

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 7380 - a ban on the use of Ranked Choice Voting.

I would like to see Ranked Choice Voting in Rhode Island. There are many reasons to vote for RCV, which it worked well in other localities.

Importantly, it is a means to more democratic elections. When many candidates enter an election, with RCV the outcome would no longer be "winner take all," with remaining votes divided among numerous candidates. Rather, voters will have another chance to make their choices known and get results more satisfactory to everyone. In the present climate of divisiveness and anger, this is a great way to encourage more dialogue and thoughtfulness.

Why is there a proposed ban on RCV if Rhode Islanders haven't had a chance to try it out? Local governments are the ones to determine how elections should be managed. I don't know who sponsored the proposed ban, but it is not in the interests of Rhode Island.

Please support Ranked Choice Voting when it is proposed to the Rhode Island Legislature!

Sincerely,

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