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I write in strong support of ranked choice voting.

Even leaving aside all the other benefits of such a proposal for a moment, single candidate vs single candidate campaigns have become an expensive slug fest of negative campaigns that dominate the air waves for months. Ranked choice voting will help end that in favor of policy based campaigns and policy based candidates.

Constituents who want another choice will now have their voice heard, even if their first choice does not represent them in the end. The true numbers of supporters for candidates can now be seen and the real desire of the voters tabulated. We may very well get the same leaders under ranked choice that we do under the current system, but those leaders would have a stronger and more informed mandate and know where the will of the people lies.

Please pass ranked choice voting. It is not a partisan matter, it is a matter of good representation and governance.

Thank you.