Ranked choice voting will make our system more democratic and reflect a truer understanding of what voters actually want from their elected officials. Our 2-party system has limitations that parliamentary democracies do not. Primary voters in our system tend to be more extreme (both right-wing and left wing) which means that the candidates who end up on the general election ballot might not reflect the preferences of a majority of voters in each party. With ranked choice voting, more moderate candidates have a chance to participate as third-party or independent candidates, which could help alleviate the extreme polarity we now see in our system. Voters can honestly vote for any candidate they prefer, without "throwing the race" to a candidate they actually oppose. Ranked choice also gives the final winner of an election a lot of information about their constituents: the whole election process will benefit from adopting this approach. I support ranked choice voting with no reservations.

Melinda Fields, Hampton CT