

## 2018 Precinct Stats

### Most voters on Election Day:

Precinct 2 = 1,858

Precinct 14 = 1,700

### Most Election Day registrations

Precinct 6 = 419

Precinct 12 = 233

### Most absentee voters:

Precinct 1 = 873

Precinct 7 = 749

### Fastest return on Election night:

Precinct 16 - Dave B. and Jeff H.

**Total number of judges:** 248

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## General 2018 – another big turnout

Thanks to our dedicated group of election judges, the 2018 General Election was a huge success. You helped a large number of voters successfully cast ballots at the polls on Election Day and during absentee voting at city hall. St. Louis Park had a turnout of 79% with 27,494 residents voting. We also saw a high turnout prior to Election Day with 7,858 people (29%) voting by absentee ballot. In the week before the election 3,115 voters came to city hall to cast their ballot, that is 40% of all absentee ballots that were cast. Thank you for all of your work and for making it easy for our community to vote!



## In case you missed it...

Secretary of State Steve Simon came to our public accuracy test before the election. Several news outlets covered the story including MPR and the Star Tribune. A few of our own election judges, Mary Maynard and Mary Wickersham, appeared in the story as they helped to ensure that the automarks and ballot tabulators were all functioning properly.



## Important Dates:

Absentee Voting:

Sept. 20 - Nov. 4, 2019

Deadline to pre-register: Oct. 15

**General Election: Nov. 5, 2019**

## On the ballot in 2019:

### City Offices:

Mayor

Council member At Large A

Council member At Large B

### School Board:

School Board member (vote for up to four)

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## Ranked-Choice Voting coming in 2019

As you know the city council implemented a policy to use the method of ranked-choice voting (RCV) in municipal elections for the offices of mayor and council member. Recently, the council adopted an ordinance that provides the rules of conduct for municipal elections using the ranked-choice method. St. Louis Park will use this system beginning in 2019.

RCV cannot be used to elect any other offices and will not change the way people vote for federal, state, county, or school board offices.

You may have heard of RCV and are wondering how it works. We will provide many additional opportunities for you to learn about and use the system in 2019.

As a primer, here are the basics:

- Voters rank candidates in order of preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, etc.)
- Voters will be allowed to rank up to three candidates in 2019.
- On election night, all first-choice votes are counted - similar to what happens now. If a candidate earns a majority (50%+1 of votes cast), they will be declared the winner.
- If no candidate earns a majority, the ranked-choice process kicks in and results will not be declared on election night.
- The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and the next highest choice(s) marked on each of those ballots are reallocated to the appropriate candidate(s).
- Votes are then recounted and the process continues until either a candidate earns a majority of votes cast or until two candidates remain.

While the system is fairly straight forward, most folks have questions about how it works and may require clarity on the details. We are partners on this journey and we will work with you to ensure that judges and voters feel comfortable with the RCV system, understand how to mark a ballot and how their vote is counted. St. Louis Park will hold mock elections in 2019 to help voters, judges and city staff understand and test the system. In addition, we are planning many educational and outreach events for both voters and judges.

Use of this system also means we will not have a Primary Election in 2019. Election judge interest forms will be sent out later than usual, in mid-summer. We will communicate with you regularly as opportunities arise for you to participate. You can also stay up to date on all of these activities on our website, [www.stlouispark.org/elections](http://www.stlouispark.org/elections)