

Flynn, Julie

From: Pete Mills <athonitedreamer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Greetings Ms Flynn

Thank you for working to implement this system we have chosen.

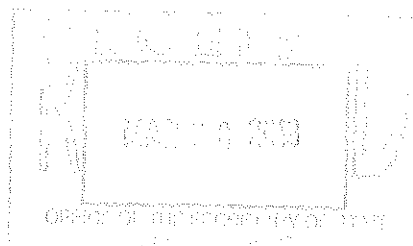
I strongly encourage you to bring in outside help to bring this program into fruitful operation.

Often in Maine we end up consulting with those who do not support a chosen path. This never works for understandable reasons.

I suggest looking outside the United States even, just PLEASE, don't involve any folks who expressed their objections to rank choice voting in the planning and execution of this critically important piece of our lives, state, nation, and future.

Sincerely

Peter D. Mills



Flynn, Julie

From: beth <symonds@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 6:20 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Cc: Hilliard, Gary; drtom16@hotmail.com
Subject: Comments on Ranked Choice Voting

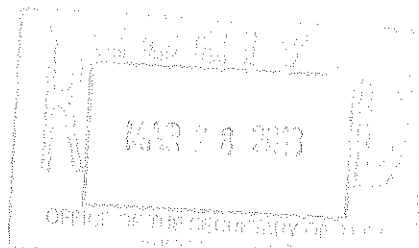
Dear Deputy Secretary Flynn and Secretary of State Dunlap,

Thank you for your hard work on implementing Rank Choice Voting in Maine. As usual, as Maine goes...

Please do not let anyone impede your work on this matter. RCV's time has come and as with many things, times have changed since a simple yea or nay can serve to express the will of the people. There will be complications (good luck to your IT people) and setbacks on this first-ever implementation but I am absolutely certain that you and your Department will get this done in a timely manner.

Wishing you much success,
Sincerely,

Elizabeth Symonds (I)
Belgrade, Maine



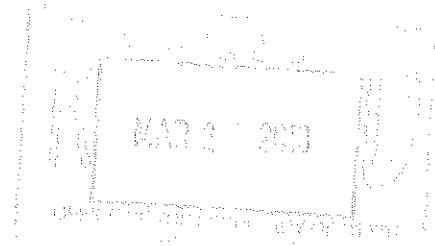
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From: Patti Hartin <pattihartiniftc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked choice voting

As Deputy Clerk of the Town of Island Falls and the Election Warden I am very concerned about this process. After reading the proposed rules and the Bangor Daily News article this morning I am more confused than ever. This is coming soon and I hope that training will be available and more importantly convenient. I don't want to have to travel 12 or 3 hours for this training. It will be a hardship financially for our Municipality as well. I don't have any helpful suggestions only hope that is voted down in June.

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Patti Hartin
Deputy Clerk
Town of Island Falls
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Flynn, Julie

From: Leslie Girmscheid <leslieg@maine.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: RCV

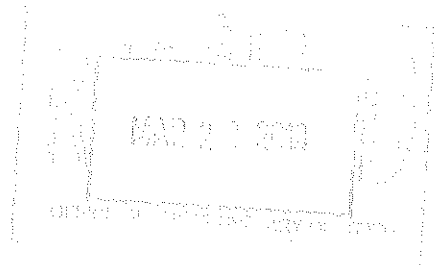
Dear Ms. Flynn,

I am appalled that the Secretary of State is refusing to implement Ranked Choice Voting for the June primary. Twice we Maine voters have let the state know that this is the way we would like to vote. The hundreds of petitioners including myself did not work outside in the cold mid-winter to have him pull a fast one on us. I also find it unfair to make this announcement on the Thursday before a long holiday weekend where many folks are focused on their families, thus making the deadline for comments to be only a few days after they return home and to work—less than 10 days after making the announcement. It suspiciously seems as though the Secretary of State is hoping that this will fly under the radar. We worked hard for Ranked Choice Voting and hope that it will become the wave of the future in the USA.

