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Dear Colleagues,

I submit to you for your consideration the attached resolution which if approved by the Council, would put on the November ballot a measure to allow voters to decide whether to continue the use of the current Rank Choice Voting (RCV) system or return to the former two election voting system.

Since Oakland's first experience with the use of Rank Choice Voting in the 2010 election, many voters have expressed a desire to return to the former voting system. Voters have expressed concerns about not having fully understood the implications of their second and third choice votes, as well as a general lack of understanding of the voting system, despite the city's investment of over two hundred thousand dollars on voter education.

Since 2000, cities across the Country that had previously enacted Rank Choice Voting systems have reverted back to their former two election voting systems.

Now that Oakland voters have had the opportunity to use the RCV system in one major election, we should give them the opportunity to vote to continue or discontinue the use of this system.

Approval of the attached resolution will put the ballot measure before the voters in the upcoming November election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ignacio De La Fuente', written in a cursive style.

Ignacio De La Fuente
Oakland Council President Pro Tem