Addenda Minnetonka City Council Meeting Meeting of Aug. 10, 2020

ITEM 14A – Consideration of charter commission Resolution 2020-01 on ranked choice voting

The attached emails and correspondence were received after the council packet was distributed.



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TO: City Council

FROM: Geralyn Barone, City Manager

DATE: Aug. 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Change Memo for Aug. 10, 2020

ITEM 14A – Consideration of charter commission Resolution 2020-01 on ranked choice voting

The following emails and correspondence were received after the packet was distributed.

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Alice Ford

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Rank Choice Voting

Comment

I have lived in the community for over forty years. I am asking you not to pursue the rank choice voting. The charter commission made the correct decision. The groups wanting Rank Choice Voting seems to the Met Council and Fair/Voting. It is known that the Met Council wants to destroy the suburbs and seems to be doing an excellent job. It's time we stood up and said No! To their bullying of the suburbs. Fair/voting is a Group of disgruntled former minority party candidates that can't get enough people to vote on their agendas and now what to win by ballot exhaustion as did the Minneapolis Mayor and City Council.. Fair/Voting is a Globalist organization. Presently any party can have a candidate on the ballot. The election allows all candidates to run on their platform. The voters have the choice to vote for the one person that best fits with their ideas. A very straight forward way of selecting the winner. Let's continue with the best system already in place. Thank you, Alice Ford

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:11 AM Corrine Heine Fwd: Let us vote on Ranked Choice Voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

Dear Council members:

I am writing to reiterate my strong support for ranked choice voting in Minnetonka. I believe that it would improve the quantity and quality of the candidates that we see in the city's elections. I believe that it would alleviate some of the rancor by encouraging candidates to compete for all citizens' votes. And I believe it would mean more ideas and candidates would be presented to a larger cohort of voters rather than the tiny percentage who vote in off year primary elections.

Furthermore, I believe the presidential year is the proper election to vote on this as a city, when more people will be voting and can weigh in on the idea. Please do not put this off to an election which will have a fraction of 2020 participation next year. Please vote YES to put this on the 2020 ballot in Minnetonka.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Amy Morsman 3305 Hazelwood West Minnetonka

From:	<u>McKaia Ryberg</u>
То:	<u>McKaia Ryberg</u>
Subject:	FW: Rank Choice Voting (support!)
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:36:22 PM

From: Ben Gozola

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:59 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

Subject: Rank Choice Voting (support!)

Mayor Wiersum & Council Members,

First off, my thanks for giving the matter of Rank Choice Voting (RCV) a chance for consideration at your upcoming meeting on the 10th, and I urge you to put the matter on the ballot for voter consideration this November. Myself and other residents have documented our reasons for wanting to see RCV in Minnetonka dating back to last September, so no need to restate what you already know. Just know the support for RCV has not wavered, and we just want our friends and neighbors to have the chance to make the decision on their own...send it to your voters!

Thank you,

Ben Gozola 12811 Sherwood Place From: Ben Wilinski

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 10:08 AM

To: Brad Wiersum; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Mayor Wiersum and Council members:

I'm sure you are hearing from many in the community about RCV and I will try to respect your time by highlighting the points most important to me.

Presidential elections bring the highest turnout of the electorate, and 2020 political passions suggest record breaking participation. With a possible 85% community participation in the 2020 election there should be little doubt as to the will of the people. Few could criticize the council for letting the community make a decision.

Council members concerned about the more conservative voices in their constituency could point to the estimated savings from eliminating low-turnout primary events.

RCV encourages more candidates, thereby more energy for campaigning, collaborating, coalition building, compromise, creativity, community engagement.

Please allow the citizens to decide this issue this November.

As always, thank you for your time and your leadership.

Ben Wilinski 5727 high park dr <u>Minnetonka M</u>N 55345

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:34 PM Corrine Heine Fwd: Ranked Choice Voting

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bruce DeJong Date: August 9, 2020 at 11:55:36 AM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Dear Council Member Coakley,

I am writing to urge you to reject ranked choice voting (RCV). Based off the information received by the Charter Commission, RCV doesn't save money over the current system, results in ballots that are not used in the final count, and forces election staff back to manual counting.

