Salt Lake County Clerk

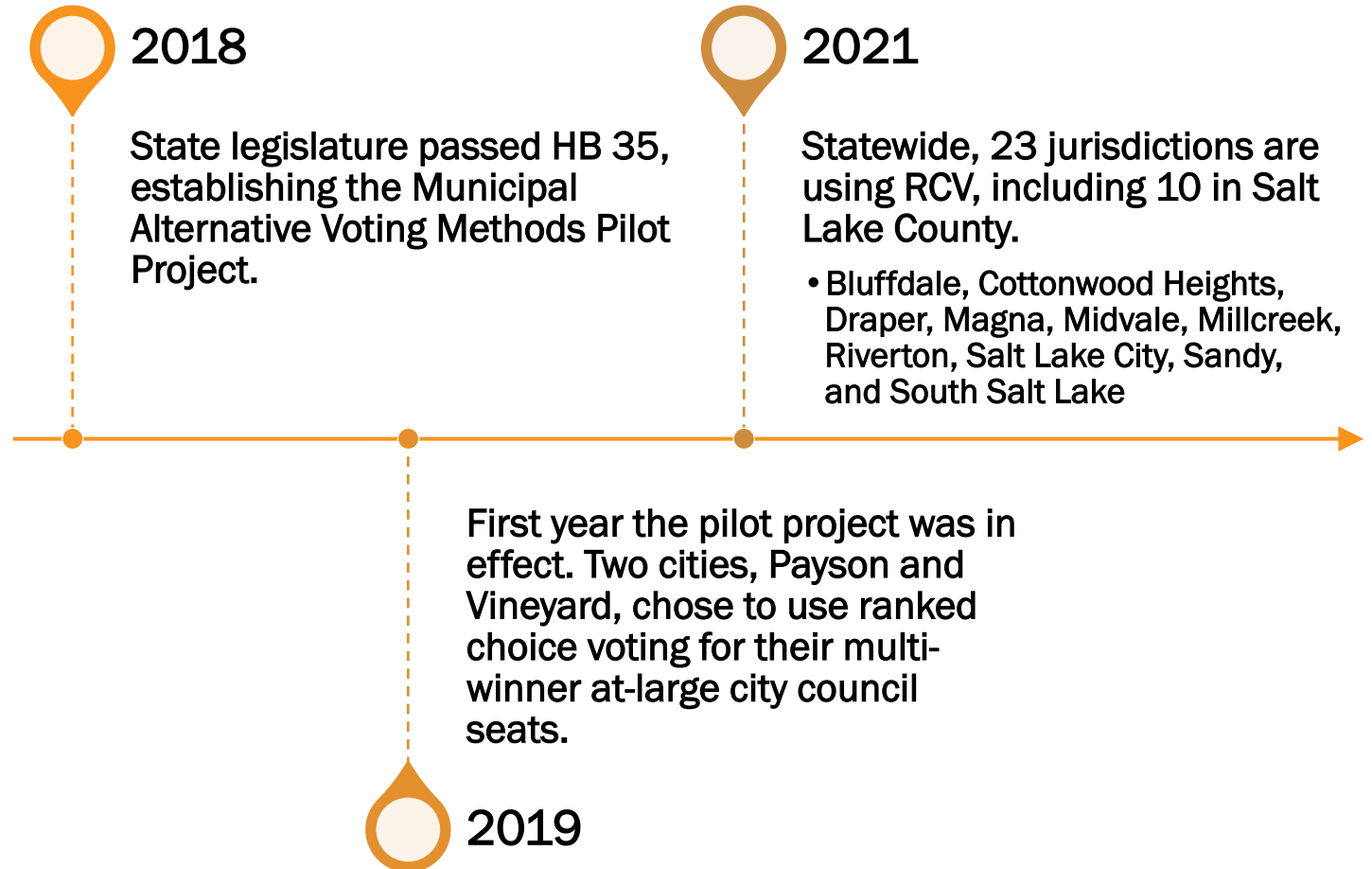MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UPDATE

