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I support the proposal for Ranked Choice Voting to replace our current system of winner-take-all elections that I believe no longer works for us.

Our present system acts to polarize voters, parties and candidates, making effective government more difficult. Many voters thus feel excluded and distrustful of government and fact-based media. This political polarization is weakening our society and is damaging our sense of community.

Ranked-choice voting should encourage candidates and parties to consider adjusting their ideas, programs and statements in order to appeal to a larger and less-partisan majority. It should give voters more encouragement to express their choice of favored candidate, rather than a less-preferred candidate most likely to win a plurality. It should therefore serve as a moderating influence on our politics, instead of our current polarizing system that a few times has motivated frustrated legislators to walk away from the jobs they were elected to represent us in.

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