

RESOLUTION 2025-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GENOLA
REQUESTING INCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF GENOLA IN THE
MUNICIPAL ALTERNATE VOTING METHODS PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State of Utah by its State Legislature has made available a pilot project for participation in the alternate voting methods for municipal elections beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on January 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Utah Code 20A-4-602, Municipal Alternate Voting Methods Pilot Project, allows municipalities to conduct nonpartisan races using ranked choice voting in accordance with the requirements of 20A-4 of the Utah Code and all other applicable provisions of law, during any odd numbered year that the pilot project is in effect, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Genola Utah must provide written notice to the Lieutenant Governor stating that the Town intends to participate in the pilot project for the year specified in the notice, and that includes a document, signed by the election officer of the municipality, stating that the municipality has the resources and capability necessary to participate in the pilot project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Genola intends to contract with Utah County to conduct the municipal elections and does have the resources and capability necessary to participate in the pilot project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Genola Council finds that it would be in the best interest of Genola and of its citizens to hold its 2025 municipal election by ranked choice voting,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GENOLA:

1. Ranked Choice Voting. The Town Council hereby adopts ranked choice voting for the 2025 municipal election.
2. Notice. This resolution gives notice to the Lieutenant Governor that Genola will enter the pilot project by use of ranked choice voting for its 2025 municipal elections.
3. Authority. The Mayor, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to cause the 2025 Town of Genola Municipal Election to be held in accordance with the ranked choice voting process.

No Vote

4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions. To the extent that any resolution previously adopted by the Town of Genola conflicts with the provisions of this Resolution, it is hereby amended, invalidated or, replaced by the provisions hereof; and
5. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately after being adopted by the Town Council of Genola in a public meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Genola, State of Utah on the 19th day of February, 2025, by the following Vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Neil Brown	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hale Robison	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grant Lundberg	_____	_____	_____	_____
Curtis Thomas	_____	_____	_____	_____
Eric Hazelet	_____	_____	_____	_____

TOWN OF GENOLA:

ATTEST:

By: Neil Brown
Its: Mayor

By: Lucinda Thomas
Its: Town Clerk/Recorder

Resolution 2025-03 and Ranked Choice Voting

Resolution 2025-03, which proposed the adoption of ranked choice voting in upcoming municipal elections, was ultimately not passed. This resolution aimed to change the current electoral process by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, a method intended to promote majority support and reduce the likelihood of runoff elections and had been used in previous elections.

Supporters of the resolution argued that ranked choice voting could improve voter engagement, reduce negative campaigning, and ensure more representative election outcomes. However, concerns were raised regarding the complexity of implementation, potential voter confusion.

After discussion and consideration by the governing body, Resolution 2025-03 did not receive enough support to be adopted.