

Statement on Ranked Choice Voting Options *MONTGOMERY STEPPE SUPPORTS EQUITY AT THE POLLS*

"In 2020, I supported ranked choice voting in Committee and Council. Although previous proposals of this system have failed to make it to the ballot, ranked choice voting concepts are still the best choice for local elections," said Montgomery Steppe. "The election process should reflect opportunities to increase voter turnout, make candidate fields more diverse, and amplify the voice of voters across our region. Ranked Choice Voting does just that.

Many cities and states have already succeeded in implementing the ranked choice voting system. However, this success can only occur by investing in education to equip voters with the information and understanding of this new process. Ultimately, I believe ranked choice voting instills equity in our democracy by giving voters more choice at the ballot box."

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