


Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes


Suggested examples of allowed votes are provided here. All of these examples are based on the specific election rules. Ultimately the decision on any particular ballot paper rests with the Returning Officer.

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**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Barber – Cirencester case, Eley v. Durant, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and combined authority mayoral (CAM) Rule 51(2)(b).

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


~~**BARBER, Ali**
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party~~ 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Boots – Woodward v. Sarsons, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Boots – local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and (c) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b) and (c).

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers  Boots
League of
Line Dancers

Allow for Boots – Ruffle v. Rogers, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Barber – West Bromwich case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a).

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Boots – local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

**Election of the Mayor for
(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only


BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 


BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers 

Allow for Barber – Berwick-Upon-Tweed case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a).

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(insert name of authority)**

Vote for **one** candidate only

BARBER, Ali
5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY
Pelican Party 

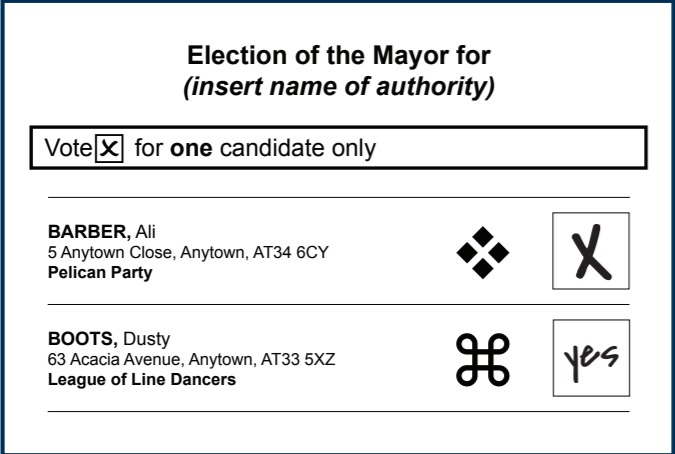
BOOTS, Dusty
63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ
League of Line Dancers  yes

Allow for Boots – local authority mayoral Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

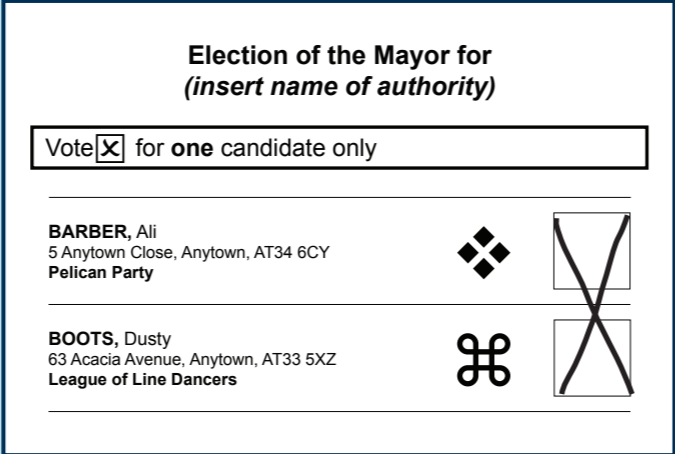
Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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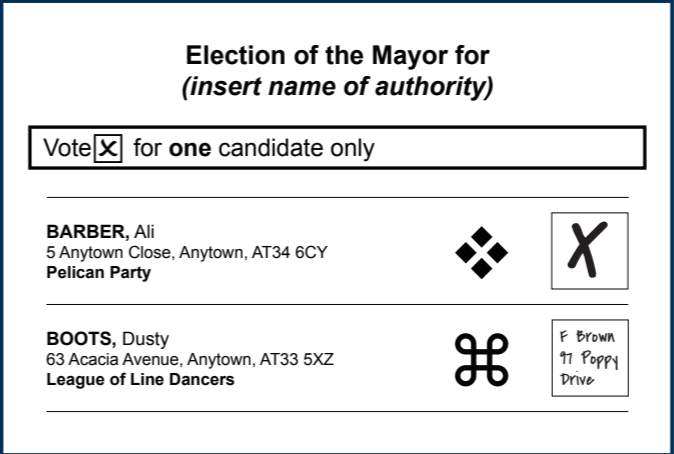
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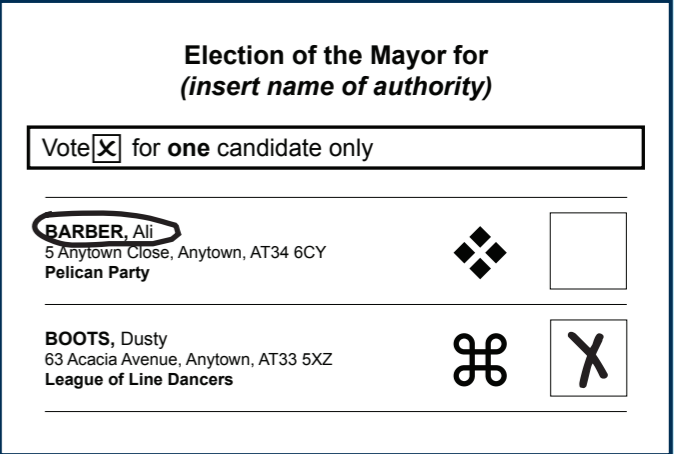
Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and combined authority mayoral Rule 51(1)(b).