Due these and other findings, the Charter Commission rejected RCV. The Commission includes two respected former mayors with decades of city election experience. Please don't disregard their advice in this matter.

FairVote has failed to make a persuasive case for changing an election system that works well.

Bruce DeJong

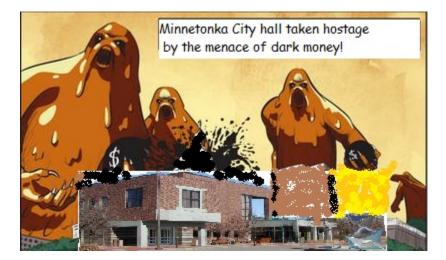
From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:38 AM Corrine Heine Fwd: Reject Rank Choice Voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bruce Honnigford Date: August 7, 2020 at 9:50:09 AM CDT To: Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>, Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Reject Rank Choice Voting

Don't let dark money destroy our democracy.



From:	McKaia Ryberg
То:	McKaia Ryberg
Subject:	FW: support for ranked choice voting
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:14:27 PM

From: Carol Schwarzkopf

Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:15 AM

To: Brian Kirk

Subject: support for ranked choice voting

Dear Brian,

I support allowing citizens of Minnetonka to choose whether to adopt ranked choice voting or not. Especially in a broken democracy, allowing the public to own these types of decisions makes sense I believe.

Sincerely, Carol Schwarzkopf

From:	Colleen Haggar
Sent:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 6:52 PM
То:	Corrine Heine; Brad Wiersum; Dick Allendorf; Karen Anderson; John Cheleen; David
	Larson; John Northrup; Terry Schneider; Linnea Sodergren; LuAnn Tolliver
Subject:	Regarding RCV -

Dear Mayor Wiersum and Commission,

I am writing again to express my frustration with what is happening to aggressively push the RCV in Minnetonka Elections.

Democracy and the Vote - Fair, Honest & Pure

By fair; there are no partisan politics involved as the service of the city council is to serve all of the people, not just 'some of the people' they align with due to party affiliation.

By honest; there are no 'under the table' agreements that lean to favoring a group or a party over another. Decisions are made thoughtfully and with care, with regard to serving the community as a whole, while creating a thoughtful, ongoing and open forum of communication to the residents of Minnetonka. There has never been a 'hurry up and do it now' in Minnetonka, nor should there be.

By pure; one vote is just that - one vote. Democracy and the purity of the vote was not based on giving some people a 'second' or 'third' chance because they may not like who wins... It is not about serving some voters who are angry over who has won the vote; thus manipulating on one can 'win'. By pure, it means that the one vote is just that; one vote - so that there is no manipulation or gray areas; thus taking a way the voice of all of the voters.

By choosing to be pushed by Fair Vote, you have shown that you can be manipulated by bullies and by money. It does not matter about what is Fair, what is Honest and what is Pure. What seems to matter more is that an aggressive group of people can get their way by doing just that - being aggressive and silencing others through their power in money. Their facts are not facts. It is disingenuous in nature and an effort to hijack the voters rights. How ironic is that? We brag about the fight for all to have the right to vote, yet it seems that you and the commission dismiss those who do not acquire power with money and aggressive tactics such as Fair Vote.

It is not by coincidence that this push for RCV is happening across the country, in many small towns and some large cities. It is not by coincidence that judges are overruling the integrity of the system by granting a variety of opportunities to manipulate the vote through 'changing the rules' in a variety of ways: ballot harvesting, erasing and changing voting deadlines, not requiring signatures, not requiring valid ID's, etc. etc. It is not by coincidence that in some states, a one party rule system of 'elected officials' are making changes in the late hours of the evening - without the voice of 'all of the people' and 'all of the representatives.. This has been a national effort to aggressively manipulate the outcome of the elections - and - this can happen through RCV.

