

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm a constituent in Koreatown writing in support of ranked choice voting for Los Angeles elections. The current primary structure forces voters into strategic calculation rather than honest preference. When a voter's actual first choice has a smaller base, supporting that candidate can mean inadvertently helping a less-preferred candidate clear the top two. Voters end up backing whoever they think is viable, not who they actually want in office. This gap between expressed and actual preference is a fundamental flaw in how we choose our representatives. Ranked choice voting addresses this problem directly. Voters rank candidates in order, and if their first choice is eliminated, the vote transfers to their next preference. It removes the strategic guesswork and produces results that more accurately reflect what voters want in the first place. I urge the Clerk and Council to move forward with adopting ranked choice voting in Los Angeles. Thank you.