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No to HB 3509 Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked choice voting is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win.

It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialogs among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates.

It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner.

In 2016 California Democrat Governor Jerry Brown Jr. vetoed a bill to expand ranked choice voting. He said it was “overly complicated and confusing” and “deprives voters of genuinely informed choice”

Such a system would present many opportunities to rig the electoral system.

Please do not move forward with this very bad idea. No to HB 3509

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