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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 18, 2025

N.1 DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 4, 2025 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2503-018, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK

- Exhibit A - Official Election Results Updated: Page 1, For City Attorney race - Steve Colin inadvertently left out the asterisk
- Exhibit A - Official Election Results Updated: Page 2, corrected count for Round 2, Precinct 70 Report Joan Irvine from 104 to 125; Round 3, Precinct 32 Jim Light corrected count from 213 to 370; and Precinct 45 Joan Irvine corrected count from 0 to 218
- Adding Exhibit B - Inadvertently left out all proposed charter amendment measures
- Communication From Californians for Electoral Reform

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

Official Election Results - March 5, 2025

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do certify that I have canvassed the returns of the General Municipal Election held on March 5, 2025, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for, the respective offices for which the persons were candidates, and measures as follows:

RANK CHOICE VOTING BY ROUNDS

FOR MAYOR						
Threshold 50+1 for Round 4	4990					
	Round 1		Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	%
JAMES A LIGHT**	4882 *		5016	5203	5928	59.39%
NILS NEHRENHEIM	3236 *		3384	3546	4053	40.61%
JOAN IRVINE	1194 ***		1486	1908	0	
GEORGETTE GANTNER	915		1017	0	0	
JEFF GINSBURG	843		0	0	0	
	11070		10903	10657	9981	100.00%

FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1			
Threshold 50+1 for Round 2	1259		
	Round 1	Round 2	%
BRAD WALLER**	1245 ***	1313	52.17%
ROLF CURTIS STRUTZENBERG	1132	1204	47.83%
DARIN KING	185	0	
	2562	2517	100.00%

FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2		
Threshold 50+1 for Round 1	1037	
	Round 1	%
CHADWICK CASTLE**	1556	75.10%
LOUIS BURKE	516	24.90%
Totals:	2072	100.00%

FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4		
Threshold 50+1 for Round 1	909	
Rounds	Round 1	%
ZEIN OBAGI JR**	1255	69.11%
TERRI E HUNT	561	30.89%
	1816	100.00%

FOR CITY ATTORNEY		
Threshold 50+1 for Round 1	5364	
Rounds	Round 1	%
JOY FORD**	8226 */***	76.67%
STEVE COLIN	2503 *	23.33%
	10729	100.00%

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RESULTS RANK CHOICE VOTING BY PRECINCT

NOTE: ALL PRECINCT RESULTS NEED TO BE TABULATED TOGETHER TO GET THE WINNER OF AN RCV CONTEST. PRECINCT-LEVEL REPORTS WILL NOT NECESSARILY COMPILE TO THE WINNER AS EACH PRECINCT WOULD BE TREATED AS A STANDALONE RCV CONTEST. HOWEVER, THE CAST VOTE RECORD (CVR) DATA WILL ALLOW YOU TO REVIEW PRECINCT-LEVEL RESULTS.

	Dist. 1		Dist. 2		Dist. 3		Dist. 4		Dist. 5		Totals	%
	Pct 14	Pct 21	Pct 19	Pct 70	Pct 96	Pct 97	Pct 32	Pct 91	Pct 42	Pct 45		
MAYOR - Round 1												
Nils Nehrenheim	590	473	447	299	355	268	187	262	160	194	3235	29.23%
Joan Irvine	135 ***	102	79	104	156	116	96	128	136	142	1194	10.79%
Georgette Gantner	85	77	87	91	104	71	68	94	109	129	915	8.27%
Jeff Ginsburg	152	134	78	92	83	65	54	61	77	47	843	7.62%
James A Light	515	373	514	410	614	424	340	549	495	647	4881	44.10%
Totals:	1477	1159	1205	996	1312	944	745	1094	977	1159	11068	100.00%
MAYOR - Round 2												
Nils Nehrenheim	598	483	461	314	367	274	195	273	169	206	3340	30.60%
Joan Irvine	156 ***	130	112	125	187	137	108	147	165	161	1428	13.08%
Georgette Gantner	0	0	93	0	113	88	82	103	118	134	731	6.70%
Jeff Ginsburg	168	144	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	418	3.83%
James A Light	531	383	523	422	629	430	353	559	515	654	4999	45.80%
Totals:	1453	1140	1189	967	1296	929	738	1082	967	1155	10916	100.00%
MAYOR - Round 3												
Nils Nehrenheim	626	509	470	338	382	292	213	297	180	228	3535	33.16%
Joan Irvine	0	0	148	157	224	172	140	187	241	218	1487	13.95%
Georgette Gantner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Jeff Ginsburg	239	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	429	4.02%
James A Light	557	404	536	451	662	450	370	578	528	674	5210	48.87%
Totals:	1422	1103	1154	946	1268	914	723	1062	949	1120	10661	100.00%
MAYOR - Round 4												
Nils Nehrenheim	701	564	518	368	424	341 *	266	362	0	279	3823	38.11%
Joan Irvine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	283	0	283	2.82%
Georgette Gantner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Jeff Ginsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
James A Light**	617	469	601	515	755 *	520	414	644	623	767	5925	59.07%
Totals:	1318	1033	1119	883	1179	861	680	1006	906	1046	10031	100.00%
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 - Round 1												
Darin King	115	70									185	7.22%
Rolf Curtis Strutzzenberg	631	501									1132	44.18%
Brad Waller	691 ***	554									1245	48.59%
Totals:	1437	1125									2562	100.00%
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 - Round 2												
Darin King	0	0									0	0.00%
Rolf Curtis Strutzzenberg	677	527									1204	47.83%
Brad Waller**	731 ***	582									1313	52.17%
Totals:	1408	1109									2517	100.00%
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2												
Chadwick Castle**			814	742							1556	75.10%
Louis Burke			309	207							516	24.90%
Totals:			1123	949							2072	100.00%
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4												
Zein Obagi, Jr**							511	744			1255	69.11%
Terri E Hunt							228	333			561	30.89%
Totals:							739	1077			1816	100.00%
FOR CITY ATTORNEY												
Joy Ford**	1008 ***	846	823	741	963	691 *	560	860	801	933	8226	76.67%
Steve Colin	389	251	338	228	328 *	246	163	211	156	193	2503	23.33%
Totals:	1397	1097	1161	969	1291	937	723	1071	957	1126	10729	100.00%

