

Doubtful ballot papers – allowed votes

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Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Boots

Cirencester case, *Ely v. Duran*, local authority mayoral (LAM) Rule 48(2)(c) and combined authority mayoral (CAM) Rule 51(2)(c).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Hood

LAM Rule 48(2)(c) and CAM Rule 51(2)(c).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Hood

Ruffle v. Rogers, LAM Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Clover

LAM Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber

Berwick-Upon-Tweed case, LAM Rule 48(2)(a) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Grey

LAM Rule 48(2)(b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(b).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Miller

LAM Rule 48(2)(a) and (b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a) and (b).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers		<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum		<input type="checkbox"/>

Allow for Barber

[provided there is no other candidate by the name of Barber] – LAM Rule 48(2)(a) and (b) and CAM Rule 51(2)(a) and (b).

Doubtful ballot papers – rejected votes

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Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voter's intention uncertain, *Buckrose* case, LAM Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, South Newington case, LAM Rule 48(1)(c) and CAM Rule 51(1)(c).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voter's intention uncertain. *Rowe v. Cox*, LAM Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

Election of the Mayor for [insert name of authority]

Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.

BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voting for more than one candidate. LAM Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voter can be identified. *Woodward v. Sarsons*, LAM Rule 48(1)(c) and CAM Rule 51(1)(c).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Void for uncertainty. LAM Rule 48(1)(d) and CAM Rule 51(1)(d).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLER, Windy 7 Daisy Drive, Anytown, AT98 7RK Alternative Power Forum	🕸	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reject
Voting for more than one candidate. LAM Rule 48(1)(b) and CAM Rule 51(1)(b).

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BARBER, Ali 5 Anytown Close, Anytown, AT34 6CY Pelican Party	❖	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOOTS, Dusty 63 Acacia Avenue, Anytown, AT33 5XZ League of Line Dancers	⌘	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOVER, Elizabeth Mary 9 Seymour Court, Anytown, AT12 E34 Independent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GREY, Earl (address in [relevant area]) Mad Hatter's Tea Party	★	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOOD, Robin 64 Purple Road, Anytown, AT12 7HT The Forest Party	△	<input type="checkbox"/>
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