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Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) in the Media

As Minnesota's U.S. Senate race continues post-Election Day, with legal action certain to follow the ongoing recount, IRV is gaining momentum as an alternative to our current plurality-take-all system.

One place this momentum is clear is in the media. In recent weeks, the Star Tribune, Pioneer Press, Duluth News Tribune and other media have featured several excellent pieces about IRV and its ability to bring about fairer, cleaner elections with more choices for voters – as well as winners who actually win a majority of the popular vote.

Read more:

David Durenberger: [Avoid the agony of recounts, and more, with instant runoff](#)

Nick Coleman: [Elections with less acrimony? That's the true beauty of IRV](#)

David Morris: [How to have minor parties that are more than spoilers](#)

See more coverage under [Latest Press](#).

Make your voice heard: Submit a letter to the editor. Some excellent examples can be found [here](#).

IRV Ballot Measure & Implementation Successes

In November voters in Memphis, Tenn., and Telluride, Colo., approved IRV for use in city elections. The Memphis ballot measure passed with 70 percent of the vote.

Meanwhile, in Pierce County, Wash., and San Francisco, voters participated in successful IRV elections. In Pierce County, IRV is already changing political dynamics, with newspapers endorsing first-choice and second-choice candidates and parties running more than one candidate for office without fear of dividing their vote. Read more [here](#).

Robin Garwood, aide to Minneapolis City Council Member Cam Gordon and a FairVote Minnesota Board member, observed the Pierce County IRV election and is preparing a report in preparation for Minneapolis' 2009 implementation of IRV. The report will be posted soon at www.fairvotemn.org.

In order to make Instant Runoff Voting a reality in Minneapolis and elsewhere in Minnesota, we need your continued support. **Please make a contribution today at www.fairvotemn.org/contribute/online or by mail to FairVote Minnesota, PO Box 19440, Minneapolis, MN 55409.**

Your donation will help with the costs of not just winning the Minneapolis lawsuit but also helping the city implement IRV in 2009 – not to mention putting IRV on the ballot elsewhere in Minnesota. [Contribute today!](#)

IRV Lawsuit Update

On October 8, arguments in the lawsuit against the City of Minneapolis and its plans to use IRV for municipal elections were pushed back to allow time for FairVote Minnesota and its allies to respond to new affidavits submitted by the anti-IRV plaintiffs. Responses were submitted by FairVote Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis on November 6, and since then a new hearing has been scheduled for **December 11 at 2 p.m.** Read more [here](#).

Gearing up for IRV in the 2009 Legislative Session

In the 2008 session, Rep. Steve Simon and Sen. Ann Rest introduced legislation to establish statewide standards for how to conduct IRV elections. The bill was not heard in the House or Senate before the committee deadline and thus not considered further in the 2008 session.

However, FairVote Minnesota is working with the authors and supporters of the 2008 legislation to reintroduce it in 2009. Read more [here](#).

Donate Today

Help bring an end to wasted votes and plurality-take-all elections: [Make IRV a reality by making a contribution today!](#)

Strengthening our democracy by bringing more choices, diverse voices and independent thinking to our elections is important to the future of our state and country. *Can you give [\\$25, \\$50, \\$100 or even more](#) to help us keep momentum going for IRV in Minnesota?*

Other ways to help IRV:

- Write a letter to the editor about the impact IRV could have had on this year's U.S. Senate race in Minnesota
- Invite us to speak to your group or at an event or let us know if YOU would like to be a part of Speakers Bureau
- Host a house party to educate your friends and neighbors about IRV

Contact info@fairvotemn.org for more information about how you can help IRV.

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