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RESULTS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MEASURES BY PRECINCT												
	Dist. 1		Dist. 2		Dist. 3			Dist. 4		Dist. 5		
	Pct 14	Pct 21	Pct 19	Pct 70	Pct 96	Pct 97		Pct 32	Pct 91	Pct 42	Pct 45	Totals
BOARD OF EDUCATION												
Hanh N. Archer**	610	490	492	411	608	423		354	504	454	549	4895
Rachel Silverman Nemeth**	762	575	613	551	745	545		430	644	580	676	6121
Dan Elder**	791	618	636	540	780	603	*	448	682	680	785	6563
Totals:	2163	1683	1741	1502	2133	1571		1232	1830	1714	2010	17579
MEASURES												
Measure CCD												
Yes**	1177	886	939	800	1027	*	748	*	596	854	713	884
No	153	126	125	113	146	117		95	152	155	148	1330
Totals:	1330	1012	1064	913	1173	865		691	1006	868	1032	9954
Measure CCQ												
Yes**	1133	862	932	809	1026	*	745	*	592	901	780	922
No	202	157	136	120	154	134		110	129	122	139	1403
Totals:	1335	1019	1068	929	1180	879		702	1030	902	1061	10105
Measure CTD												
Yes**	1188	864	967	814	1029	*	760	*	593	851	719	894
No	147	141	104	97	148	114		96	155	160	151	1313
Totals:	1335	1005	1071	911	1177	874		689	1006	879	1045	9992
Measure CTQ												
Yes**	1181	906	966	841	1048	*	770	*	623	925	796	947
No	161	119	109	81	142	111		81	107	103	118	1132
Totals:	1342	1025	1075	922	1190	881		704	1032	899	1065	10135
Measure CAP												
Yes**	1170	879	913	771	969	*	714	*	588	837	710	892
No	155	135	151	137	201	149		100	176	178	151	1533
Totals:	1325	1014	1064	908	1170	863		688	1013	888	1043	9976
Measure CAR												
Yes**	1218	925	998	860	1102	*	804	*	647	979	819	988
No	109	103	81	64	88	76		64	50	86	85	806
Totals:	1327	1028	1079	924	1190	880		711	1029	905	1073	10146

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District	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Total Votes Casted	2671	2220	2293	1886	2174	11244
Total Registered Voters	10126	9617	10042	9708	9998	49491
% Percent	26.4%	23.1%	22.8%	19.4%	21.7%	22.7%

EXHIBIT "B"
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CCD

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND SECTION 11 (a)-(f) OF ARTICLE XI, 12.3 OF ARTICLE XII, AND 20.1 OF ARTICLE XX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(NOTE: New provisions or language added to the existing charter section are shown in **BOLDFACE type**; words and figures deleted from the existing charter section are shown in ~~strikeout type~~.)

Sec. 11. City Clerk.

