

SAN JOSE ELECTIONS COMMISSION STUDY SESSION Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

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AGENDA

5:30 p.m.

April 29, 2010

Room W262

Study Session Purpose: The Elections Commission will meet in a Study Session for the purpose of gaining a deeper understanding of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), also known as Rank Choice Voting (RCV) and examining potential results by implementation in the City of San José.

Study Session Outcome: The Elections Commission will not take any formal action at this study session but will use the information in a future meeting (or meetings) to develop a recommendation to the City Council about Instant Runoff Voting in response to a City Council referral to consider IRV as a method to save the City money.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair deFuniak will call the meeting to order, provide the introductions and establish the meeting protocol.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Oral Report from the San Jose City Clerk: Lee Price, City Clerk
2. Oral Report from the County Registrar of Voters: Philip Chantri, Elections Services Coordinator
3. Presentation by New America Foundation/Californians for Electoral Reform:
Blair Bobier, Deputy Director New America Foundation and Steve Chessin, President Californians for Electoral Reform
 - [Instant Runoff Voting for the City of San Jose \(Policy Paper by New America Foundation\)](#)
 - [Recent Federal Court Decision upholding Instant Runoff Voting \(Dudum v. Arntz\)](#)
 - [Declaration of San Francisco State University Professor Emeritus Richard DeLeon \(submitted for Dudum v. Arntz\)](#)
 - [Instant Runoff Voting and its Impact on Racial Minorities \(New America Foundation/Fairvote report\)](#)
 - [Instant Runoff Voting Flow Chart](#)
 - [New York Times column by Thomas Friedman, "A Tea Party without Nuts"](#)
 - [USA Today editorial: Oscar's Instant Runoff](#)
 - [FairVote Minnesota Applauds Results of Minneapolis RCV Survey](#)

- [Minneapolis Star Tribune: Success for Ranked Choice](#)
 - [California Secretary of State Instant Runoff Voting Voter Education Plan and Approval of Alameda County Ranked Choice Voting Equipment](#)
 - [San Francisco Chronicle op-ed by Steven Hill, “Report Card for Ranked Choice Voting”](#)
 - [Alameda County Registrar of Voters: Ranked Choice Voting—Voting Made Easy](#)
 - [IRV Fact check: Response to Kathy Dopp’s “Report” on IRV](#)
 - [IRV Fact check: Myths and Facts about IRV](#)
 - [Where Instant Runoff Voting has been Adopted](#)
4. Presentation by Terry Reilly, Resident and Former Member of the San José Elections Commission
- [Attachment 1 – San Francisco’s Restricted RCV Education Effort Underfunded](#)
 - [Attachment 2 - First RCV Election in Minneapolis](#)
 - [Attachment 3 – Analysis of Chinese American Voter Education \(CAVEC\) Poll](#)
 - [Attachment 4 – MIT Analysis](#)
 - [Attachment 5 – Various Editorials and Articles Regarding IRV](#)
 - [Attachment 6 – Majority Winner](#)
 - [Attachment 7 – Negative Campaigns](#)
 - [Attachment 8 – Public Comments from Burlington, Vermont/False Majorities](#)
 - [Attachment 9 – San Francisco’s Grand Jury RCV Report](#)
 - [Attachment 10 – Minneapolis RCV Office of Elections and Voter Registration Report](#)
 - [Attachment 11 – Comments from Mayor Willie Brown/League of Women Voters Confusion](#)

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

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