

# Ten Key Values

1. GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY
2. SOCIAL JUSTICE
3. ECOLOGICAL WISDOM
4. NONVIOLENCE
5. DECENTRALIZATION
6. ECONOMIC JUSTICE
7. GENDER EQUITY
8. RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY AND COOPERATION
9. PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY
10. FUTURE FOCUS

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## Making Your Vote Count:

### Instant Runoff Voting

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## **When More Than Two Candidates Run**

The Green Party believes that the people are best served by having many candidates representing a wide variety of views to choose from. However, having more than two candidates may mean that whoever is elected may not have received a majority of the votes cast. It is possible that the winning candidate will have been opposed by a majority of the voters.

## **Election by Runoff**

In some states when no candidate gets a majority of the vote, another round of voting is held between the two highest vote getters in the original race to select a winner. But runoff elections are expensive and time consuming.

## **Instant Runoff Voting Is a Better Answer**

Instant Runoff Voting provides the voter with all the features of a runoff but it is done with only one ballot, without the need for any additional costs.

### **How It Works**

IRV uses ranked ballots to simulate a traditional runoff in a single round of voting. Voters rank candidates in order of preference. They may rank as many or as few candidates as they wish, with lower rankings never counting against higher rankings.

First choices are tabulated. If a candidate receives a majority of first choices, he or she is elected.

If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, the candidate receiving the fewest first choices is eliminated. Ballots cast for the eliminated candidate are now counted toward those voters' second choices.

This process continues until one candidate receives a majority and is elected.

## **What IRV Will Mean to You**

Have you ever gone into a voting booth knowing that one candidate is far superior to all the others? You want to let the world know that you think that your candidate and the ideas that he or she supports are in the best interests of your community. But you are afraid that your candidate won't win and a truly bad candidate will be chosen. So you vote for your second choice hoping that he or she will have a better chance of winning. Once again you vote for the lesser of evils and are forced to listen to the pundits tell you that your real choice lost because no one supported their ideas.

## **Keep Good Ideas Alive: Support IRV**