote transfers to your second-choice, and so on, until someone achieves a **majority** and **wins**.

RCV is **non-partisan** and benefits **you**, the voter.

ENDORSEMENTS

- ✓ Dan Carey — State Representative, 2nd Hampshire District
- ✓ Nicole LaChapelle — Mayor of Easthampton
- ✓ Joseph McCoy — City Council, At-Large (President)
- ✓ William Lynch IV — City Council, At-Large
- ✓ Owen Zaret — City Council, At-Large
- ✓ Peg Conniff — City Council, At-Large
- ✓ Homar Gomez — City Council, District 2
- ✓ Thomas Peake — City Council, District 3
- ✓ Salem Derby — City Council, District 4 (Vice President)
- ✓ Daniel Rist — City Council, District 5
- ✓ Laura Douglass — Candidate for City Council, At-Large
- ✓ Lindsey Rothschild — Candidate for City Council, At-Large



ON NOV 5, VOTE YES ON Q1 & Q2