

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support ranked choice voting at every level of office in CA and across the entire country. 2024 showed us just how badly things can go when voters feel disillusioned and don't come out to vote and when politicians don't feel the need to represent their constituents because they don't feel in threat of being replaced. Ranked choice allows voters to vote with their heart instead of their head, feel encouraged their voice will be heard (even if their top choice doesn't win), and motivates those running in the race to run on platforms they actually represent rather than what is popular or convenient. While there are plenty of other issues in our political system, ranked choice voting is a very simple and easy win for every county and state to implement to move us towards fairness, equality, and true democracy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Farris

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**Comments for Public Posting:** In a city as large and diverse as Los Angeles, RCV encourages candidates to appeal to a broader coalition of voters rather than relying on divisive campaigning or narrow political bases. It can reduce the “lesser of two evils” problem, because voters can support the candidate they truly believe in without worrying about “wasting” their vote. RCV also has the potential to increase voter engagement, encourage more positive campaigns, and ensure that winning candidates have wider community support. For a city built on diversity, innovation, and representation, ranked-choice voting is a modern reform that could make local elections more fair, inclusive, and reflective of the people of Los Angeles.