

Improve Alameda with Ranked Choice Voting

Editor:

Alameda is a great place to live. With increasing division in our country, it's an excellent time to enhance unity and cohesion in our political process. Ranked-choice voting improves our democracy by more accurately representing the will of voters and encouraging issues-based campaigns over those targeted at only one subset of the population. Ranked-choice voting allows you to specify your first, second, and third choice in a contest so if your first choice is eliminated, your vote still counts. It's already used by San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, and San Leandro. Alameda should implement ranked-choice voting to increase engagement in our local elections and join in setting an example for a more perfect union. Please visit www.lwvalameda.org/ranked-choice-voting to get involved.

— Ashley Lorden, Alameda Sun, July 14