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Vote "No" on Experimenting with Santa Clara's Votes

Measure A seeks to change the City Charter – our Santa Clara constitution – to impose a radical voting system that almost no one understands.

Measure A would force Santa Clara to use the “single transferable vote form of ranked choice voting” – an overly complicated voting method being pushed by an outside interest group. Even Measure A’s proponents have a hard time explaining how the system is going to work.

Since Santa Clara’s city charter was adopted in 1951, the candidate with the most initial first-place votes has won each election. But in the “single transferable vote form of ranked choice voting,” the candidate with the most initial first-place votes may NOT be elected. Instead, a complicated formula decides who represents you.

Read the actual text of Measure A’s Exhibit A. Measure A REMOVES this requirement: “The person receiving the most votes cast for a particular City office shall be declared duly elected.” Deep in the fine print, the proponents of Measure A are trying to change “most votes wins” to a weird system that even they cannot adequately explain.

Elections should be more transparent, not less. Both first-time voters and long-time voters will be confused by the “single transferable vote form of ranked choice voting.”

A judge has called the plan in this ballot proposal “suspect.” We don’t need a “suspect” plan, particularly when an alternative neighborhood-based district plan can be adopted. A neighborhood plan would reduce elections costs, empower grassroots campaigns, and result in more transparent government that reflects the City’s diversity.

The right to vote is sacred. Don’t replace your ballot with a formula. Don’t change our City Charter to make government less transparent.

Vote “No” on Measure A. Santa Clara is not a political experiment. It is our home.