JUNE 8, 2021

Municipal Election Contracts

- Offered municipal contracts since 1995

- Offered to every municipality and local district

- Fully-loaded cost is passed along via contract, including (but not limited to):

  - Personnel

  - Voting equipment depreciation, hardware, and software costs

  - Postage

  - Printing

  - Telephone, fuel, & other utility costs

  - Overhead

37 Participating Entities

- Town of Alta
- Town of Brighton
- Bluffdale City
- Cottonwood Heights City
- Draper City
- Herriman City
- Holladay City
- Midvale City
- Millcreek
- Murray City
- Riverton City
- Salt Lake City
- Sandy City

- South Salt Lake
- South Jordan City
- Taylorsville City
- West Jordan City
- West Valley City

- Copperton Metro Township
- Emigration Canyon Metro Township
- Kearns Metro Township
- Magna Metro Township
- White City Metro Township

- Alta Canyon Recreation Special Service District
- Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area
- Cottonwood Improvement District
- Emigration Improvement District
- Granger-Hunter Improvement District
- Kearns Improvement District
- Oquirrh Recreation & Parks District
- Magna Water District
- Midvalley Improvement District
- Mt Olympus Improvement District
- SLCounty Service Area #3
- Sandy Suburban Improvement District
- South Valley Sewer District
- Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District

Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project

2018

State legislature passed HB 35, establishing the Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project.

2021

Statewide, 23 jurisdictions are using RCV, including 10 in Salt Lake County.

- Bluffdale, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Magna, Midvale, Millcreek, Riverton, Salt Lake City, Sandy, and South Salt Lake

2019

First year the pilot project was in effect. Two cities, Payson and Vineyard, chose to use ranked choice voting for their multi-winner at-large city council seats.

How Does RCV Compare To Our Current System?

Municipal Elections in Utah

Traditional Method for Municipal Elections

- Every candidate who files is placed on the ballot for the Primary Election. The two candidates with the most votes advance to the General.

- With only two candidates in the General Election, it is impossible for a candidate to win with a plurality.

Ranked Choice Voting Pilot Project

- Eliminates the need for a Primary Election. Candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated one by one in a single election until someone wins a majority.

- Voters secondary preferences are counted when their first preference is eliminated. This continues for as many rounds as necessary for a candidate to reach a majority.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Ranked-choice voting (RCV) is a **system** in which voters rank candidates in order of their preference on their ballots. First preference votes are counted in the first round. If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he/she is declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices indicated on the ballots. A new tally is conducted to determine whether any candidate has won a majority of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated as many times as necessary for a candidate to receive a majority.

