

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA
RESOLUTIONS FORM
FEBRUARY 6, 2018 PRECINCT CAUCUS

STEPS TO CHANGE THE PLATFORM of the REPUBLICAN PARTY of MINNESOTA:

- Resolutions that are passed at the **Precinct Caucus** will be forwarded to the **2018 BPOU Convention**. **The BPOU Convention votes on these Resolutions, requiring a simple majority to pass.**
- Resolutions that are passed at the **BPOU Convention** are then forwarded to the **2018 Congressional District Convention** where they are voted on; a simple majority is required to pass.
- Resolutions that are passed at the **Congressional District Convention** will then be forwarded to the **2018 State Convention** where they are voted on; where once again a simple majority is required to pass.
- Resolutions that are passed at the **2018 State Convention** are incorporated into the **Standing Platform** of the **Republican Party of Minnesota**.

You may wish to review the Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota before writing your proposed Resolution. You may submit a Resolution to change some of the words in the current Standing Platform, or to add something new.

The Caucus Convener will tell you when the Resolutions will be discussed. *For each Resolution a maximum 5 minute discussion, pro and con alternately, will follow. A vote will take place and if passed, this Resolution will be forwarded to the BPOU Convention. Give the Resolution to the Secretary after voting.*

I move that this precinct caucus support the following Resolution: (Continue on back to page if space is needed.)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The MN GOP Endorse Ranked Choice Voting for State
_____ and Local Elections

Submitted by: _____ Phone(s): _____

BPOU: _____ Precinct: _____

RESOLUTION: Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Secretary's signature: _____

WHEREAS: RCV simplifies the election process and saves money. RCV consolidates two rounds – a nonpartisan primary and a general election or a partisan general election with a runoff – into a single general election, reducing the cost of elections for taxpayers and candidates and producing winners in the higher turnout election in November. Voters find RCV easy to use; in fact, 95 percent of first-time RCV voters polled in Minneapolis found RCV simple to use.

WHEREAS: RCV is simple to use: instead of voting for just one candidate, you rank your choices in order of preference - 1, 2, 3, etc., knowing that if your 1st choice doesn't have enough support to win, your ballot can count for your 2nd choice; if your 2nd choice is defeated, your ballot can count for your 3rd choice, and so on; Ballots are counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with too few votes to win and reallocating their ballots based on those voters' next choices until one candidate reaches the winning threshold;

WHEREAS: RCV decreases barriers for military voters. RCV offers a more convenient, more reliable method of casting absentee ballots from remote, overseas locations. In fact, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina and Springfield (IL) use RCV exclusively for military and overseas voters. Men and women deployed to combat zones overseas deserve every effort that can be made to guarantee that their vote is counted. If a primary is too close to the general election, it is difficult to print and mail ballots to military and other voters abroad and have them returned in time to be counted. RCV allows overseas voters to fill out one ranked ballot. If their first choice is eliminated in the primary, their second choice will count in the general election;

WHEREAS: RCV upholds "one person-one vote". The Minnesota Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that RCV is constitutional and does not violate any federal or state constitutional protections, including equal protection claims under the principle of "one person, one vote" or the right to free political association;

WHEREAS: RCV promotes civil elections and gives underrepresented GOP voters in the Twin Cities the opportunity to vote for a GOP municipal candidates in the Nov. election; and
WHEREAS: RCV local options bill gives communities the freedom to use RCV if they wish without the hassle of unnecessary regulation.