The City Clerk shall have the power and be required to:

(a) Be represented at all meetings of the City Council personally or through a deputy. Record and maintain a true and correct record of all of the proceedings of the City Council in books devoted solely to such purposes. Such books shall have a comprehensive index to enable persons readily to ascertain matters contained therein;

(b) Compile and maintain ordinance and resolution books, in which shall be recorded all City Ordinances and Resolutions with the certificate of the Clerk annexed thereto to each said resolution or ordinance, together with a statement that the same is a true and correct copy, giving the numbers of said ordinances or resolutions and, as to an ordinance, a statement that the same has been published according to the requirements of this Charter;

(c) Be the custodian of the seal of the City of Redondo Beach;

(d) Administer oaths or affirmations, take affidavits and ~~depositions~~ **testimony as needed** pertaining to the affairs and business of the City and certify copies of official records;

(e) **Oversee all City elections and** ~~Provide~~ all elective officials with certificates of election properly authenticated to by ~~himself~~ **the City Clerk** and appointive officers with certificates of appointment;

(f) ~~Have charge of the administration of~~ **Review the expenditures** financial affairs of the City **which are** under the direction of the City Manager, and in connection therewith ~~shall have the power and be required to:~~ **access to the City's financial system and, at the City Clerk's discretion, review and approve City expenditures prior to payment to identify any irregular transactions. Any**

identified irregularities or approvals contested by the City Clerk shall first be resolved in conjunction with the City Manager or their designee. Any unresolved irregularities or contested approvals shall be presented to the City Council for final disposition within 45 days of when the information in question was first made available to the City Clerk.

(g) Participate during the review of accounting procedures and annual audit expenditures.

(h) Periodically, not more than once a year audit areas of City expenditures such as accounts payable, payroll, fixed assets, and journal entries.

~~—(1) Prepare and assemble the budget expense and capital estimates for the City Manager;~~

~~—(2) Supervise all expenditures and disbursements to insure that budget appropriations are not exceeded;~~

~~—(3) Provide and maintain a general accounting system for the City government and each of its offices, departments and agencies; keep books for and prescribe the financial forms to be used by each office, department and agency;~~

~~—(4) Supervise the maintenance of current inventories of all property, real and personal, by the respective officers in charge thereof and periodically to audit the same;~~

~~—(5) Submit to the City Council, through the City Manager, a monthly statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact financial condition of the City; and, as of the end of each fiscal year, submit a financial statement and report; and~~

~~—(6) To approve, except as to correctness, together with the City Manager, before payment, all bills, invoices, payrolls, demands or charges against the City government.~~

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Article XX. Funds, Disbursements and Liabilities

Sec. 20.1. Approval of demands.

All demands shall, prior to payment, be approved by the City Manager and the City Clerk **or, if contested by the City Clerk, by the City Council**. Prior to the approval of any demands ~~by them~~, they shall satisfy themselves that the amount is legally due, that the payment, authorized by law, is just and fair, and that appropriation for the same has been made. All payrolls shall be certified by the respective department heads and approved by the City Manager.

Article XII. City Manager

Sec. 12.3. Powers and duties.

The City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer and the head of the administrative branch of the City government. The City Manager shall be responsible directly to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City, and the City Manager shall have power and be required to:

(a) Appoint, remove and assign, and supervise and direct the activities of all non- elected department heads and employees of the City, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances, Civil Service Rules and Regulations of the City and directives of the City Council; provided, however, that the City Manager shall not have any such or other authority over the City Attorney, City Treasurer or City Clerk, ~~except as specifically provided in section 11(f) of this Charter~~, or over their Assistants and Deputies appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and provided, further, that the City Attorney, City Treasurer and City Clerk shall supervise and direct the day-to-day work assignments of the employees assigned to their respective departments.

(b) Prepare the budget annually and submit it to the City Council and be responsible for its administration after the adoption of the budget.

(c) Prepare and submit to the City Council at the end of each fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City for the preceding year, including all activities as City Manager.

(d) Keep the City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make such recommendations as may seem desirable and in the best interests of said City.

(e) Appoint and remove, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the Civil Service ordinances, rules and regulations of the City of Redondo Beach, all department heads of the City except as herein otherwise provided, and pass upon and approve all proposed appointments and removals of subordinate employees by department heads.

(f) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or required of the City Manager by the City Council not inconsistent with this Charter.

(g) Attend all of the meetings of the City Council and have the right to participate in the deliberations of the City Council, but shall not have a vote at such meetings.

(h) The City Manager shall appoint, subject to the approval of the City Council, one of the other city officers as Manager pro tempore during any temporary absence or disability of the City Manager.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CCQ

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND THE QUALIFICATION FOR THE CITY CLERK IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 11 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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Final paragraph of Section 11. City Clerk.

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No person shall be eligible for office of City Clerk unless **at the time of filing their nomination papers** such person shall have:

- (1) Successfully completed, with a passing grade, at least 15 units consisting of the following courses: elementary accounting; intermediate accounting; advanced accounting; auditing; cost accounting; and municipal and governmental accounting. Said courses shall have been completed at a collegiate institution, either in residence or in extension, or in a recognized private school of equal educational standards. Five years **of experience in a responsible position** in municipal accounting, ~~in a responsible position~~ may be substituted for ~~these~~ educational requirements; **or**
- (2) **Five years of experience in the office of a County or City Clerk, or Registrar in the State of California; or**
- (3) **A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and five years of experience in a responsible position involving public or private sector accounting.**

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CTD

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND ARTICLE XI ELECTIVE OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 11.1 CITY TREASURER OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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Sec. 11.1. City Treasurer.

