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I am in favor of Ranked Choice Voting at every level of government in Oregon. This form of voting greatly negates the need for so-called "strategic voting," which inevitably leads to the lowest common denominators of any given party by allowing voters to choose who they genuinely want most, then listing those that - though not the favorite - would still be acceptable or even pretty good. Most importantly, RCV would be a major victory against the tendency towards letting the most extreme of each ideology win in the primaries. Such a phenomenon leads to stark partisanship, lack of productivity and cooperation between parties, vilifying of the opposition rather than synergizing and valuing differences, and radicalization of base support groups.

Please vote "yes" on HB2004.