



Choosing how we Choose

Better Ballots Mayoral Forum • Tuesday June 1st

Better Ballots believes that we should expect more from our elections. Turnout is low, turnover is rare and Council does not represent Toronto's rich diversity.

Are there ways to make the system work better? We looked at 14 specific options currently being used in cities like Montreal, Vancouver, New York & San Francisco. We hosted four Town Hall meetings across the city, connecting with hundreds of people asking for ideas and feedback. Now we want to ask our mayoral candidates which options they like and whether they are prepared to make any commitments to reforming our electoral system to make it more fair and inclusive.

Eight candidates will be highlighted at this event. They were chosen using media polling as well as our own online poll. In the spirit of democracy and fairness, we've invited the remaining 20 candidates to participate by giving them each a short opportunity to introduce themselves and briefly present their views on the topic of election reform.

The highlighted candidates are: George Smitherman, Giorgio Mammoliti, Joe Pantalone, Keith Cole, Rob Ford, Rocco Achampong, Rocco Rossi and Sarah Thomson.

We're proud to be the first debate in the 2010 election that has broadened the list of candidates to allow voters to hear from more voices and to better reflect the broad diversity that Toronto cherishes.

This event is proudly presented by Better Ballots, The Emerging Leaders Network and the Mowat Centre for Policy Innovation.

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