

Materials for the Instant Runoff Voting issue

Primary materials or suggested web sites:

Instant Runoff Voting: An Overview – a research paper by Will Nelligan done for the Commission

IRV in Portland, Memo dated 1-5-2010 by Linda Cohen, City Clerk

Bibliography collected by Elizabeth Tarasevich.

A sheet on the Pros and Cons by Elizabeth Boynton

Suggested web sites:

Supporting IRV:

<http://www.instantrunoff.com>: a web site to promote the use of Instant Run Off Voting with explanation on how it works, where it is currently used, frequently asked questions.

<http://www.fairvote.org/media/irv/nc-fact-sheet.pdf> a web site to promote Instant Run Off Voting with explanations on how it works and other information

Against IRV:

<http://www.ncvoter.net/irv.html> a website that argues against IRV elections; includes a page that claims that many cities that have adopted it are moving to ditch it, but without much detail

<http://mnvoters.org/IRV.htm> mentioned in Will Nelligan's bibliography

More neutral comments:

<http://www.chrisgates.net/irv/> this web site is a larger, easier to follow version of the animation that was on the San Diego site that Elizabeth sent around earlier in the fall

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/irvoting.pdf> a seven page information brief from the Legislative Research Dept of the Minnesota Legislature; a pretty clear explanation with answers to a series of "what if" questions.

http://blogs.chicagotribune.com/news_columnists_ezorn/2009/03/instant-runoff-voting-a-q-a-.html very good column from the Chicago Tribune on the pros and cons of IRV and a list of suggested readings

Additional materials and sites:

Report on the Feasibility of Instant Runoff Voting – prepared by the Department of the Secretary of State 1/15/2005

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“Instant Runoff Voting Election Methodology Constitutional” in the McQuillan Municipal Law Report Vol. 27, #7, July 2009; Minnesota Voters Alliance v City of Minneapolis

“Not as easy as 1-2-3” by Anya Sostek, Governing Magazine, September, 2004

Realities Mar Instant Runoff Voting by Kathy Dopp, a 2008 Utah study

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rob-richie/burlington-holds-second-h_b_171645.html an article in Huffington Press by Rob Richie on Burlington, VT's 2009 Mayoral election, their second IRV election; shows the numbers for the 1st and last rounds of counting

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Instant-runoff_voting filled with information, but a little disorganized in its presentation