

Dear Ranked Choice Voting Working Group,

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My name is David Klein from Mystic and I strongly support ranked-choice voting.

Ranked-choice voting gives voters more satisfaction with our electoral process because it eliminates situations where candidates win with less than a majority.

It also can help to reduce polarization because to win elections candidates would need to appeal to a broader number of voters and won't be able to win with a plurality of their most partisan supporters.

Such a voting system encourages more people to run for office, as people wouldn't fear that their participation might throw the election to a minority candidate by splitting the vote.

Ranked-choice voting also allows us to see more clearly the size of different groups within the electorate and where they place themselves on the political spectrum. This information can be valuable for public officials when evaluating whether policy proposals will be popular or whether they need more explaining to gain acceptance.

Ranked-choice voting has proven to work well in many jurisdictions and has been adopted for some state wide elections in Alaska, Hawaii and Maine.

Thank you,
David Klein
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