

## [Ranked Choice Voting](#)

I am glad to see the growing momentum in Alameda for ranked-choice voting.

Ranked-choice voting is extremely valuable in multi-seat elections, like Alameda's City Council election, where voters make two choices and the two candidates with the most votes win the seats.

Under the current system, it's possible for a small percentage of voters to have their two votes choose the winners, while the majority of the voters have neither of their two votes assigned to winning candidates. This can enable niche political slates to win without earning a significant proportion of voter support.

Not so with ranked-choice voting. Typically, at least two-thirds of the voters in a ranked-choice election will have their vote make a difference in the election. This makes the results more representative of the electorate.

Let's strengthen democracy here in Alameda with ranked-choice voting.

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