

## **Resolution to Oppose Ranked Choice Voting**

WHEREAS, the Republican Party values transparent, straightforward, and fair electoral processes that reflect the will of the voters; and

WHEREAS, ranked choice voting (RCV) introduces unnecessary complexity into the voting process, potentially leading to voter confusion, longer vote-counting periods, and delayed election results; and

WHEREAS, RCV may undermine the principle of "one person, one vote" by allowing multiple rounds of vote redistribution, which can obscure the direct expression of voter intent; and

WHEREAS, RCV has been shown in some cases to produce outcomes that do not align with the majority preference in initial voting, potentially disenfranchising voters; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of RCV's vote redistribution process makes it nearly impossible to conduct transparent and efficient audits, undermining confidence in election integrity; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of RCV often requires costly changes to voting infrastructure, including new software, voter education, and election administration, placing an unnecessary burden on clerks and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the traditional plurality voting system has served as a reliable and understandable method for electing candidates in our communities and across the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County GOP Executive Committee opposes the adoption or implementation of ranked choice voting in local, state, or federal elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County GOP Executive Committee urges elected officials, election administrators, and policymakers to maintain the traditional plurality voting system to ensure simplicity, transparency, and fairness in our elections; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the Kent County GOP website to communicate our position on this matter.

Introduced by: Anita Cassetta, EC Member

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