

RANKED CHOICE VOTING


More Voices. Better Choices. Majority Rule.

THE PROBLEM: OUR SYSTEM IS OUTDATED

- Most Maryland elections use a “plurality” system.
- Candidates don’t need the majority vote to win.
- Voters feel pressure to vote strategically.
- Campaigns focus on division rather than solutions.

 In 2022, Moore won the primary nomination although 67% of Democrats did not choose him.

2022 Gubernatorial Democratic Primary Results

Moore	32.4%	
Perez	30.1%	
Other Candidates	37.5%	

source: https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary_results/

THE UPGRADE: RANKED CHOICE VOTING



1. RANK YOUR CHOICES

Rank candidates in order of preference: 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice.

50%

2. INSTANT RUN OFF

If no one gets over 50% of the vote, the last-place candidate is eliminated.



3. MAJORITY CHOOSES

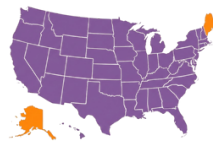
Votes transfer to subsequent choices until a true majority emerges.

TESTED. PROVEN. LOCAL.



ALREADY IN MARYLAND

RCV is already used in Takoma Park (2007) and was approved for use in Greenbelt (2025).



MAINE & ALASKA USE RCV

in major elections. It reduces the “spoiler effect.” and encourages coalition building.



LET’S MOVE MARYLAND FORWARD.

Maryland Forward Party supports adopting RCV for local, state, and primary elections.

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