The right to vote with a fair election process has existed here in Minnetonka. The sudden, aggressive push for RCV on the coat tails of FairVote and their agenda aligns only with one party and one party vote. They can intellectualize this with the verbiage in a variety of ways that may sound convincing to some of you. But it is clear that this push is not honest, it is not fair and it is not pure.

A vote equals just that - one vote - for one person - who either wins or loses. This is partial politics manipulating the vote and taking away the purity and the integrity of the peoples vote.

Please do the right thing as you go forward. Table RCV as you were going to do, and you should do.

Colleen Haggar Minnetonka Resident of 24 years 5270 Crestwood Dr.

From:	McKaia Ryberg
To:	McKaia Ryberg
Subject:	FW: Ranked Choice Voting - Time for Minnetonka Voters to Decide
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:19:45 PM

From: Cornell Anderson

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:46 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

Subject: Ranked Choice Voting - Time for Minnetonka Voters to Decide

We wish to express our strong support for adding RCV to this year's ballot. There has been enough discussion and review to ensure this has been thoroughly vetted and it is time for Minnetonka voters to be given the opportunity to decide if this is right for Minnetonka. There is demonstrated strong support for RCV by the community and we can see no valid reason for delaying this important question.

Thank you.

Cornell and Patricia Anderson HIgh Park Drive, Minnetonka

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:41 AM Corrine Heine Fwd: Rank Voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deb Swenson Date: August 6, 2020 at 5:35:57 PM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Rank Voting

Ms. Calvert,

I'm writing to you to let you know as a long time Minnetonka resident I'm against Rank Voting. I have seen evidence from other states that this has been a failure!! I vote NO on putting it on the ballot. What's the rush, seems underhanded, disingenuous, and plain WRONG for Minnetonka. Overheard an offensive comment you made to a resident that was opposed to Rank Voting. Very bad form on your part.

Deb Swenson

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Why are you continuing to push Rank voting through when it was voted down by the Charter Commission? This looks underhanded to me. I've voiced my concerns about this bad idea, I've emailed most of the council members and have not got any responses other than 'thanks for your comments'. I don't want my vote to go to someone I don't think is a good leader. Talk about disenfranchisement!!!

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:09 PM Corrine Heine Fwd: Ranked choice voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Devon Sawyer Date: August 2, 2020 at 10:51:36 AM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Ranked choice voting

I do not support ranked choice voting

Sent from my iPhone

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I am in favor of ranked-choice voting and believe it should be included on the ballot.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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Please put this issue on our ballot this year. Both my wife and I support RCV and would like the opportunity of participating in a city wide vote on this needed reform. Thank you for your consideration, Regards, Douglas and Katharine Donaldson

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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First, I have had the opportunity to speak with a number of you and appreciate you patiently listening to my concerns. During my various conversations I did get a sense of resignation to the inevitable. "The FairVote advocates will keep coming back until they get it on the ballot, so we should just vote to add it to the November ballot". I understand your exhaustion but would suggest you still vote against including on the ballot. Why? First, The Charter Commission rejected their proposal 8 to 1 after a year's study. Second, FairVote advocates claim there is a great groundswell amongst our citizens to have this voted on. I say, "Let them come up with the 2,000 (?) petition signatures required by law to have it added to the ballot". This has been an "unchallenged" assumption, that they have the votes and it is inevitable. I say, "Let them put their money where their mouth is." Produce the signatures and get on the ballot. This may all be a paper tiger. We really don't know the depth of their support. At the Charter Commission they had 14 people and one paid community organizer show up in support. This is hardly a tidal wave of support. Thank You.

Thank you,

City of Minnetonka, MN

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ranked choice voting

Comment

I do not support ranked choice voting.

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

From: G Russell-Dempsey
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

It has become more and more apparent that a number of the ways that people cast their vote in this country does little to help the ordinary citizen. The electoral college favors rich white people; the two party system is a winner-take-all fiasco that is overshadowed by dark money and corporate PACs, people of color have fewer and harder to reach polling places, and republicans fight voting by mail because they think it will jeopardize their chance of winning (because more people with ordinary or low incomes will vote).

