

2019 LAS CRUCES RANKED CHOICE VOTING EXIT POLL  
REPORT  
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Summary of Key Finding in Las Cruces November 5, 2019 Ranked Choice Voting Municipal Election

- Three in five voters were very confident their ballot was counted correctly.
- One-quarter of voters were somewhat confident their ballot was counted correctly.
- Only 15% of voters were not too or not at all confident their ballot was counted correctly.
- About 1 in 10 voters (11%) indicated that mayoral candidates spent most of their time criticizing their opponent, while about 3 in 10 voters indicated the candidates spent some of the time (29%), very little of the time (31%) or none of the time (29%) criticizing their opponent.
- Nearly two-thirds of Democrats (66%) and independents (64%) indicate they are very confident their ballot was counted correctly, while only 6 of Republicans indicate they are very confident.
- Almost 6 (49%) of voters indicated that RCV voting made no difference in their candidate selection, while 47% indicated they were more likely to support their favorite candidate. A small 4% felt like they were less likely to support their favorite candidate.
- 85% of voters indicated they understood RCV, only 16% indicated they did not.
- Voters were mixed about how much they liked RCV voting with 41% of voters indicating they liked RCV, 35% indicating they disliked RCV, and 24% indicating they neither liked nor disliked it.
- A majority of voters (53%) support RCV in future municipal elections while 47% do not support it.
- Nearly two-thirds (65%) of voters indicated they do not support extending RCV to other types of election contests while 35% of voters support extending RCV to other types of election contests.

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