



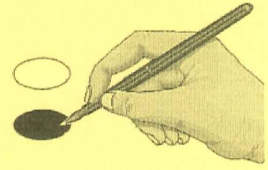
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HENDERSONVILLE MAYOR - ONE seat

Special Instant Runoff Voting Instructions:

This ballot allows you to indicate your 1st choice for Mayor and your 2nd and 3rd choices if a runoff is needed.

- To vote, use the marking device provided or a black ball point pen and completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate of your choice, as shown:
- Select up to 3 choices in order of your preference: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- Do not select the same candidate more than once.
- Your 2nd and 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice. These selections will only be considered if a runoff is needed.
- You may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line.
- If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.

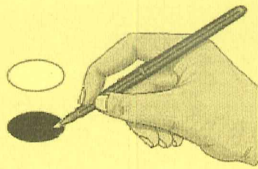


1st ↓ Mark your 1st choice here	2nd ↓ Mark your 2nd choice here	3rd ↓ Mark your 3rd choice here
<input type="radio"/> Timm Kurtz	<input type="radio"/> Timm Kurtz	<input type="radio"/> Timm Kurtz
<input type="radio"/> Mary Jo Padgett	<input type="radio"/> Mary Jo Padgett	<input type="radio"/> Mary Jo Padgett
<input type="radio"/> Barbara G. Volk	<input type="radio"/> Barbara G. Volk	<input type="radio"/> Barbara G. Volk
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____

HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL - TWO seats

Special Instant Runoff Voting Instructions:

This ballot allows you to indicate your Top 2 Choices for City Council and any additional choices to be used if a runoff is needed.



- To vote, use the marking device provided or a black ball point pen and completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate of your choice, as shown.
- In the section to the right of these instructions, vote for your Top 2 Choice candidates.
- In the section below these instructions, select up to 3 additional choices in order of your preference: 3rd, 4th, 5th. Fill in no more than one oval for each of these selections. These selections will only be counted if a runoff is needed, and do not count against your Top 2 Choices.
- Do not select the same candidate more than once.
- You may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line.
- If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.

Top 2 Choices



Mark your
Top 2 Choices here

<input type="radio"/> Diane Caldwell
<input type="radio"/> Jeff Collis
<input type="radio"/> Ralph Freeman
<input type="radio"/> Jerry Smith
<input type="radio"/> Ron Stephens
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____

3rd ↓ Mark your 3rd choice here	4th ↓ Mark your 4th choice here	5th ↓ Mark your 5th choice here
<input type="radio"/> Diane Caldwell	<input type="radio"/> Diane Caldwell	<input type="radio"/> Diane Caldwell
<input type="radio"/> Jeff Collis	<input type="radio"/> Jeff Collis	<input type="radio"/> Jeff Collis
<input type="radio"/> Ralph Freeman	<input type="radio"/> Ralph Freeman	<input type="radio"/> Ralph Freeman
<input type="radio"/> Jerry Smith	<input type="radio"/> Jerry Smith	<input type="radio"/> Jerry Smith
<input type="radio"/> Ron Stephens	<input type="radio"/> Ron Stephens	<input type="radio"/> Ron Stephens
<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____	<input type="radio"/> Write-in _____

End of Ballot



Hendersonville Pilots Instant Runoff Voting

Hendersonville voters will select the Mayor and two City Council members by instant runoff voting on **November 3rd**, eliminating the primary which would have been held in October. This method of voting combines the Primary and Election Day into one election. Voters will select their choices for the Mayor and two City Council seats just as they have done in previous elections, but they will also rank the remaining candidates in order of preference in case the initial results produce no clear winner.

Background

- ▶ The North Carolina General Assembly in SL 2008-150 authorized the State Board of Elections to conduct a pilot program in the use of instant runoff voting (IRV) among a limited number of local jurisdictions in 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- ▶ Following the 2007 election, the *Hendersonville Times-News* proclaimed "instant runoff proves to be a good idea."
- ▶ In 2007, 86% of Hendersonville voters surveyed considered IRV "very easy to somewhat easy to understand."

Benefits

- ▶ It saves taxpayers and candidates money. The City of Hendersonville will save about \$10,000 by not holding a Primary. Candidates can better budget their campaign, knowing there is only one election.
- ▶ It ensures higher voter turnout than when voters are asked to return for a runoff.
- ▶ It makes government more representative with a winner chosen by more voters.
- ▶ It is ready to be administered securely and effectively by Henderson County and State of North Carolina election officials.

How It Works

▶ **STEP ONE: First Round of Counting**

Voters select their top choices for the Mayor and two City Council seats just as they have done in previous elections. Following the election, the voters' choices are tallied. If a candidate(s) gets enough votes to win, then they are declared the winner and no further counting is necessary.

▶ **STEP TWO: Second Round of Counting**

If one or both seats lack a candidate with enough votes to reach the majority threshold, the top candidates move into the instant runoff round. The winners are then determined by adding their first round totals to any alternate votes they receive in the second round. The candidate(s) with a majority of the votes after the two rounds of counting wins.

For more information or to see a demonstration, contact:

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