Poor, poor us--But behold! A new idea, supported by three out of four Minnetonkans could be a new path to fairness. I urge you to let the voters decide by enabling us to vote on this issue in November. Opponents may call it "complicated," but I'm sure we can school them in how to vote for their first, second, and third choice in any situation (they don't have to calculate the results).

It's smart, it's fair, and the people want it! Now all we have to do is vote on it!.Don't deny us a vote!!!

Thanks for your consideration of this very important issue.

Gay Russell-Dempsey

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 12:09 PM Corrine Heine Fwd: Ranked Choice Vote

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gerry Revier-Jensen Date: August 2, 2020 at 10:46:32 AM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Ranked Choice Vote

I am opposed to inclusion of Ranked Choice Vote in the November election There does not seem to be significant value to increase costs of voting and the potential for votes being cancelled, etc. I don't believe the voters (taxpayers) have been sufficiently informed about the program for it to be a consideration

Geraldine Revier 6147 Chasewood Pkwy' Minnetonka MN 55343 From: Jane Gibson

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 12:23 PM To: Bradley Schaeppi Subject: RCV

Dear Mr. Schaeppi,

I am writing to you as a Minnetonka resident who supports Rank Choice Voting. This is an excellent time to get RCV on the ballot and let the community decide. Thank you.

Jane Gibson 5216 Silver Maple Cir, Hopkins, MN 55343

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." MLK

From:	McKaia Ryberg
То:	McKaia Ryberg
Subject:	FW: Against RCV or the "Fair Vote" Please make this part of the meeting record: August 10,2020
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:21:28 PM

From: Janet Paul

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 3:32 PM

To: Brian Kirk

Subject: Against RCV or the "Fair Vote" Please make this part of the meeting record: August 10,2020

Mr. Kirk,

Please know that I am against RCV for all the reasons stated by the Charter Commission. The members of the Charter Commission thoughtfully and responsibly studied and discussed the merits of this proposal and determined it was not good for Minnetonka. Please hear their concerns and do not vote to put it on the ballot in November.

Thank you for listening,

Janet Paul 3030 Forest Lane

From:Deborah CalvertSent:Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:43 AMTo:Corrine HeineSubject:Fwd: Against RCV: Please make this part of the meeting record August 10,2020

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Paul Date: August 6, 2020 at 3:41:53 PM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Against RCV: Please make this part of the meeting record August 10,2020

Ms. Calvert,

I am against putting RCV on the ballot in November. The Charter Commission rejected the proposal and deemed it would not be good for Minnetonka. I respect the Charter Commission's years of experience in city government and their thoughtful and responsible study of RCV and their rejection of the idea. This is not the time to radically change the way we vote.

Thank you for listening,

Janet Paul 3030 Forest Lane

From:	McKaia Ryberg
То:	McKaia Ryberg
Subject:	FW: AGAINST RCV: please make this a part of the meeting record August 10,2020
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:34:37 PM

From: Janet Paul

Date: August 6, 2020 at 4:23:52 PM CDT

To: Rebecca Schack <<u>rschack@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>

Subject: AGAINST RCV: please make this a part of the meeting record August 10,2020

Ms Schack,

Thank you for hearing my concern. I am a resident in Ward 2 and I am against putting RCV on the ballot in November. I was impressed with the careful, responsible study of the proposal by the Charter Commission. I believe it was Karen Anderson who said that the residents of the city rely on their elected officials to promote what is good for the city. I know "Fair Vote" says, let the people decide, but simply putting it on the ballot seems to put a stamp of approval on it.

We do not need to change the way we vote. Thank you for listening,

Janet Paul 3030 Forest Lane From: jessy olson

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 2:40 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Susan Carter; Brian Kirk; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley; Deborah Calvert; Rebecca Schack

Subject: RCV!

Hi everyone!

Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into making sure our city runs smoothly and ensuring we have a safe and great place to live and raise kids! My name is Jessy Olson and my family and I have lived in Minnetonka for 25+ years (3 different houses on the same block - HaHa!) We love it here!