The City Treasurer shall ~~be the custodian of~~ **maintain an autonomous role of oversight for monitoring** of all public funds belonging to or under the control of the City, or of any office, department, or agency thereof, and shall have the power and be required to;

~~(a) Receive and have custody of all moneys collected by the city from any source;~~

(a) Audit periodically, but no more than annually, administration of all monies collected from any source as reconciled by city departments;

~~(b) Deposit~~ **Monitor** all moneys received **from any source** in such depositories as may be designated by resolution of the City Council;

~~(c) Disburse~~ **revenue** moneys on demands **having been** properly audited and approved in the manner provided for in this Charter or by ordinance of the City of Redondo Beach;

~~(d) Prepare and submit to the City Clerk monthly written reports of all receipts, disbursements, and funds balances, copies of which reports shall be filed with the City Manager.~~

(d) Have access to create or review monthly reports of all receipts, revenues, fees collected, funds balances, wire transfers for demands, and bank accounts of the city by utilizing the City's financial system;

~~(e) Prepare and submit to the City Manager monthly reports as to the failure of any department heads, officers and/or employees within the City failing to promptly turn over moneys to the Treasurer as required by this Charter or by ordinances of said city and have the authority to periodically audit all moneys collected by the City from any source in order to prepare these monthly reports;~~

~~(f)~~ **(e) Audit periodically, but no more than annually, collection of** City taxes and license fees;

(f) Act as Tax Administrator in the manner provided for in this Charter or by Ordinance of the City of Redondo Beach.

(g) Invest and reinvest funds according to State law; provided, however, that the City Council may adopt investment guidelines by resolution.

The City Treasurer may appoint deputies for whose acts the City Treasurer's bond agents are responsible. The deputies shall hold office at the pleasure of the City Treasurer.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CTQ

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY ADD ARTICLE XI ELECTIVE OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 11.1.01 CITY TREASURER OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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Sec. 11.1.01 Eligibility.

No person shall be eligible for the office of City Treasurer unless at the time of filing their nomination papers such person shall have:

(1) A Bachelor's or Associate's Degree from an accredited college or university, and two or more years of work experience in financial markets, financial analysis, portfolio management, investments, or governmental accounting; or

(2) A Bachelor's or Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in accounting, finance, business, economics, business economics, business administration, or public administration; or

(3) Four or more years of work experience in financial markets, financial analysis, portfolio management, investments, or governmental accounting.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CAP

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.15 ORDINANCES, PUBLICATION, ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 17.9 BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION, AND ARTICLE XIX, SECTIONS 19 AND 19.5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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ARTICLE IV

§ 9.15. Ordinances, publication.

The City Clerk shall cause each ordinance, **or a summary of each ordinance**, to be published at least once in the official newspaper of said City within fifteen (15) days from and after the date of adoption of said ordinances; **however as an alternative, that when an ordinance solely pertains to the municipal affairs of the City, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by ordinance of the Council, the City Clerk may satisfy the publication requirement by posting the ordinance in at least three public places in the City as designated by the Council and posted on the City's online website or other publicly available City-controlled internet site in lieu of such publication.**

§ 17.9. Budget hearing and adoption.

Upon receipt of the proposed budget, the City Council shall set a time and place for a public hearing on the budget. Said hearing shall be held not more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the proposed budget and the City Council shall cause notice of such hearing to be given by publishing a notice in the official paper of said City at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing; **however as an alternative, that when an ordinance solely pertains to the municipal affairs of the City, except as otherwise provided by this Charter or by ordinance of the Council, the City Clerk may satisfy the publication requirement by posting the ordinance in at least three public places in the City as designated by the Council and posted on the City's online website or other publicly available City-controlled internet site in lieu of such publication.**

If the City Council is unable to complete the hearing at one session, it may adjourn from time to time until completed.

After the hearing, the City Council shall review the budget, considering matters brought forth at the hearing, make any revisions and adopt the same. The City Council shall adopt the budget on or before June 30th of each year.

§ 19. Public works, contracts.

Every contract involving an expenditure of more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for public works projects, including the construction of improvements of public buildings, streets, drains, sewers, utilities, parks and playgrounds shall be let either to: (1) the lowest responsible bidder, after notice by publication in the official newspaper by one or more insertions, the first of which shall be published at least ten (10) days before the time for opening bids, **or as otherwise permitted by Section 19.5, or by State law**; or (2) the best value design-builds entity or best value design-build-operate entity responding to a request for proposals.

Public works projects of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) or less may be let to contract by informal bid procedures as shall be set by the City Council by ordinance.

Public works projects of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) or less may be performed by employees of the City by force account, by negotiated contract or by purchase order.

The Council may by ordinance with four-fifths (4/5ths) vote amend each of the above dollar limits by no more than twenty-five percent (25%), and no less than five (5) years between amendments.

