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I think now is the time to move forward with ranked choice voting. I think that ranked choice voting would encourage the success of more moderate candidates who would better represent the majority of voters and the public, in general. The following are some advantages of ranked choice voting:

- 1) More reflective representation – Most importantly, ranked choice voting allows a broader range of candidates to run for office (without fear of splitting the vote), leading to a more diverse candidate pool and ultimately to more reflective representation.
- 2) Less negative campaigning – It also incentivizes more civility on the campaign trail, as candidates seek not only to win voters away from their opponents, but in some cases, to become the second or third choice of their opponents' voters.
- 3) Better voter experience – Ultimately, voters tend to like ranked choice voting because it provides a more meaningful choice. Voters can vote their true preferences without fear of wasting their vote or contributing to a “spoiler” effect. If their first choice is eliminated, their secondary preferences are still taken into account in subsequent rounds, resulting in a higher level of voter support for the final winner and more voter satisfaction.

Thank you