Sincerely,
Leslie Girmscheid

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“Three Rules of Work: Out of clutter find simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” ~Albert Einstein



Flynn, Julie

From: Linda Dartt <eldartto1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Hello

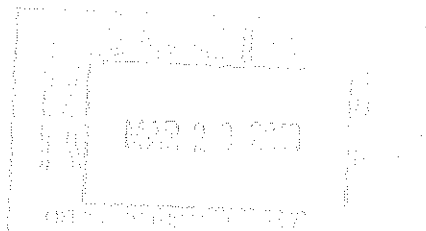
I am writing to express my complete disgust at the behavior of our elected and appointed officials regarding ranked choice voting. A large majority of Maine voters approved the change. Instead of working on implementation, or even implementation of the Constitutionally unchallenged pieces, the people who are charged with representing us and managing the business of government have done nothing but try to find ways to undo the will of the people.

At this point, I don't want to hear excuses about how much preparation it will take. You have had plenty of time to prepare, nearly a year and a half since the vote. If you are not ready, it is because you have been spending your time trying to ignore and negate a legal vote by a large majority of voters.

I also am not interested in hearing how "confusing" it will be. The voters, after hearing the arguments and perusing the massive amount of information available on the subject, made a choice. We are not as ignorant or dumb as you seem to think, and we see your inappropriate and self-serving behavior. It is the job of administrators to figure out how to implement the law and then do it. So, get to work and stop whining.

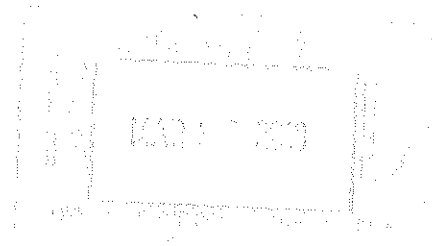
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Flynn, Julie

From: Sarah LeClaire <sleclair1@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 9:12 AM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Re: RCV Emergency Rulemaking



Thank you

On Mar 30, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Flynn, Julie <Julie.Flynn@maine.gov> wrote:

To me at this address you just emailed to.

Julie L. Flynn
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From: Sarah LeClaire [<mailto:sleclair1@mac.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:04 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Cc: rosemary monahan
Subject: RCV Emergency Rulemaking

Dear Julie:

Can public comments on RCV Emergency Rulemaking be emailed?

To what address?

Thank you.

Sarah LeClaire

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Flynn, Julie

From: Vicki Adams <vickigatesadams@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting comment



Dear Mr. Dunlap,

The people of Maine voted in November, 2016, in favor of ranked-choice voting. Members of the Maine Supreme Court informed the state that ranked-choice is not constitutional for state elections, but IS constitutional for primaries and federal elections.

In good faith, advocates of ranked-choice accepted that guidance and made it clear that ranked-choice would not be used in state elections until or unless the Maine Constitution is changed. We did expect it would be used in primaries and federal elections, as opined by the court. Despite that, the Legislature voted to delay the ranked-choice for all elections for four years — two election cycles — and to consider the constitutional issue. There was no public information regarding the statement you recently issued (below). The People's Veto of the Legislature's delay went forward, which (after a heroic, mid-winter effort to get more than 65,000 valid signatures) succeeded.

Statement in question: The section of law in question states that "in a primary election held before December 1, 2021, the person who receives a plurality of the votes cast for nomination to any office, as long as there is at least one vote cast for that office, is nominated for that office." ... A previous amendment to the law had changed this section to align with ranked-choice voting, **but it was struck in later amendments.**

Who struck the change that allowed ranked-choice in primaries? Who was notified? Was the press notified? Was the Committee on Ranked-Choice Voting notified? Why were the people of Maine not informed about this, as we stood in snow and ice gathering signatures for the People's Veto?

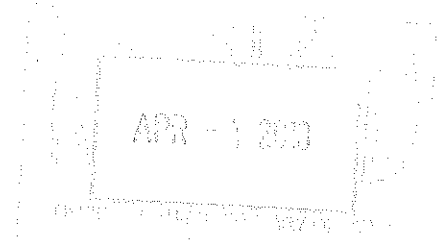
This action sounds like the worst of dishonesty in government — was there a cover-up, meant to be sprung at the last moment? Or was the section to align with ranked-choice voting struck at a later time — added just recently? Is all this confusion a delay tactic to make it impossible to implement ranked-choice voting in June? Who is so afraid of ranked-choice voting, which is designed to elect the candidates with the widest possible support? Who is so afraid of this, that they will do anything to defeat it?