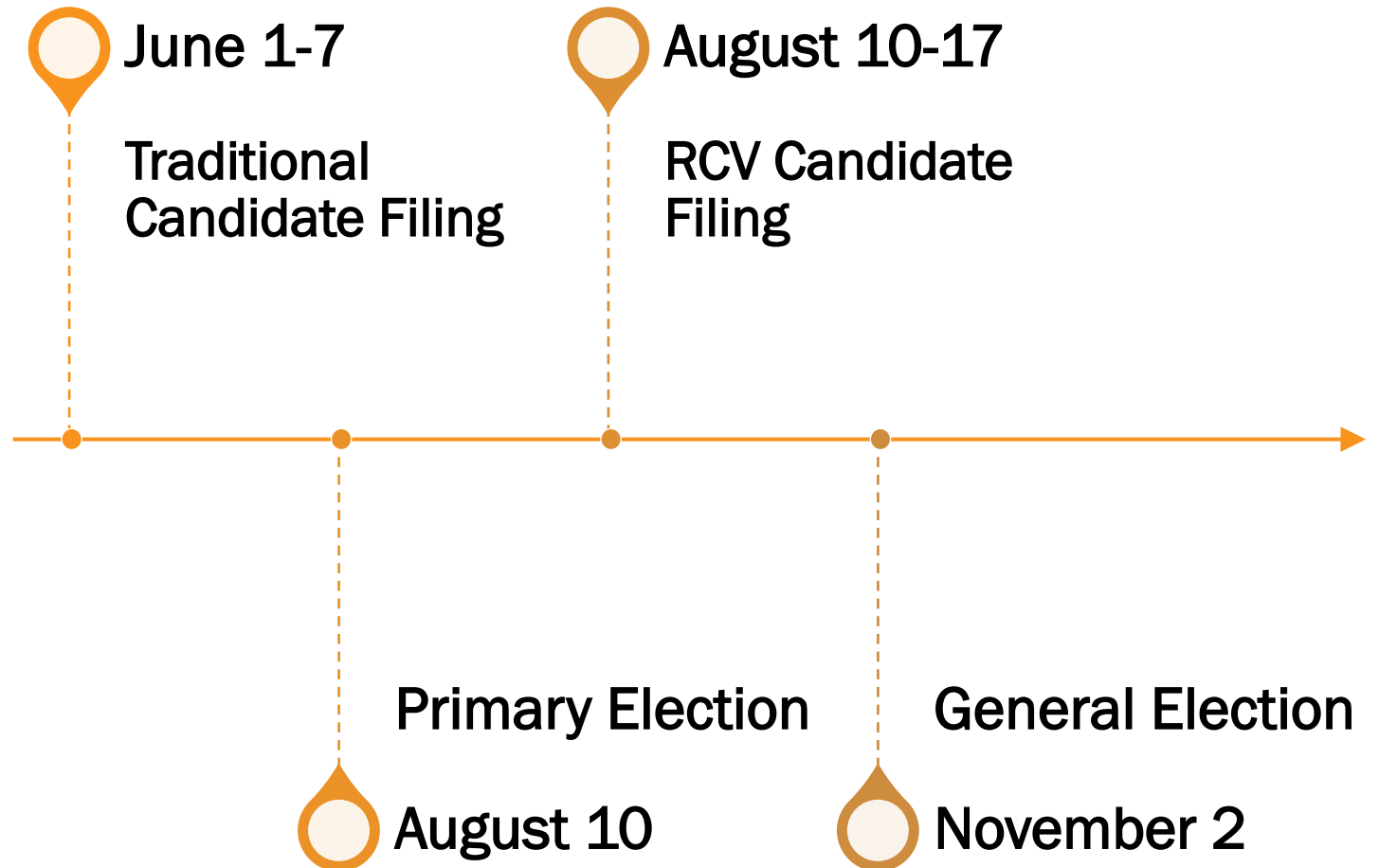# Voting Method Selected – Rank Choice Voting (10)

- Bluffdale City

- Cottonwood Heights City

- Draper City

- Magna Metro Township

- Midvale City

- Millcreek

- Riverton City

- Salt Lake City

- Sandy City

- South Salt Lake

Voting Method Selected – Traditional Voting (13)

- Town of Alta
- Town of Brighton
- Herriman City
- Holladay City
- Murray City
- South Jordan City
- Taylorsville City
- West Jordan City
- West Valley City

- Copperton Metro Township
- Emigration Canyon Metro Township
- Kearns Metro Township
- White City Metro Township

2021 Contests

Alta Mayor, *Two* Council At-Large

Bluffdale Mayor, *Three* Council At-Large

Brighton Mayor, *Two* Council At-Large

Cottonwood Heights Mayor, District 3, District 4

Draper Mayor, *Two* Council At-Large

Herriman Mayor, District 2, District 3

Holladay Mayor, District 1, District 3

Midvale Mayor, District 4, District 5

Millcreek District 2, District 4

Murray Mayor, District 2, District 4

Riverton Mayor, District 3, District 4

Salt Lake City Council District 1, District 2, District 3, District 5, District 7

Sandy Mayor, Council At-Large, District 1, District 3

South Jordan Mayor, District 3, District 5

South Salt Lake Mayor, Council At-Large, District 2, District 3

Taylorsville Mayor, District 3, District 4, District 5

West Jordan *Three* Council At-Large

West Valley City Mayor, Council At-Large, District 2, District 4

Copperton Metro Township *Two* Council At-Large

Emigration Canyon Metro Township *Two* Council At-Large

Kearns Metro Township Council District 2, District 4

Magna Metro Township Council District 2, District 4

White City Metro Township *Two* At-Large Council