

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate a petition within the City of Sacramento for the purpose of qualifying and enacting the Ranked Choice Voting Initiative. A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Democracy works better when more voters have a reason to participate and cast a meaningful vote. The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County is recommending Sacramento City local elections transition to Ranked Choice Voting as an upgrade to Sacramento's current electoral system.

With Ranked Choice Voting, we can elect candidates with majority support for City Council and Mayor in ONE election in November, when more people vote – better reflecting our community's values and priorities. Voters will have more choice and more power. Eliminating the primary and runoff elections that are notoriously expensive and negative helps reduce money in politics and opens opportunities for more candidates to run and more choices for voters.

Currently 75% of Sacramento City candidates win in low turnout primaries, which are not fully representative of the community. Electing a majority candidate in November more fully represents voters in our city and provides the winner more broad-based support.

With Ranked Choice Voting, we can elect a majority winner in an "Instant Runoff." Voters have the freedom to rank candidates in order of preference: 1st choice, 2nd choice, and so on. If your first choice doesn't have a chance to win, your ballot counts for your next choice.

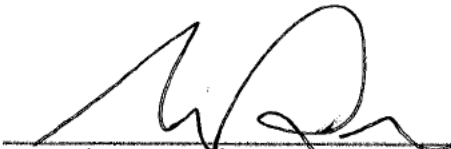
Ranked Choice Voting encourages more positive, issues-focused campaigning. Candidates are rewarded for reaching out to a wide range of voters, including seeking 2nd- or 3rd-choice support from voters ranking another candidate first. Like-minded candidates can run without fear of splitting the vote or being a "spoiler." Voters have more power to express their preferences, with the ability to pick their favorite and rank backup choices.

Ranked Choice Voting has a proven track record across 48 cities and 2 states. Large, diverse cities like San Francisco, Oakland, New York City, Minneapolis, and others have successfully transitioned from runoff elections to Ranked Choice Voting. Polling and ballot data shows that voters like Ranked Choice Voting and find it easy to use. Ranked Choice Voting has empowered voters with more choice and a more meaningful vote – improving the voting experience, making campaigns more civil, and enhancing representation.

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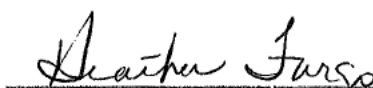
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