The Council may reject any and all bids received whenever in the opinion of the City Council:

- (a) The bid or bids do not strictly comply with the notice and specifications.
- (b) The Council finds and determines that the proposed project or purchase should be abandoned.
- (c) The Council finds and determines that the materials may be purchased more reasonably on the open market and the work done cheaper by day or City labor.
- (d) The Council determines that the bids are higher than anticipated and a new call for bids would result in savings to the City.
- (e) The Council determines that it would be in the best interest of the City to delay the work or purchase for an indefinite period of time.
- (f) The best interests of the City would be served by a rejection of all bids.
- (g) The proposal is not suitable for the project.

§ 19.5. Legal notices, contract for publication.

The publication of legal notices or other matters solely pertaining to the municipal affairs of the City, except as otherwise provided in this Charter or by ordinance of the Council, may be accomplished by (1) posting copies thereof at three or more public places in the City as designated by the Council and posted on the City's website. or; (2) publishing thereof in the official newspaper.

The publication of legal notices or other matters that do not solely pertain to the municipal affairs of the City shall be published in a manner consistent with applicable law.

The newspaper with which the Council contracts for publication of legal notices shall be deemed the official newspaper.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE CAR

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CALIFORNIA, HEREBY AMEND ARTICLE VI CITY COUNCIL SECTION 6.5. VACANCY, DECLARED BY COUNCIL, ADD ARTICLE VIII THE MAYOR SECTION 8.6 VACANCY, DECLARED BY COUNCIL, AND AMEND ARTICLE X ELECTIVE OFFICES SECTION 10.2 ELECTIVE OFFICES, VACANCIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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§ 6.5. Vacancy, declared by Council.

If a member of the City Council is absent from all regular meetings of the City Council for four (4) consecutive regular meetings from and after the last regular City Council meeting, attended by such Councilmember unless by permission of the City Council as evidenced by its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or ceases to be a resident of the district from which such Councilmember was elected, such Councilmember's office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council. **“Resident” for this section is based on a person’s domicile. The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile.**

§ 8.6. Vacancy, declared by Council.

If the Mayor is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, or ceases to be a resident of the City of Redondo Beach, the Mayor’s office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council. “Resident” for this section is based on a person’s domicile. The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile.

§ 10.2. Elective offices, vacancies, leaves of absence, temporary appointments.

In the event any elective official described in Article X, Section 10, is unable by reason of illness to perform the duties of such elective official's office, the City Council shall grant, without the necessity of any written request for such leave by the official, to such official a leave of absence with pay, for a period of not to exceed six (6) months. Upon the granting of such leave of absence the City Council shall make a temporary appointment for the duration of the leave of absence. In the event any elective official of the City of Redondo Beach is absent from said City for thirty (30) consecutive days or in the event that such elective official does not perform such elective official's duties for thirty (30) consecutive days, unless such elective official has the permission of the City Council to be absent from the City for thirty (30) consecutive days or to refrain from performing

such elective official's duties for longer than such period, such permission being expressed in the official minutes of the City Council, or in the event such official is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, **ceases to be a resident of the City of Redondo Beach**, or otherwise ceases for any reason to be eligible to hold such official's office, such official's office shall become vacant and shall be so declared **by** the City Council. **“Resident” for this section is based on a person’s domicile. The domicile of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, a person may have only one domicile.**

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From: Steve Chessin [REDACTED] on behalf of Steve Chessin
<steve.chessin@cfer.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 2:42 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Public Comment for Item N.1 (DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 4, 2025
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION)
Attachments: Redondo Beach poll - Lake Research Partners, March 2025.pdf; StarVotingExample.pdf

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To the Mayor and City Council of Redondo Beach:

My name is Steve Chessin. I am President of Californians for Electoral Reform. I helped educate the City Council about ranked choice voting (RCV) in January 2022 and worked on the passage of Measure CA5 in 2023. I was in City Hall last Thursday to watch the announcement of the RCV results.

First, I want to congratulate the City Clerk and her staff on a very successful implementation of RCV. From observations and press reports it went very smoothly, and their voter education efforts were very effective.

Second, I would like to congratulate the winners, especially the winners of the Mayoral and District 1 contests, Mayor Light and Councilmember-elect Waller, respectively. Had this election been conducted under the old rules, you would now each be facing an expensive and potentially very nasty runoff election. Instead, you can each take office April 1st instead of sometime in May, secure in the knowledge that your respective elections were supported by the majority of the voters.

Third, I would like to congratulate the voters of Redondo Beach. Quoting from the attached exit poll conducted by Lake Research Partners, "Voters in Redondo Beach resoundingly report that they like ranked choice voting, understand how it works, found it easy to use, and used it to positive effect in the mayor's race." The overwhelming majority of voters understood RCV, found it easy to use, want to continue using it, and, in the highly-contested Mayoral contest, ranked more than one candidate.

