

Mr. Pinto,

I write in opposition to the proposal to move to ranked-choice voting in the State of Connecticut. For several reasons, it is a massively-bad idea.

1) It stands against the time-honored tradition of One Voter, One Vote. RCV requires voters to make two, three, and sometimes four votes on the same ballot. We don't vote frequently, as our elections are sometimes multiple years apart, so confusion about how and who to vote for abounds. This would drive voters to stop voting, reducing the voices heard at the ballot box. I was under the impression that more voters and more voices sounding their opinion on who should provide governmental leadership is a good thing. RCV would reduce civic engagement.

2) There is no mechanism for tabulating votes that doesn't extend the amount of time required to count votes. In states or jurisdictions with RCV, results are often delayed days or even weeks. This uncertainty drives distrust in our elections.

2A) Winners of elections using RCV don't have clear mandates, as their election may be based on their being voter's second or third choice. This is no way to run a government.

3) Overcomplicating our elections is a sure way to drive down voting in the state. It is difficult for voters to understand, and will be seen as an illegitimate way to get candidates into office who couldn't make a coherent pitch to the electorate. We already have multiple parties in the state, and candidates can appear on multiple party's lines. Adding RCV would throw elections into serious confusion.

<https://connecticutcentinal.com/ranked-choice-voting-is-a-threat-to-the-integrity-of-connecticut-elections/>

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

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