

I am a regular, private citizen who supports ranked choice voting. Ever since the early 90's, when I studied psychology and political science in college, I have been observing as elections at every level seem to have become more expensive, more negative, more divisive, and with increasing cynicism and decreasing turnouts. I learned about ranked choice voting and I believe it would reinvigorate the election and voting process by widening the field of candidates, reducing negative advertising, and generating renewed interest in the very act of voting. There are even potential cost savings with the elimination of runoff elections. Anecdotally, there is a lot of interest in rcv/irv whenever it is discussed publicly or privately. Oregon is a pioneering state. There is no reason we should not be pioneers in common sense election reform.