



Initiative 83 is at risk



We Won!

Last November, Initiative 83 won with a supermajority in every ward in DC. **Now the DC Council might take part of this victory away.**

What Now?

In order for Initiative 83 to take effect for the 2026 elections, the DC Council has to provide **implementation funding** to the Board of Elections. Council agreed on July 14 to fund ranked choice voting — but that's only half of the initiative. Council needs to finish the job and provide funding to allow independents to participate in taxpayer-funded primary elections.

How Much Does It Cost?

The cost is estimated at around \$1.5 million over four years, with most of the expense going to **one-time voter education materials**.

What's at Stake?

With the recent attempts to weaken Home Rule and reduce the limited autonomy DC currently enjoys, it is more important than ever to stand up to **protect democracy** and **increase representation** in our communities.

What Can I Do?

The budget is being finalized **NOW**, with final votes taking place on Monday, July 28! Email Council today to say that you expect them to respect the will of the people.

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