I know you have heard a lot of opinions about Ranked Choice Voting, and I don't need to take up a lot more of your time. I don't often write letters like this, but just feel this is a really crucial issue. Changing our city charter is a big step and will be a turning point for our city, so I wanted to weigh in with a few short thoughts as to why I don't feel RCV is in our community's best interest.

1). I really want my vote to count for exactly the one person I cast my vote for. As I understand it, with RCV I can potentially end up having my vote count for someone I actually do NOT want. Or, my vote could be thrown out entirely and count for nothing. To me neither option seems fair, nor does it seem to promote the values of democracy.

2). I have very serious doubts that the average person is going to take the time and effort to research all the offices and all the candidates and even have an intelligible idea of how to rank the top 5. I am pretty conscientious but with the busy lives we all lead, to get a handle on all the information necessary to research 5 different candidates, and then be able to thoughtfully rank them in a legitimate order - well I truly wonder if this wouldn't actually discourage more voters, or at least cause some to not rank them all (vote gets thrown out) or worse, cause people to just put any name down in any order after selecting their top choice. Again, this does not seem to be a fair or good system of representing people's true wishes.

3). If my objections bring to mind the thought, "she doesn't really understand this system of voting", that further makes my point! It is confusing and needs more open discussion! I know there was a survey taken that said the majority of Mtka residents were for this - but how was it phrased? Was it called "fair choice" voting? Because of course everyone wants a fair choice when voting - but RCV does not seem to be it! I listened to the recent city council meetings online and you were allowing people to call in and give their opinions, but what about an actual discussion or debate with all the pros and cons presented - some good dialogue that ensures people really understand what they are voting for or against! To rush this on the ballot before people truly understand the ins and outs is a disservice to our community. I am concerned that many people will be voting without a good grasp of what RCV actually is or the implications of this drastic change. When I've spoken to friends

or neighbors about it, the vast majority have not even heard of it - at all...and although many will turn out this fall to vote, if they really aren't aware of all RCV involves, are you truly serving the people of Minnetonka by allowing it to go forward?

4). Finally, I would appreciate it so much if you would take to heart the insights and wisdom given by the committee who voted 8-1 against adding this to our ballot. This committee studied

RCV for a whole year, and after researching it better than most of us, they almost unanimously decided it was NOT a good idea at this time. This committee, made up of our current mayor, past mayors, a former council member - other committed citizens who have extensive experience and were appointed by a judge - this committee's conclusions deserve your respect and consideration. To disregard their counsel and ignore the findings that their investigation and study have revealed would appear to be acting in a hasty manner that would not be in the best interests of the people you serve.

Those are my thoughts, thank you for allowing me to express them to you. I will be following this issue with great interest!

Respectfully,

Jessy Olson

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I think ranked choice voting is a good thing and would like to see Minnetonka adopt it.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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Comment

I'm writing to ask the City Council to vote "no" to adding the Ranked Choice Voting question to the ballot in November. I am a retired Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk and worked in election administration for 9 years. Here are a few reasons for my request: 1. Most Minnetonka voters would not fully understand the cost, effort, or process of a move to Ranked Choice Voting . Without educational opportunities before the general election, they would not understand what they are voting for. 2. Ranked Choice Voting may be effective in elections where there are many candidates (15-20) per office, but with just a few candidates per office, the change over to Ranked Choice Voting would not necessarily provide a significant return on the investment of money, time and effort. 3. Having run elections in long-term care facilities, trying successfully to explain Ranked Choice Voting to the voters/residents would be extremely challenging. Many do not understand how to vote the ballot using the current system. Election Judges are limited in how much they can say to the voter, so I fear that Ranked Choice Voting would be frustrating to the long-term care voters/residents, causing some to not vote. 4. Hennepin County ballot tabulators do not support tallying votes by Ranked Choice method. The final tallying must be done by hand, delaying the election results. 5. Furthermore, I believe that choosing the new method of voting may cause some election judges to "retire" and this when many election judges have likely decided not to continue serving because of the COVID virus this year. Thank you for your consideration, Kay Midura

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:14 AM Corrine Heine Fwd: Rank choice voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Eggert Date: August 5, 2020 at 3:12:22 PM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Rank choice voting

Please vote yes for rank choice voting. I believe that there would be greater participation in the local elections to discontinue the primary. Laura Eggert. Ward 3.

