



ALBEMARLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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May 8, 2023
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Ms. Claudette K. Borgersen, Clerk
County Office Building
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902-4596

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County of Albemarle
Board of Supervisor's Office

Copy to: Office of Elections
County Office Building
1600 5th Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Please be advised that, at its August 27, 2022 meeting the Albemarle County Republican Committee voted to have opposition spoken to Ranked Choice Voting when the Board of Supervisors met in November 2022. Further, at an Executive Meeting May 3, 2023 the attached Resolution was adopted by the ACRC which: "oppos(es) said voting scheme known as Ranked Choice Voting". The Resolution addresses many inherent flaws in RCV. The County of Albemarle is neither ready for it nor needs a solution for a nonexistent problem.

Please distribute a copy of the attached Resolution to each member of the Board of Supervisors.

A Copy of this letter and the supporting Resolution will be presented to the Board of Elections at its May 9, 2023 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Lowry".

John C. Lowry, Chair
Albemarle County Republican Committee

Copies to: Lauren Eddy, Registrar and Sylvia Flood, Clara Belle Wheeler and Jim Heilman as members of the Electoral Board of Albemarle County, VA

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Albemarle County Republican Committee Resolution Opposition to Ranked Choice Voting

May 9, 2023

Whereas the Albemarle County Republican Committee (hereafter ACRC) is committed to supporting principles and practices that promote free, fair, and transparent elections in the County of Albemarle, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America;

Whereas the ACRC is in alignment with the resolution adopted by the Republican National Committee (hereafter RNC) opposing such said voting scheme known as Ranked Choice Voting and wishes to adopt and support the RNC resolution as contained herewith;

Whereas the mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party of liberty, the party of equality, the party of opportunity for all, the party of favoritism for none and to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in Republican Party activities at all levels and to ensure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

Whereas America has operated on a well-understood and relatively uniform election system that has been implemented over two hundred years to support our constitutional republic;

Whereas the political parties in America have created the world's largest representative forums for debate amongst thousands of factions of American citizens all across the nation;

Whereas traditional American primary and general elections ensure that voters who support one candidate, not a plurality of candidates, are heard clearly while ranked choice voting schemes open elections to "ballot exhaustion" or the disenfranchisement of voters who choose not to support multiple candidates who do not clearly represent their values;

Whereas the grassroots activists of the Republican Party have made it abundantly clear that they do not trust new election procedures, outcomes,

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and further complications of modern systems that sow additional distrust in elections, and we need to keep voting simple and secure;

Whereas educating voters on the confusing processes that vary by state has cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for educational efforts that have provided ineffective results;

Whereas states and communities where ranked choice voting has been tested have consistently decreased voter participation in those communities and in many cases the elections have resulted in more discarded votes than counted votes;

Whereas ranked choice voting often results in additional tabulation delays resulting in days or weeks of additional counting while depending exclusively on technology without traceable ballots to support determined winners; and

Whereas supporters of ranked choice voting seek to eliminate or disempower party primaries; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Albemarle County Republican Committee

1. Supports and adopts the Resolution to Officially Oppose Ranked Choice Voting Across the County and particularly in Virginia as adopted by the RNC as set forth, and

Further Resolved, that the Chairman of the Albemarle County Republican Committee

1. Shall cause copies of this resolution to be disseminated to all Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly and all Republican candidates seeking Republican nomination in the General Assembly.

May 9, 2023

Albemarle County Electoral Board Meeting

April 9, 2023 9:00 am

5th Street County Office Building

* This meeting is being held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20A(16), An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the COVID-19 Disaster. Members of the public may attend in person, subject to the limit on room occupancy. Members of the public who wish to attend virtually (online) should call 434-972-4173 for log-in instructions.

CALL TO ORDER

Sylvia Flood, Chair

Adopt Draft Agenda

All

Approve Minutes

Board

April 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public Reminder: The Electoral Board has set their meeting dates for 2023

All

Recurring meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00AM at the 5th Street County Office Building. The Electoral Board will schedule additional meetings during an election cycle. Notice of additional meetings, or changes to the current schedule will be posted to Electoral Board's webpage.

Update: Provisional Ballot Work Session

All

Update: Precinct Rosters

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June Primary Election

All

Update: L&A Testing

EO Training

Resolution from the Democratic Party of Albemarle County, Ranked Choice Voting

All

Resolution from the Republican Party of Albemarle County, Ranked Choice Voting

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Other Items

All

Set date for next meeting

Board

**Executive Session

Election Officials

New Appointments

Chiefs & Assistant Chiefs

Adjourn



ALBEMARLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS

April 5, 2022

Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

To the Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Pleased by advised that, at its February 27, 2023, meeting, the Albemarle County Democratic Committee adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, that the Albemarle County Democratic Committee encourages the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors to adopt Ranked Choice Voting for all eligible local elections.”

Sincerely,

Karen Combs, Chair
Albemarle County Democratic Committee

Cc: Lauren Eddy, Registrar and Director of Elections
Sylvia Flood, Chair, Albemarle County Electoral Board
Jim Heilman, Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board
Clara Belle Wheeler, Vice-Chair, Albemarle County Electoral Board

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