Sincerely,

Victoria Adams
Kennebunk, Maine

Flynn, Julie

From: haunted1227@maine.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting



Dear Deputy Secretary Flynn, Secretary Dunlap and staff,

Thank you for your work to implement ranked choice voting for the upcoming primary election. I'm sure the past few days have been stressful for you as it has been for hundreds of thousands of voters and hundreds of petitioners.

I am deeply disappointed with some of our legislators in Augusta who have made such an effort to not only thwart this election process, but to threaten the duties of the Secretary of State and undermine the will of the people. I am so grateful that Judge Murphy has considered the situation carefully and has authorized your office to move forward.

I am concerned with the wording of this question: "Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that would delay the use of ranked-choice voting in the election of candidates for any state or federal office until 2022, and then retain the method only if the constitution is amended by December 1, 2021, to allow ranked-choice voting for candidates in state elections?" I think it will confuse a lot of voters and the wording seems to give legislators another opportunity to delay and repeal. Could the question be more direct in asking voters if they would like legislators to amend the Maine State Constitution to change the plurality clause to allow ranked choice voting for all elections by 2020?

Again, thank you for your work to implement Ranked Choice Voting for the upcoming primary election! People may be a little confused by the change, but once they understand how to vote this way and see the benefits of this method, I think they will be pleased. The rest of the country is watching. Dirigo!

I am so excited to be able to cast my ballot using ranked choice voting!

Best regards,

Kathy Bouchard
Scarborough

Flynn, Julie

From: Michael Hoy <michaelhoywoodworking@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:52 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Ranked Choice

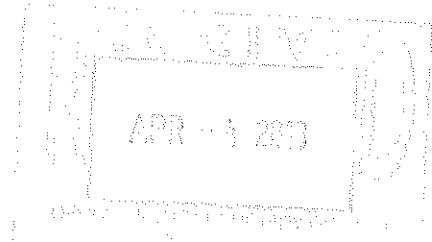
I am happy to learn Ranked Choice Voting will be available and used to determine the primary elections throughout the Sate of Maine. Dirigo - we lead!

Michael Hoy

Michael Hoy Woodworking

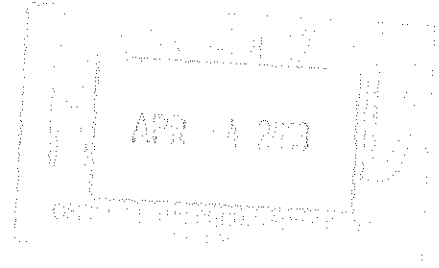
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Flynn, Julie

From: Bob Dickinson <rdickins49@gmail.com>
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To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: RCV



Deputy Secretary Julie Flynn,
Deputy Secretary Julie Flynn,
In reference to Ranked Choice Voting:

Yes, I want to “reject” the parts of a new law that would delay the use of ranked-choice voting. No delays, period. The people voted for this and I reject the attempts to delay or undermine it completely.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert Dickinson
Industry, Maine 04938

Flynn, Julie

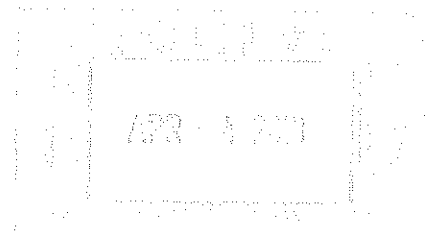
From: Mike Shunney <qjworks@gwi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: Positive response to Ranked Choice Voting Rule

The Secretary's posting of "Chapter 535: Rules Governing the Administration of Elections Determined by Ranked-choice Voting." is appreciated and moves the state to its rightful place as the leader in promoting and implementing a voting system that best represents the will of the citizen of Maine and results in elected officials that have the support of the majority of Maine voters.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,

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Flynn, Julie

From: Antonio Blasi <antonioblas1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:52 AM
To: Flynn, Julie
Subject: RCV Comments

Hi, Julie,

It is exciting to both be able to make history with my vote, and to help candidates who are running under RCV. I also clerk, and want to know our training dates.

Thanks

Antonio Blasi

