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Editor: I wish to share with the community that the Alameda League of Women Voters has launched efforts to bring Ranked Choice Voting to Alameda for seats under the city charter. This includes City Council, mayor, auditor, and treasurer elections.

I agree with the League's position that the voting method "is a more democratic system than Alameda's 'winner-take-all' plurality voting because it requires candidates to win with a majority in single-seat elections or with a winning threshold in multi-seat elections. The outcome of Ranked Choice Voting more accurately reflects a consensus among voters as to which candidate will best represent the interests of the most people, not just a small base of supporters. A broadly accountable candidate makes for a more responsive officeholder."

Many of us fear for our democracy. Ranked Choice Voting is one positive step we can take to strengthen it!

I invite residents who are interested in learning more to visit the League's website, www.lwvalameda.org/ranked-choice-voting.html.

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