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Please put ranked choice voting in the ballet. It's important. Let's lead the way on this.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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Comment

I support ranked choice voting and would like to see it included on this November's ballot.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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ranking officials

Comment

I urge a vote AGAINST ranking officials. This is an important position that voters have earned the right to have a say! Having candidates ranked 2-5 who never won an election to be placed in a position of POWER is allowing for CRONYISM. It eliminates diversity of opinion and leadership. I fought for my country. I have the right to vote. Eliminating my right to vote by grandfathering non winners into position of power is unconstitutional AND takes my rights away as a citizen. Since when is the city of Minneapolis THE PLAYBOOK of how to be a leader?? I personally fled for my life due to the consistently poor decisions the council continues to make. More shut downs, increased violence - more in 2 months than 2 years combined! A group of like minds decided if the kitchen sink doesn't work lets burn down the entire house. Minnetonka is a beautiful prosperous community. I live here now as of July and have a business of 11 years here. I would hate for it to follow the same disastrous path as Minneapolis! I want to vote for committee positions. It is NOT to be granted out of default. Situations (economic, pandemic, war, environmental disasters) change and sometimes leaders need to be changed. Voting allows for these changes that might need to be done. Cronyism does not! DO NOT REMOVE my righty to vote! Voting allows for diversity and a better chance of having BETTER leadership. I am an American my family came from Russia where all rights including land and religion were removed. PRESERVE the greatness of AMERICA! ALLOW ME TO VOTE! I fought for the constitution. Maintain the constitution- allow me to vote for elected officials. Once you start removing my right to vote what else are you going to take away? The uniqueness and prosperity of our country is based on the very thing you are considering removing! PRESERVE my right to vote! THANK YOU

Thank you,

City of Minnetonka, MN

Corrine Heine

From: Sent: To: Subject: Deborah Calvert Saturday, August 8, 2020 10:54 AM Corrine Heine Fwd: Ranked Choice Voting

Deb Calvert Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: "lengelbret@comcast.net" Date: August 6, 2020 at 7:48:35 AM CDT To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov> Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Ms. Calvert,

Please put RCV on the ballot and let the voters decide. This is overwhelmingly supported by the community and our elected officials need to give the people a chance to vote for what they prefer. If you plan not to support it, can you let me know the reasons? I am not aware of a downside to this, so if there is one I want to evaluate that along with the many positives.

Thank you for your service and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Libby Engelbret From: Linda & Michael Halley Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 4:34 PM To: Brian Kirk Subject: Ranked choice Voting

Dear Council Member Kirk,

Since we are not able to call in to the City Council meeting tomorrow evening, we are writing one more email in support of Ranked Choice Voting.

We believe that RCV should be on the ballot this November because:

- 1. The community supports RCV by a 3-to-1 margin.
- 2. The 2020 ballot will provide the best chance to get input from the most residents.
- 3. RCV makes elections more efficient, competitive, inclusive, diverse, and gives voters more power.

We respectfully ask that you vote to adopt a resolution calling for the voters to decide on RCV & establish the ballot language.

Please do not deny our fellow Minnetonka residents the opportunity to register their vote on this issue in November!

Thank you for your service to our community!

Respectfully,

Linda and Mike Halley 18610 Clear View Drive <u>Minnetonka</u>, MN 55345

From:	McKaia Ryberg
То:	McKaia Ryberg
Subject:	FW: Pro-RCV Voter - Thank You, Mayor & City Council, for Your Yes Vote on Monday
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:55:09 PM

From: Mary Pat Blake

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 4:19 PM

To: Brad Wiersum <<u>bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>; Kissy Coakley
 <<u>kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>; Brian Kirk <<u>bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>; Bradley Schaeppi
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 Corrine Heine <<u>cheine@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>; Geralyn Barone <<u>gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>
 Subject: Pro-RCV Voter - Thank You, Mayor & City Council, for Your Yes Vote on Monday

Dear Minnetonka Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for your "yes" vote on Monday night to allow the voters to decide in November if Ranked Choice Voting is what they want for Minnetonka.

