

## **PROBLEMS WITH RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

- 1. Although a voter can vote for only one candidate and have their ballot counted, on the second or more rounds, that ballot with no ranking in second, third, fourth, fifth, etc. places will be eliminated.**
- 2. Leads to less people voting.** In states & communities where ranked choice voting has been used, there has been consistently decreased voter participation. We need to ENCOURAGE not DISCOURAGE VOTERS.
- 3. Votes for candidates that don't make it to the final round get wasted.** If no candidate gets 50% or more of the votes on first round, then the one with least votes gets removed. If I voted for that removed candidate, then my vote didn't count, and my vote will be used for whoever I put in second place. One voter, one vote has been the tried and true way...why change it?
- 4. Albemarle County has rarely, in past 22 years, had more than two candidates step up to run for an office-Why change the way we vote now?** The professed idea behind RCV is that it provides some greater level of equity in the voting process, especially when there is a large field of voters. BUT, there has never been a large field of candidates in Albemarle, and RCV will only CONFUSE VOTERS.
- 5. DELAYS IN TABULATION, the public waits longer to know results.**
- 6. RELIANCE ON TECHNOLOGY FOR PROCESSING WITHOUT TRACEABLE BALLOTS**
- 7. COST OF NEW SOFTWARE, MORE TRAINING OF ELECTION OFFICERS**
- 8. WHO IS EDUCATING THE VOTERS?**

**KEEP VOTING SIMPLE, EFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT  
VOTE NO ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

## **ONE RECENT EXAMPLE:**

Citizens of Arlington County Virginia participated in ranked choice voting for the June 18, 2024 for supervisor race. With five candidates competing, it took four rounds accounting and two full weeks to receive results of the winner. This delay in results has become the norm where ranked choice has been used. The tabulation delays are one concern, and the fact that there is exclusive reliance on technology without traceable ballots is quite another.

Over 61% of Arlington citizens that were surveyed in 2023 said that they did not favor RCV, and yet the Arlington County Board went ahead and approved RCV for primary and general local elections over the objection of their constituents.

## **MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD:**

- EMAIL Board of Supervisors expressing your disfavor for Ranked Choice Voting: [bos@albemarle.org](mailto:bos@albemarle.org)  
The Board of Supervisors will make the final decision as to whether RCV will be used in Albemarle County. Stay tuned, next BOS meeting 9/4/24 @ 1:00 PM, but the agenda has not yet been posted.

**KEEP VOTING**  
***SIMPLE, EFFICIENT AND TRANSPARENT***  
**NO RANKED CHOICE VOTING**