I do want to note that on Thursday I heard someone mention that Mayor Light prefers STAR Voting to RCV. I do not know if this is true. As the attached example shows, STAR Voting can violate majority rule. In the example, a clear majority, 60% of the voters, preferred Ann over all of the other candidates, yet STAR Voting would have elected Bob. This cannot happen under RCV; if a clear majority of the voters prefers one candidate over all the others, that candidate will win. I hope there will be no move to replace RCV, a proven system, with the untested and flawed STAR Voting system.

Sincerely,

--Steve Chessin

President, Californians for Electoral Reform

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Attachments:

- Lake Research Partners Redondo Beach Exit Poll
- STAR Voting example

To: Interested Parties
Fr: David Mermin and Emily Garner, Lake Research Partners
Re: Key Findings from Poll of Redondo Beach Voters
Date: March 11, 2025

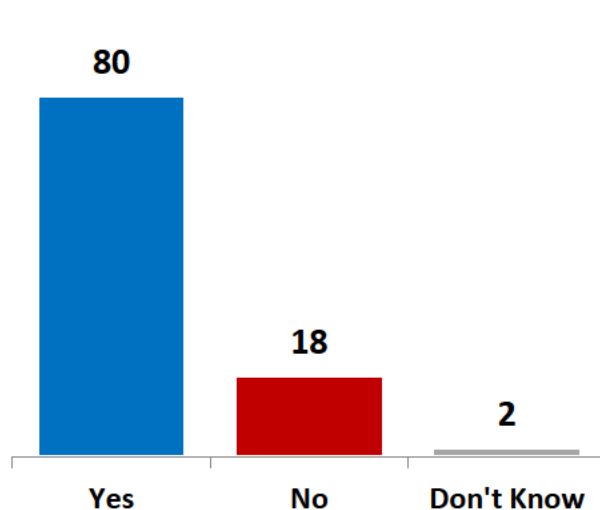
This memo summarizes key findings from our new March post-election poll¹ of voters in Redondo Beach, California, conducted on behalf of FairVote and Cal RCV, following the first local election for mayor using ranked choice voting (RCV).

Key Findings

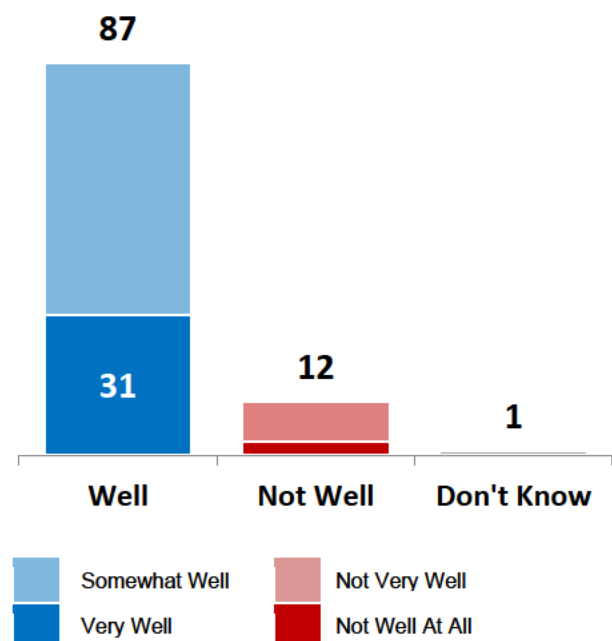
Voters in Redondo Beach resoundingly report that they like ranked choice voting, understand how it works, found it easy to use, and used it to positive effect in the mayor's race.

- Communication and education on ranked choice voting in Redondo Beach was overwhelmingly effective – eight in ten voters (80%) knew they would be asked to rank their vote going into the election¹ and nearly nine in ten (87%) feel they understand ranked choice voting well.²

