

To: **Charter Commission**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Kori Land, City Attorney**
Date: **September 25, 2019**

Ranked Choice Voting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There was a request by Charter Commission member Matthew Schempp to have a discussion about considering ranked choice voting in West St. Paul. Currently, ranked choice voting is only available to Charter cities and only after a Charter amendment is adopted. In Minnesota, the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Louis Park allow ranked choice voting.

We have arranged for a representative from FairVoteMN, the City Clerk, and a representative from the Dakota County Elections Office to be available at the meeting to offer their perspectives and answer questions. Attached are some ballots from other jurisdictions that have adopted this process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only. If this is something the Charter Commission decides to pursue, a Charter Amendment is required. Since Charter Amendments require a unanimous vote of the Council, it is advised that the Charter Commission seek input from the Council.