

CITY OF LOS ANGELES CHARTER AMENDMENT
PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS BY SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE
(RANKED CHOICE OR INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING)

Section 400 of the Charter of City of Los Angeles is amended to read:

Sec. 400. Types of Elections.

Municipal elections held in the City of Los Angeles shall be classified as primary nominating elections, general municipal elections and special elections. Beginning January 1, 2010, elections for office or nomination shall be by the system of the single transferable vote.

Section 425 of the Charter of City of Los Angeles is amended to read:

Sec. 425. Results of Primary Nominating Election.

(a) ~~In~~Until January 1, 2010, in the event that any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office at the primary nominating election, that candidate shall be elected to the office.

After 2009, in the event that any candidate receives a majority of the first-choice (or first-rank) votes cast for an office at the primary nominating election, that candidate shall be elected to the office.

(b) ~~In~~Until January 1, 2010, in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office shall be the candidates, and the only candidates, for that office whose names shall appear on the ballots to be used at the general municipal election.

After 2009, in the event no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice (or first-rank) votes cast for an office, two candidates shall be elected as nominees for the office, using the cast ballots, by the system of the single transferable vote (with fractional transfer of surplus votes). The two nominees shall be the candidates, and the only candidates, for that office whose names shall appear on the ballots to be used at the general municipal election.

(c) ~~In~~Until January 1, 2010, in the event that two or more persons receive an equal number of votes as candidates for an office at the primary nominating election, so that the result of the election does not determine which of the persons are entitled to be nominated as candidates, the Council shall draw lots to determine which of the persons shall be the candidate or candidates for the office. The lots shall be drawn at the next regular Council meeting occurring later than five days after the declaration of the result of the election, in the manner the Council prescribes. However, if a recount of the ballots with respect to the office in question is timely requested, lots shall not be drawn until and unless the recount also fails to result in a determination of which persons are entitled to be nominated as candidates for the office.

After 2009, in the event of a tie among candidates in a primary nominating election, the Council shall draw lots to determine which of the tied candidates shall be the nominated candidate or candidates for the office. The lots shall be drawn at the next regular Council meeting occurring later than five days after the declaration of the result of the election, in the manner the Council prescribes. However, if a recount of the ballots with respect to the office in question is timely requested, lots shall not be drawn until and unless the recount also fails to result in a determination of which persons are entitled to be nominated as candidates for the office.