Aware of Using RCV for Redondo Beach Election



Understanding of RCV

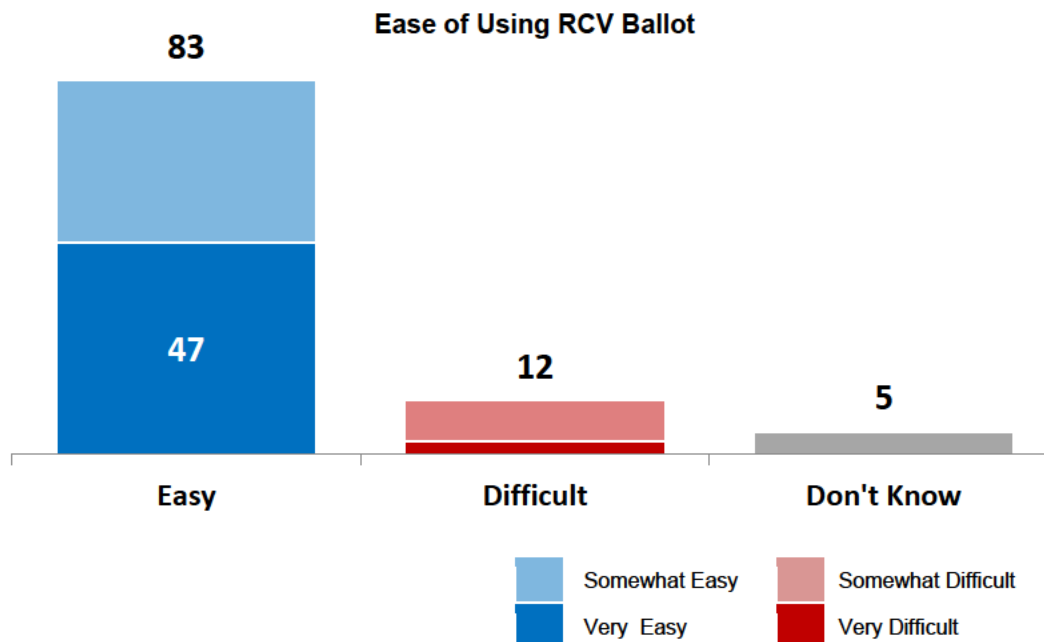


- Over eight in ten Redondo Beach voters (83%) report that they found it easy to rank the candidates for mayor on their ballot. Nearly half (47%) say it was *very* easy.³
 - There is essentially no difference by age – seniors (voters ages 60+) found RCV just as easy to use as younger voters (83% of both groups found it easy to rank).

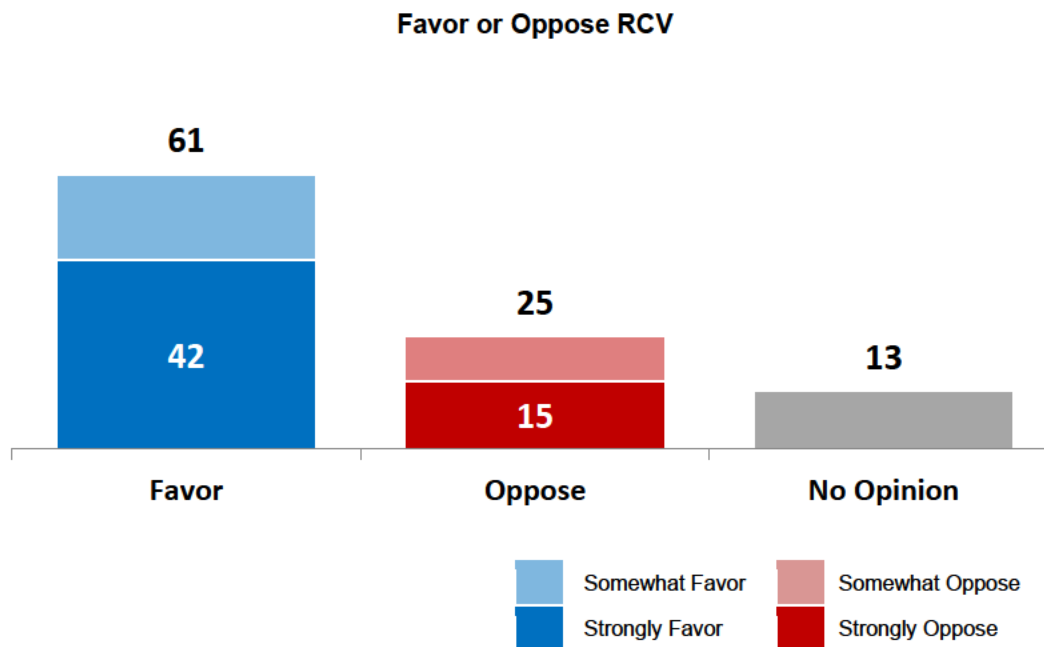
¹ As you may know, the mayoral and city council elections this year were Redondo Beach's first elections to use Ranked Choice Voting. Before you voted, did you know you would be asked to rank your choices for mayor and city council?

² How well do you feel you understand Ranked Choice Voting?

³ How easy or difficult did you find it to rank the candidates for mayor?



- Six in ten Redondo Beach voters (61%) favor ranked choice voting while only a quarter (25%) oppose it – a margin of over two-to-one in favor.⁴



⁴ Now I'm going to read you a short description of Ranked Choice Voting:

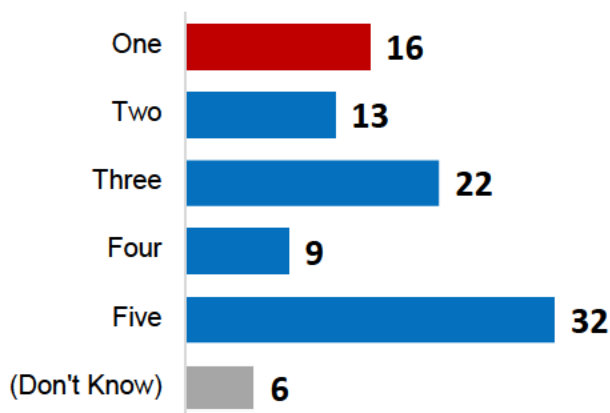
With Ranked Choice Voting, voters have the option to rank candidates in order of preference. After every voter's first-choice vote is counted, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is eliminated. If you picked that candidate first, your vote counts for your next choice. This process continues automatically until one candidate wins with a majority of the votes.