With RCV, Minnetonka elections will be more inclusive and fairer to all candidates because all the candidates will be on the ballot. This is important in the George Floyd Era.

The low turnout primaries in Minnetonka, in which 4% of the voters select who the other 96% can vote for, needs to end. This primary situation has led to a small group of people determining who gets on the November ballots. RCV is a fairer approach: all candidates are on the ballot. Let all the voters decide, not just a handful of voters.

Please vote "Yes" on RCV on Monday night so our Minnetonka community can come together to determine what it wants in November.

Thank you for your tireless work and your service for our community.

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Blake

14800 Wychewood Road Minnetonka, MN 55345

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Matt Pince

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Ranked choice voting is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win. It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialog among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates. It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner. The great merit of real majority rule is that it confers legitimacy on whomever wins the election. We do not need ranked choice voting.

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

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Michael Engstrom

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Comment

I'm interested in seeing ranked choice voting move forward in Minnetonka.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

From: Michele Pasko

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Susan Carter; Deborah Calvert; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

Subject: Ranked Choice Voting in Minnetonka

City Council Members,

We know we can count on you!

You love Minnetonka as much - but probably a whole lot more - than most Minnetonkans, as evidenced by all of the hard work you put in to make this such a great place to live. So I have great faith in you to make the wise choice to put RCV on the ballot this November, and leave it up to the citizens to decide.

Thank you,

Michele Pasko 13024 Muriel Road Minnetonka

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Rank choice voting

Comment

I am writing to advocate for putting Rank Choice Voting on the ballot. Let the residents vote to decide the matter. Minnetonka residents are intelligent and can make their vote heard by the city council. This issue has had newspaper articles, and success in both Minneapolis and St Louis Park. The people have wisdom and should be allowed to decide this issue. Dragging out this decision makes me think you don't consider residents as very capable, which I find discouraging. Put Rank Choice Voting on the ballot this year! Let the people have their chance to decide this fall. Respectfully submitted.

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

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Submission Date:	08/09/2020 11:21
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Rachel Hartland

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ranked choice voting

Comment

My husband and I absolutely support ranked-choice voting and would love to see it instituted nation-wide. It's the only way to break the two-party chokehold on politics and enable people to truly vote for their values instead of only voting AGAINST the person they don't want. It would enable me as a voter to choose the person who actually best represents me, but still ensure that my second choice gets my vote if my first candidate doesn't win. Thanks for taking this issue on.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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Comment

I'm absolutely against rank voting. Do not even put it on the meeting s agenda

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

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Comment

We strongly support ranked choice voting. With ranked choice voting we can vote for the candidate we really want most,; if that candidate doesn't get elected, our vote still counts since we can also have a say about our 2nd and 3rd choices, etc. This also encourages more people to vote because there is a better chance that their vote will make a difference. Ranked Choice Voting also saves money because a primary is not necessary.

Thank you, City of Minnetonka, MN

From: Sally Macut

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 12:48 PM To: Bradley Schaeppi Subject: RCV

Dear Brad,

I participated in the last City Council Meeting where 85% of the citizens calling in expressed strong support for putting RCV on the November Ballot.

Please support this and give Minnetonka citizens the opportunity to vote. It would be a travesty to delay it when over when the majority is already in favor of voting on this. Thanks for your consideration. Sally

Sally Macut



Sally Macut Consulting and Fiduciary Services, LLC P.O. Box 573 910 1st St So. Hopkins, MN 55343

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I support putting Ranked Choice Voting on the ballot in November. Let the people decide. This is grass roots democracy in action

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

From:McKaia RybergTo:McKaia RybergSubject:FW: Not in favor of RCV,Date:Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:37:49 PM

From: SCOTT & BERNADETTE OSBORN Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 9:05 AM To: Brian Kirk Subject: Not in favor of RCV,

