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Argument In Favor of Measure ____

**“Ordinance Directing the Use of Ranked Choice Voting for City Council Member and
Mayoral Elections after January 1, 2028”**

Vote YES on Measure ____ to Bring Fairer Elections to Irvine

Shouldn't "majority rule" govern our elections? Yet in Irvine, candidates are regularly elected with less than one-third of the vote. Which means two-thirds of voters are represented by someone they don't want. That is NOT real democracy.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) guarantees that Irvine residents elect officeholders who **win majority support**. And it's cost-effective. THIS is what *real* democracy looks like.

Why Irvine Needs Measure ____:

- **Guarantees Majority Support:** RCV acts as an "instant runoff." Voters rank their favorite candidates in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, and so on. If no candidate receives over 50% of first-choice rankings, the last-place candidate is eliminated, and their votes transfer to each voter's second choice. This continues until a candidate wins a majority.
- **More Choice, More Voice:** Never again will you have to vote for the "lesser evil." RCV allows you to vote for your favorite candidate first, knowing your vote will still count toward your backup choice if your first choice loses.
- **Rewards Positive, Solution-Focused Campaigns:** Because candidates often need second and third choice rankings to win, negative campaigning backfires. Instead, RCV incentivizes positive, issue-oriented campaigns that unite rather than divide the community.
- **Protects Taxpayers:** This measure ensures fiscal accountability with a strict safeguard: RCV will only be implemented if the cost is below 0.23% of the city's budget. This responsibly modernizes our democracy while protecting your tax dollars.

Irvine deserves a democracy where the majority rules, candidates focus on solutions rather than negative attacks, and voters don't have to settle for the "lesser evil." Measure ____ delivers exactly that. Join dozens of cities in California and across the US using RCV. ***More choice and a stronger voice! Vote YES on ____.***

Learn more at VoterChoiceIrvine.org

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Primary Argument in favor of Ballot Measure ____ named "Ordinance Directing the Use of Ranked Choice Voting for City Council Member and Mayoral Elections after January 1, 2028" at the General Municipal Election for the City of Irvine to be held on November 3, 2026, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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