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Under the current system, candidates can win with less than a majority of the vote, which can result in winners who don't represent the majority of voters. Ranked choice voting (RCV) ensures that candidates must have broad support to win, as they need to receive a majority of votes to win.

RCV also encourages more positive campaigning, as candidates need to appeal to a wider range of voters to secure higher rankings on their ballots. This means fewer attack ads and more focus on policy and ideas.

Moreover, RCV eliminates the "spoiler effect" which can lead to wasted votes for third-party or independent candidates. With RCV, voters can rank their preferred third-party candidate first without worrying about throwing their vote away, as their vote will transfer to their second choice if their first choice doesn't win.

In summary, RCV is a more fair, representative, and positive system that eliminates the spoiler effect and encourages broader support for candidates. I urge you to support the adoption of HB 2004.