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As a resident of Benton County and the City of Corvallis, I am very happy to have ranked choice voting as the method of selecting City Councilors, Mayor and County Commissioners. This method ensures that elected officials have majority support even when there are more than two candidates for a position. The second choice votes were essential in determining the outcome of the Corvallis Mayor election in 2022.

I ran for Benton County Commissioner in the 2020 RCV election. I was careful to not antagonize voters who preferred other candidates, because I didn't want to lose potential 2nd choice votes. RCV elections have been shown to make elections more civil.

I would love to have RCV elections for Oregon Legislature, statewide and federal elections. Party primaries would also be improved by RCV.m Please pass HB2004 so Oregon voters can experience the improved election system which Corvallis and Benton County are already benefiting from.