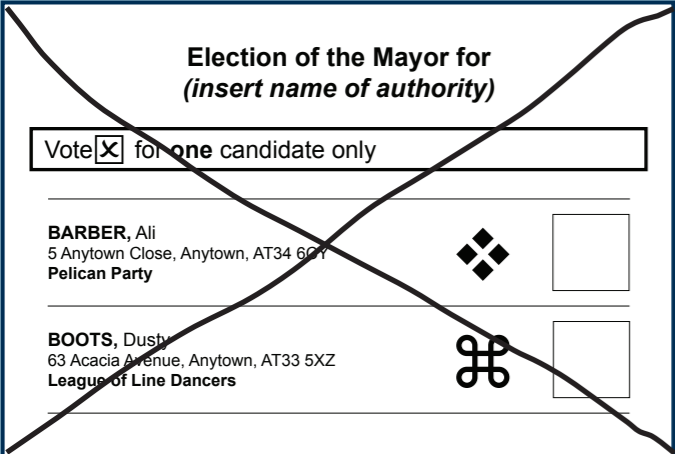
Reject – voter’s intention uncertain, Buckrose case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).



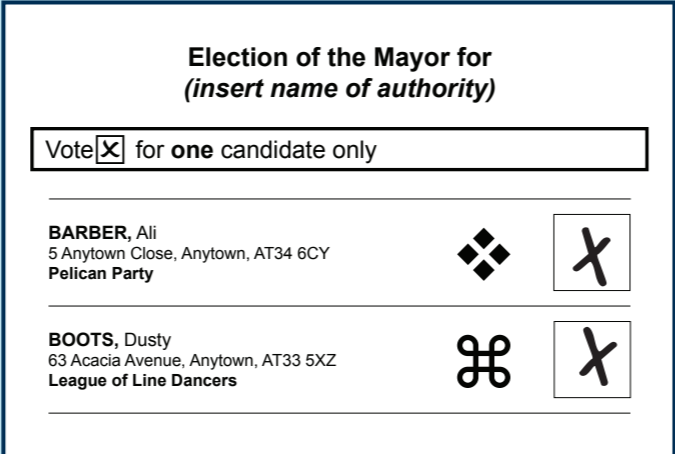
Reject – voter can be identified. Woodward v Sarsons, South Newington case, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(c) and CAM Rule 51(1)(c).



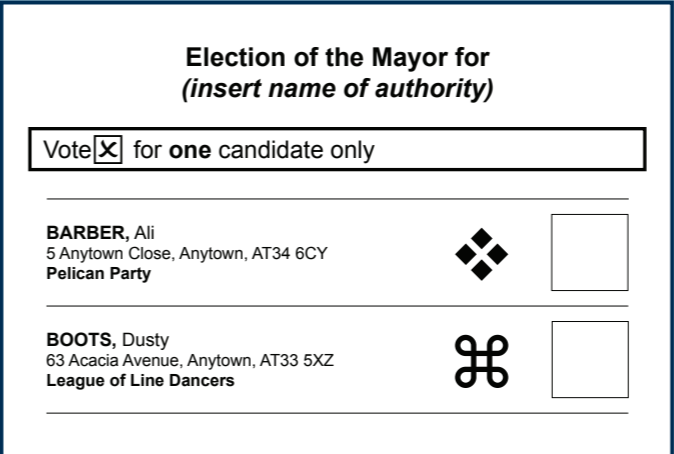
Reject – voting for more than one candidate. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).



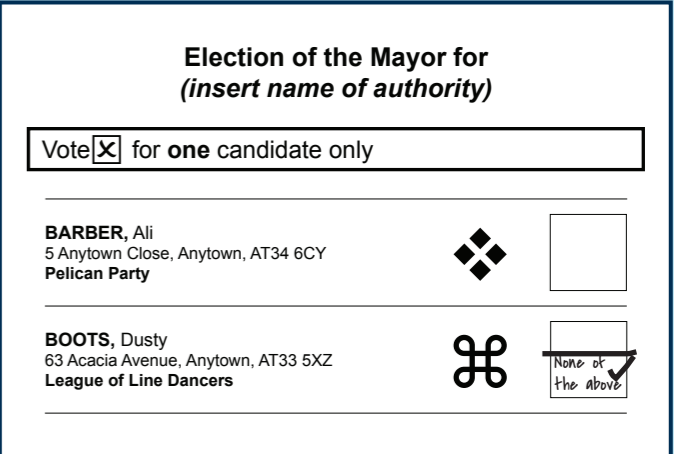
Reject – voter’s intention uncertain. Rowe v. Cox, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).



Reject – voting for more than one candidate, local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).



Reject – ballot paper unmarked. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).



Reject – voter’s intention uncertain. Local authority mayoral Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).