

### WHAT IS RANKED-CHOICE VOTING?

Ranked-choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) allows voters to rank a first, second and third choice candidate for a single office. This makes it possible to elect local officials by majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election.

### WHO IS ELECTED USING RCV?

Starting in November 2010, voters in Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro will use Ranked-Choice Voting to elect most local officials. Ranked-Choice Voting does not affect the election of County, State and federal officials or the approval or rejection of ballot measures.

### HOW DOES RCV WORK?

To start, all first choice votes are counted. Any candidate who receives more than 50% of the first choice is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the first choice votes, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins:

- **First**, the candidate who received the fewest number of first choice votes is eliminated from the race.
- **Second**, voters who selected the eliminated candidate as their first choice will have their vote transferred to their second choice.

• **Third**, all the votes are recounted

• **Fourth**, if any candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes is repeated until one candidate has a winning majority.



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### THE RANKED-CHOICE VOTING BALLOT

This brochure shows a sample Ranked-Choice Voting Ballot. To review the official ballot for the November 2, 2010 Election, please see your voter information pamphlet or go online to [www.acgov.org/rov/](http://www.acgov.org/rov/)

### HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For more information on Ranked-Choice Voting, please contact the Registrar of Voters Office.

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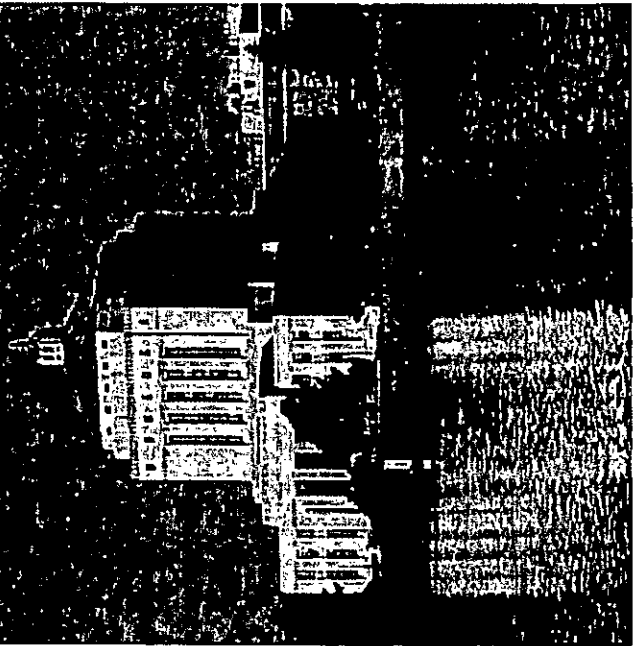
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