In other words, if your first choice doesn't win, your vote counts for your next choice, and so on.

Do you favor or oppose ranked choice voting? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, just say so.

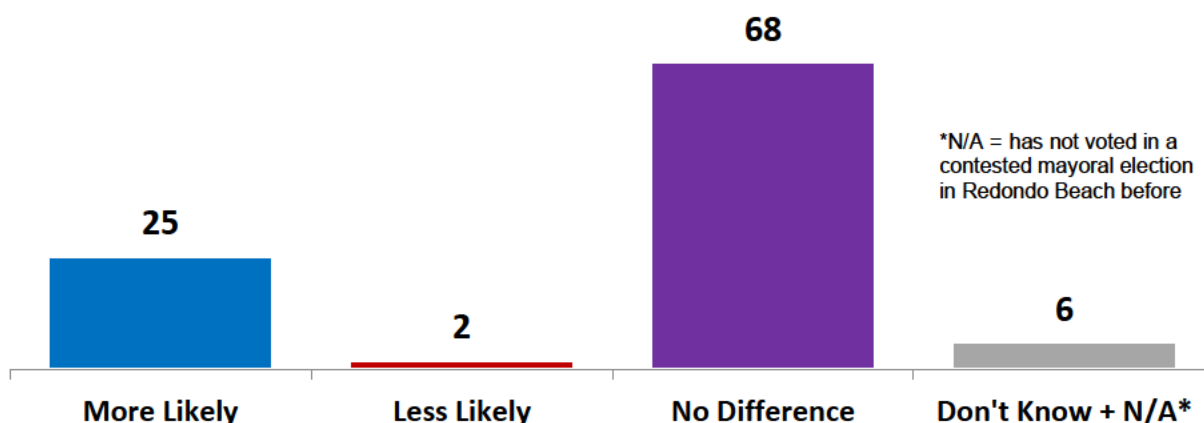
- Over three quarters of Redondo Beach voters (76%) report having ranked more than one candidate on their mayoral ballot, including a third (32%) who say they ranked all five choices.⁵

Number of Candidates Ranked on Mayoral Ballot



- A quarter of Redondo Beach voters (25%) report that with ranked choice voting, they were more likely to vote for their favorite candidate for mayor as their first choice compared to past elections, rather than a less-preferred candidate they thought was more likely to win.⁶
 - Only 2% claim they were less likely to vote for their most-preferred candidate with ranked choice voting.
 - Seniors, particularly, report being more likely to choose their preferred candidate with ranked choice voting – roughly a third (32%) say they were more likely to rank their true favorite candidate first than in previous elections.

Likelihood of Voting for Most-Preferred Candidate



⁵ There [were/are] five candidates running for mayor this year. How many did you rank on your ballot when you voted for mayor? If you did not vote for mayor, just say so.

⁶ Sometimes people vote for their most-preferred candidate, and sometimes they vote for a candidate because that candidate is more likely to win. Compared to past elections in Redondo Beach, were you more or less likely to vote for your favorite candidate for mayor as your first choice, or did it make no difference?

Please do not hesitate to reach out to David Mermin (dmermin@lakeresearch.com) at (510) 379-5180 with any questions or comments about this memo.

¹Lake Research Partners designed and administered this survey of 250 March special election voters in Redondo Beach, CA, which was conducted using live telephone and text-to-online interviewing. The survey was conducted March 1-6, 2025. The margin of error for the full sample is +/-6.2%.

Not all graphs add up to 100% due to rounding.

STAR Voting Example

Provided by Steve Chessin, President, Californians for Electoral Reform; steve.chessin@cfer.org

Consider 5 Voters (V1-V5), 3 candidates (Ann, Bob, Carl). Voters give these scores:

	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	Total
Ann	5	5	5	0	0	15
Bob	4	4	4	3	3	18
Carl	3	3	3	5	5	19

- Carl and Bob have the highest scores, so advance to the Automatic Runoff, which Bob wins, 3 to 2.
- A clear majority (3 to 2) prefer Ann to all others, yet Ann loses. *(This cannot happen under RCV.)*
- Bob is no one's favorite, yet Bob wins. *(This also cannot happen under RCV. It also affects campaign style.)*

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- V1-3's score for their second favorite hurt their first. If one of them gave Bob a score of 0, Ann would have won. (*Under RCV, your second favorite can never hurt your first.*)
- If a sincere second choice (or a sincere score for a second favorite) can hurt your sincere first choice, people stop voting sincerely and start voting strategically.