

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>- or 3<sup>rd</sup>-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.

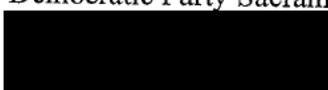
Paula Lee 2-23-26

Paula Lee, Vice President  
League of Women Voters Sacramento County



Andrés Ramos 2-23-26

Andrés Ramos, Chair  
Democratic Party Sacramento County



Heather Fargo 2-23-26

Heather Fargo, Former Mayor  
City of Sacramento



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPONENT**

I, PAULA Lee, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot.

Paula Lee  
Signature of Proponent

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPONENT**

I, Heather Fargo, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot.

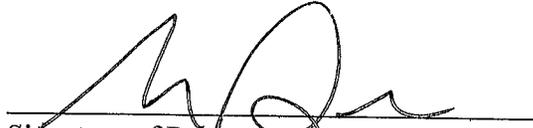
Heather Fargo  
Signature of Proponent

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROPONENT**

I, ANDRÉS RAMOS, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the initiative for the ballot.

  
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