

## Key Dates and Information

- I. The following dates are ones on which information should flow to you or are deadlines upon which you need to act.
  - A. By April 6 please confirm that the email and cell phone line that you have provided the County Party are accurate with your Precinct Chair. Precinct Chairs, report that information to the Party Secretary.
  - B. April 8—By this date you should receive a text and email inviting you to sign up for Voatz and to download the application. It can be downloaded on smartphones and tablets—further explanation below.
  - C. April 11 – Candidate Video links will go live on the ucrp.org website. In addition to the County races, we anticipate that many if not all of the state candidates will also supply videos for your viewing pleasure.
  - D. April 16 at 8 am—you will have access to your ballot on Voatz.
  - E. April 18 at 5 pm—voting will close.
  - F. April 18 at 6 pm—results will be published on the website.
- II. The Voatz Application
  - A. Starting on April 8, please check your email and text center to find the email or text inviting you to sign up for Voatz.
    1. When you receive this, you will be asked to download Voatz from the app store.
    2. The email and text will include a unique PIN. You will enter that during the registration process.
    3. There will be an opportunity to take a practice vote at this time. Please take that vote and report any problems.
  - B. On April 16 at 8 am, the ballot will be available to everyone who has registered.
    1. You will receive a text and email from the Party and from Voatz on April 16 reminding you vote.
    2. You will receive additional emails as we work to make sure that everyone has voted. Our goal is 100% voter participation.

C. On April 18 at 5 pm voting will end. If you have not voted by that time, you will not be allowed to vote.

D. Common questions about voting and Voatz

1. The Voatz application requires the use of Apple and Android tablets or smartphones.

a. Apple devices must have iOS 12.0 or above.

b. Android devices must have Android 8.0 or above

2. Huawei and ZTE devices are not supported.

3. There will be no release of partial election returns or who has voted.

4. There will be no party business at the convention. Only the selection of nominees.

III. We will be using Ranked Choice Voting

A. This means that not only do you need to make your first choice but also your second, third, fourth, etc. We will be posting some videos and information on this page shortly that will help explain this process. Here is a short explanation:

Ranked-choice voting is an electoral system that allows people to vote for multiple candidates, in order of preference. Instead of just choosing who you want to win, you fill out the ballot saying who is your first choice, second choice, or third choice (or more as needed) for each position.

The candidate with the majority (more than 50%) of first-choice votes wins outright. If no candidate gets a majority of first-choice votes, then it triggers a new counting process. The candidate who did the worst is eliminated, and that candidate's voters' ballots are redistributed to their second-choice pick. In other words, if you ranked a losing candidate as your first choice, and the candidate is eliminated, then your vote still counts: it just moves to your second-choice candidate. That process continues until there is a candidate who has the majority of votes.

<https://time.com/5718941/ranked-choice-voting/>

Again, thank you for your assistance and patience in this trying time. Your efforts will help to maintain Utah County as the greatest county, in the greatest state in the greatest country in the world.

Best regards,

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