Scott & Bernadette Osborn, long time Mika residents

Sent from Xfinity Connect App

 From:
 McKaia Ryberg

 To:
 McKaia Ryberg

 Subject:
 FW: RCV

 Date:
 Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:15:45 PM

From: Sharon Peterson

Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 6:42 PM

To: Brian Kirk

Subject: RCV

I heartily support ranked choice voting! Sharon Peterson

From:	McKaia Ryberg
То:	<u>McKaia Ryberg</u>
Subject:	FW: Concerned citizens
Date:	Sunday, August 9, 2020 10:45:20 PM

From: Tamara Windahl Date: August 6, 2020 at 3:30:40 PM CDT To: Susan Carter <<u>scarter@minnetonkamn.gov</u>> Subject: Concerned citizens

Hello!

My husband and I have lived in Minnetonka for over twenty years and love it here! Sadly, we just learned of FairVote Minnetonka and the pressure they have been applying regarding the Ranked Choice Voting system. We hadn't heard a thing about it until our neighbor informed us this week. We would like to urge you and the rest of the council not to bend to FairVote's pressure and to abide by the commission's recommendations in rescinding the ordinance. To think that our votes might not count according to the RVC system is outrageous and wrong!! Thank you for your time and consideration!! Sincerely, T. Windahl

Sent from my iPhone

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Comment

I believe ranked choice voting is essential to the health of any representative government. My whole life, and in the present more than ever, I've voted for the lesser of evils. Our city has the opportunity to begin educating and familiarizing voters with ranked choice. Please put this choice on the ballot; I look forward to seeing the use of ranked choice voting expand.

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

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rank voting

Comment

to be honest i have never known enough about the candidates to rank then much less to even know who knows how to think clear and what is best for Minnetonka therefore just let us know what party they lean and WOW thats it no problem to vote for the most likely best candidate Amen that is all it would take debate this

Thank you, **City of Minnetonka, MN**

From:	<u>McKaia Ryberg</u>
То:	<u>McKaia Ryberg</u>
Subject:	FW: Thank you and Advocating for RCV
Date:	Monday, August 10, 2020 4:54:43 PM

From: Mark Moller

Date: August 10, 2020 at 3:20:59 PM CDT

To: Brad Wiersum <<u>bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Deborah Calvert <<u>dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Susan Carter <<u>scarter@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Brian Kirk <<u>bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Rebecca Schack <<u>rschack@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Bradley Schaeppi <<u>bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov</u>>, Kissy Coakley <<u>kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov</u>> Subject: Thank you and Advocating for RCV

Mayor and Councilmembers of Minnetonka:

My name is Mark Moller and I am a 16-year resident of Minnetonka. My child attends Groveland Elementary and I have a counseling private practice (alas in neighboring Wayzata). I am writing to you today to express my deepest appreciation for your work. In normal times, I am sure you spend a great deal of your time and energy managing the city and its resources. In these unprecedented times, I am even more certain that the job you are doing takes a tremendous amount of time and energy and probably creates a great deal of stress for you. I wish you and your families health and safety and I thank you all for your dedicated public service.

Recently, I have become aware of the Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) initiative before the City. I was made aware due to discussions on the Nextdoor website/app. I have been concerned by some of the misinformation provided there. I won't rehash those discussions but it was enough to prompt me to reach out to you all. I want to express my support for RCV. I assume many of you hear only negative and oppositional voices -- predicated on what I would consider to be misinformation (ballots not counted/discarded/assigned to candidates not selected, etc.).

I want to communicate my support because I believe RCV offers Minnetonka voters of all partisan and ideological stripes the greatest freedom to exercise their franchise. Any difficulties or complications can be mitigated by education and time. I imagine that the ballots which we use in Minnetonka in 2020 bear little, if any, resemblance both in form and structure to ballots used in 1960 or 1920. To me, that simply acknowledges that voting processes change and our electorate is smart enough and worthy of having this change to RCV in order to enhance and promote our precious voting rights.

I thank you for your time and attention. I apologize for my lack of brevity. Peace and wellness to you all.

Mark Moller 432 Willoughby Way W