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I am frustrated by not being able to express my intent when many fine people are running for the same office. When there are 3 great public servants I would be happy to have in office running in a slate of 5 candidates, I would like to be able to pick who I feel is best and give them my #1 vote without worrying about what other people might do or choose. I can then express my support for the other two as my second and third choices in case my first choice is not popular. This means I can express myself clearly without any risk of wasting my vote and I feel valued as a voter. In places that have already adopted ranked choice voting, we have seen much more positive campaigns where people try to bring together a coalition of voters with less focus on vilifying opponents and communities and more on their visions for the future and the needs of the jurisdiction. I cannot wait to experience this productive positivity right here in Oregon!