

“This is *the* site for learning about democracy.”  
—Zoe Weil, author of *Most Good, Least Harm*,  
president of the Institute for Humane Education.

“... a huge contribution to the democracy cause.”  
—John M. Richardson Jr., former Chairman of  
the National Endowment for Democracy.

“Congratulations on a brilliant piece of work.”—  
Robert Fuller, former President of Oberlin College,  
author of *Somebodies and Nobodies* and *All Rise*.

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The primer, games and pictures let you  
**Read, Touch and See How**

The best voting rules are fast, easy and fair.  
They help groups from classrooms to countries.  
The results are well centered and widely popular.

They strengthen the votes supporting  
one chairperson or policy and  
fair-shares of seats or spending.

**to Use and Enjoy**

Share this illustrated booklet with friends.  
Build support in your school, club or town.  
Enjoy better politics, relations, and policies.  
See pages 34, 35, and 61.

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FairVote

# Accurate Democracy

Pass It Along 4 Great Tools  
with Games, Graphics and Song



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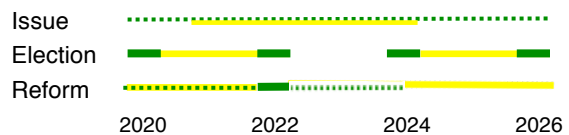
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## Voting Reform Is Cost Effective

**Issue campaigns** teach voters and reps for years.  
This eases one problem, but rarely fixes the source.

**Election campaigns** can cost a lot all at once.  
The biggest faction can skew all policies for a few years.

**Reform campaigns** cost no more than elections.  
Ranked choice voting strengthens the votes supporting  
the reps and policies for many years.



Campaign **costs in green**, **results in yellow.**

### Strengthen Votes, Mandates and Policies

RCV expands the base of power, the numbers of  
effective votes and voters supporting:

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Votes for real choices tally up real democratic power.  
It needs big mandates to govern new nondemocratic  
powers in big money, media, marketing and more.  
Mandates aid actions to achieve popular goals,  
building up the democracy and its leaders.

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## More Endorsements

### 1. Ranked Choice Voting, RCV, elects leaders

in more and more places: New York City, Minneapolis and Maine, have adopted it; Duke, Harvard, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, Tufts, MIT, Cal Tech, Carlton, Clark, GW, Reed, Vassar, UCSC, the Universities of Auburn, Houston, CA, IA, IL, MA, MN, NC, OK, TX, VA, WA and WY.<sup>7</sup>

### 2. Multi-Winner RCV elects a whole council

at Cambridge, Carnegie Mellon, Clark, MIT, Oberlin, Oxford, UC Cal, UC Davis, UCLA, UCSB and Vassar For decades, Australian and Irish voters have used Ranked Choice Voting in local and national elections. fairvote.org/rcv\_in\_private\_organizations\_and\_corporations

### Many groups endorse Ranked Choice Voting.

**Organizations:** Oscars, Church of England, Common Cause Sierra Club, UUA, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, **Leagues of Women Voters:** Arizona, California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont and Washington. **National Newspapers:** New York Times 6/10/18 & 02/26/20, USA Today, Washington Post 6/14/18; **regional editorials:** Portland Press Herald, Las Cruces Sun News, ... **Journalists:** David Brooks 6/1/2018, Hendrik Hertzberg, ... **Celebrities:** Jennifer Lawrence, Krist Novoselic, ... **US Senators:** John McCain, Barak Obama, Bernie Sanders, **US Reps:** Keith Ellison, Jamie Raskin, Don Beyer, ... **Parties:** Republicans of Alaska and Utah; Libertarian Party; Green Party US; Democrats of CA, CO, ME, MA, ...

See many more at [FairVote.org/endorsers](https://FairVote.org/endorsers)

## About Us

### About FairVote

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FairVote is a nonpartisan champion of electoral reforms that give voters greater choice, a stronger voice, and a representative democracy that works for all Americans.

FairVote has a proven record since 1992 as a trailblazer that advances and wins electoral reforms at the local, state, and national level through strategic research, communications and collaboration. Today it is the driving force behind advancing ranked choice voting and fair representation in multi-winner legislative districts that will open up our elections to better choices, fairer representation and more civil campaigns.

### Robert Loring's Work

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In 1990, John R. Chamberlin, and Samuel Merrill III each gave me permission to use their sim statistical research results to advance a hybrid Condorcet-RCV rule. In the 1990s, I created *PoliticalSim*<sup>TM</sup> and *SimElection*<sup>TM</sup>. They compared 30 single- and multi-winner rules from around the world and were used in a few universities. Pages 48-56 show maps from these simulation games. My sim research led in 1996-97 to *Democracy Evolves*.<sup>11</sup> Then I helped FairVote as a webmaster and librarian. For 10 years I've cheered Dr. Robert Tupelo-Schneck, Ian Little, Adder and Kathryn Simmons with Twin Oaks Community for developing Fair Share Voting. (page 24) The booklet summarizes *Accurate Democracy.com*.

The goals are better group-decision results (page 61), through systemic changes (e.g. pages 34, 58), through better tools between people (e.g. pages 24, 27, 33, 35).

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## Voting Reforms Aid Other Reforms

**1** **Ballot access** rules block a new party or independent if the established parties fear it will split their voters. To calm this fear, let voters rank their backup choices. **Ranked Choice Voting, RCV**, opens up elections.

**3** **A news firm** may inform us better if the subscribers steer more parts of it than the owners or advertisers do. There's a low-cost method for any membership group: **Fair \$hare Voting** can reward the best news bloggers.

**3** **Public campaign funding** lets reps and rivals give less time to their sponsors, more time to their voters. One plan gives each voter \$50 of vouchers to donate.<sup>1</sup> Such nameless gifts or **F\$V** may cut corrupt paybacks. Sponsors aim gifts to buy the few swing-seat districts.<sup>2</sup> **RCV** and **Fair Representation** make that harder. **1** **2**

*"It's very hard to see us fixing the climate until we fix our democracy."*  
Dr. James Hansen, climate scientist<sup>3</sup>

**1** **2** **Good schools**, taxes and voting rules may go together.<sup>4</sup> Schools build our group skills and political knowledge.

**1** **Sabbatical terms** make the current rep run against a former rep returning from rest, reflection and research. Then the candidates include two with records in the job! Similar candidates do not split apart a group with **RCV**.

**4** **Citizens' assemblies**<sup>5</sup> and their referendums can get more choices and control by using **Condorcet Tallies**. The laws on voting rules, reps' pay, \$ponsors, etc. need referendums because the reps have conflicts of interest.



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