

Submitter: Matthew Bossard
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

I oppose ranked choice voting. It might sound good on the surface, but it is fraught with issues that have led many who adopted it to later regret it. It adds MORE complexity to our voting system, which is absolutely the WRONG thing we need to do right now. It is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win. It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialogs among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates. It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner. And how do you plan to account for write-ins with ranked choice voting? This has been a fundamental since the beginnings of voting.

NO TO RANKED CHOICE VOTING!