



# Alaskans Vote Yes on 2 for Better Elections

June 30, 2020



# Ballot Measure 2

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- Strengthens Financial Disclosure for Independent Expenditure Groups in Alaska
- Creates a “Top-4 Open Primary”
- Institutes “Ranked Choice Voting” in the General Election

# Ending “Dark Money”

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**TRUE SOURCE**



**INTERMEDIARY**



**INDEPENDENT  
EXPENDITURE  
GROUP**

# Top-4 Open Primary

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- Creating a standard for all candidates' paths to the General Election
- Gives Non-Partisan and Undeclared Voters the ability to vote how they registered
- Increases voter accessibility to the polls and eases the transition to vote-by-mail, if needed.



# Top-4, Single-Ballot, Open Primaries

## Primary Election

John Doe (L)

Jane Doe (G)

Cookie Dough

Bread Dough (NP)

Pizza Dough (D)

Mr. Burst (T)

Mrs. Kiss (R)

Jennifer Aniston (W)

John Mayer

## Winners

- 1) John Doe
- 2) Cookie Dough
- 3) Mrs. Kiss
- 4) Pizza Dough



# Ranked Choice Voting Example Ballot

|             | 1ST CHOICE                       | 2ND CHOICE                       | 3RD CHOICE                       |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CANDIDATE A | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| CANDIDATE B | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| CANDIDATE C | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |



# Ranked Choice Voting – General Election

## Results – Part

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50% Threshold

John Doe



1 (12.5%)

Cookie  
Dough



2 (25%)

Mrs. Kiss



3 (37.5%)

Pizza  
Dough



2 (25%)



# Ranked Choice Voting – General Election

## Results – Part 2

50% Threshold

~~John Doe~~

Cookie  
Dough



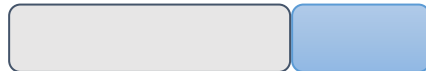
2 (25%)

Mrs. Kiss



3 (37.5%)

Pizza  
Dough



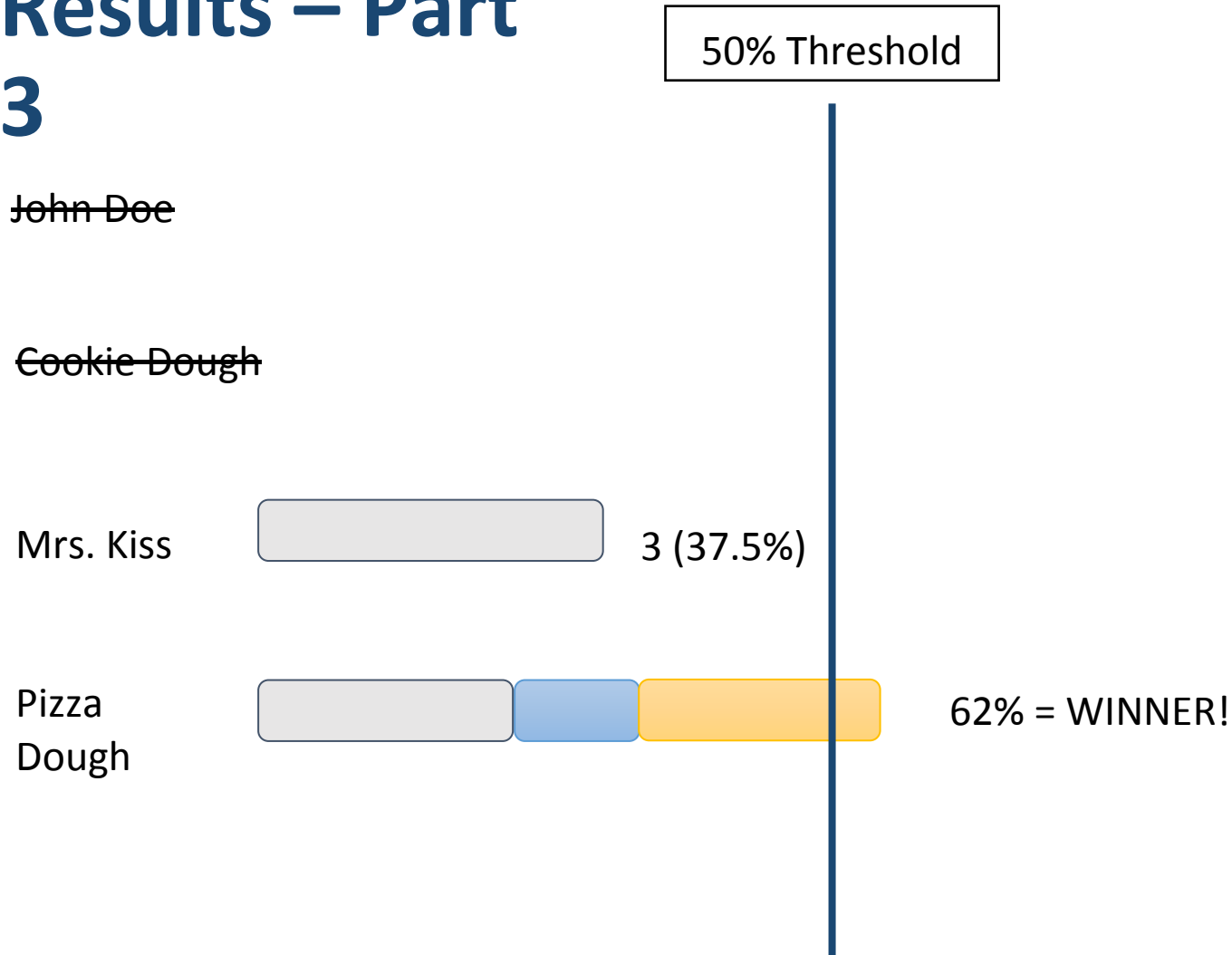
2 (25%) + 1 (12.5%)





# Ranked Choice Voting – General Election

## Results – Part 3



# Voter Confusion?

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- Maine Election Results
- 2020 Alaska Democratic Party Presidential Primary
- “It allows their votes to count.”
  - Casey Steinau, Chair of Alaska Democratic Party
  - KTUU - April 10, 2020

# Other Benefits

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1. Eases transition to Vote by Mail
2. Partisan Redistricting Obsolete
3. Proven to elect a more diverse group of elected officials who reflect their communities
4. Increasing Primary turnout--which increases General turnout
5. Safe bipartisan space for big solutions to big problems

# Constitutionality

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- RCV - Dudum v. Arntz (2011)
- Open Primaries - Washington State Republican Party v. Washington State Grange (2012)
- Financial Disclosure - Citizens United v. FEC (2010)
- Single Subject - Kevin Meyer, et al v. Alaskans for Better Elections (2020)

# **Vote Yes on 2 for Better Elections**

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## **QUESTIONS?**

# Get Involved!

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