

Resolution of the Marin Election Integrity Committee

Resolution #2

Special Meeting

Approved on April 18, 2023

The Marin Election Integrity Committee hereby adopts the resolution below modified from that submitted to the CAGOP Spring 2023 Convention by Mr. Mark Zulim, Delegate from CD-14/SD-9/AD-20

RESOLVE TO ELIMINATE THE INFERIOR VOTING PROCESS KNOWN AS RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

WHEREAS after more than a decade the Ranked-Choice Voting experiment has failed nationally causing much voter frustration and disenfranchisement and cannot be ignored any longer; and

WHEREAS the full negative effects of voter disenfranchisement caused using Ranked-Choice Voting is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS hundreds of municipalities and counties nationally, including in California, have wasted millions of dollars to educate the public in how Ranked-Choice Voting works, yet they continue to experience an unacceptable and very high rate of ballot errors again and again; and

WHEREAS the Ranked-Choice Voting process has not fully met the fundamental right of "one- person one-vote" in that a very high rate of what is called "exhausted ballots" is always present, which means many votes are not counted within the final tabulation in determining the winner; and

WHEREAS the Ranked-Choice Voting process always has what are called "suspended ballots", which adds to the confusion surrounded by the process causing those votes to not be counted; and

WHEREAS, in California with the most recent fiasco found in the Oakland, Alameda County for the November 8, 2022 races where numerous errors were noted causing several elections after their certification to undergo costly corrections, which included the overturning of the results for the City of Oakland, Oakland Unified School District, District #4 and now costly legal suits are pending; and

WHEREAS the Republican National Committee (RNC) meeting in Dana Point, California on January 27, 2023 rejected Ranked-Choice Voting because it increases election distrust, voter suppression, and disenfranchisement, eliminates the historic political party system, and put elections in the hands of expensive election schemes that cost taxpayers and depend exclusively on confusing technology and unelected bureaucrats to manage it; and

WHEREAS the same RNC meeting in Dana Point, California, unanimously passed a Resolution to: "Officially Oppose Ranked-Choice Voting Across the Country and called on Congress, state legislators, and voters to oppose Ranked-Choice Voting in every locality and level of government and return elections to easier systems that worked for centuries for fair and transparent elections," now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin Election Integrity Committee opposes the use of Ranked-Choice Voting in California elections and is committed to increasing voter's confidence in California's election process through easier and transparent systems that worked since California was founded.



Mia Camera, Secretary

April 18, 2023

Date

Francis Drouillard, Chair

Mia Camera, Secretary

John Turnacliff, Treasurer