

DO NOT ENACT RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) may sound like it makes sense, but if it truly did, why are only two states using it? And even they did so to narrow the field so that the Democratic candidates would not suffer from splintered faction voting. They did not want to diffuse their ability to win, and with RCV the voting population in those states were forced to choose between the two main parties, taking away their right to choose from all options which should have been made available to them.

The true purpose of RCV is to keep voters from voting for who they like, which may draw them away from another candidate and diffuse their support base. Do we not still believe that everyone deserves an opportunity, no matter how slim the margins? This process is not about Democrats and Republicans, it is about people – regardless of party affiliation and giving we the people the ability to choose for ourselves.

The American system of Government, to be created via the American voting system was intended to give the voting populace choices, not limit them as in semi-dictatorial countries or those whose elections are for show only. The current electoral college system is poor enough. RCV will further discount the will of the population and erode an already fractured system.

America was founded on the belief that the people, not the government, should decide.

In Oregon, it is already a sad reality that only 3-5 counties elect our Governor, and they are all in the Portland area with the support of some in Eugene. Let us NOT further represent just a few by voting RCV into process. Let the people decide for themselves.

As a fifth generation Oregonian, this state was once primarily composed of hardworking, God fearing/loving people who respected each other, enjoyed the beauty and wide-open spaces and freedoms that this state provided. Many people have been drawn to this state for those same reasons. Sadly, many are now leaving because of the lack of attention to ALL OF THE PEOPLE and not just the state of Portland.

Do not further deteriorate the voting conditions in this state by enacting the RCV system. It is already too narrow minded and a forced one-party system which does not respect the diversity of those across this beautiful state.

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