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25-1014: A proposal for Instant Run Off Voting in Municipal Elections. / 25-1014: Una propuesta para implementar la votación instantánea por rondas (Instant Runoff Voting) en las elecciones municipales.

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I am wholeheartedly in support of Ranked Choice Voting as supported by RCV for Colorado. This is a healthy version of Ranked Choice Voting which would enable a wide range of views to be considered by the public. This is not the "winner-take-all" version which was on our ballot recently, which could have allowed multiple candidates of the same party to appear on the final ballot while excluding other parties entirely. Allowing a cross section of parties and views means selecting from a meaningful range of visions for our future.

This healthy form of RCV is very popular, effective, and promotes constructive discourse. People living in jurisdictions which use it are very pleased with this system. We know that our country is

suffering a civic malaise at best, and many people have an inability to engage with our political system or to discern between political discourse that is lacking vs entirely dangerous. Ranked Choice Voting, aside from the unfortunate winner-take-all version, spurs leaders to effectively describe their vision because simple mud-slinging and reductive generalizations are less effective when voters have real choice.

Voters did the right thing by rejecting the flawed version of Ranked Choice Voting. We must understand the difference, and we must provide meaningful updates to our struggling form of representative government. Denver can join other cities and counties, such as New York to Carbondale, to enable RCV and a better range of fresh voices and discourse.

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Council District 5 / Distrito 5

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For the item / a favor del articulo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Good morning, Madame Chair and esteemed committee, I'm Alton Dillard, a resident of the Windsor statistical neighborhood in Council district 5 and also representing Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado. The whole concept of ranked choice voting is not a new one, and given the city's current budgetary issues eliminating the extra run off election makes perfect sense. Yes, there will be education involved but the office of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder has always put voter education first and foremost since it became an elected office in 2007. I am not a technical expert, but I am also aware from my time spent at the Denver Clerk and Recorder's office that the voting system that is in use in Denver, does have the capability of managing the

ranked choice voting process Yes, voter education will be a bit of an undertaking and will lead to some expense, but it will certainly not be as expensive as spending 7 figures on a runoff election. This is not a new concept, we actually hosted a televised forum at Denver Elections on ranked choice voting that had experts from all over the country present at 7 years ago.

Ranked choice voting has been used in jurisdictions, not only around the country but also around the state of Colorado. Voters are warming up to having this option, and RCV voting opens up the political process to more and more communities by trying to assure that everybody has a voice.

It's time to really give some thought to making a change in Denver's antiquated election process by exploring the concept of ranked choice voting, at minimum in the context of having an instant runoff. Thank you for your time committee, and as always I'm proud to be a resident of the City and County of Denver.

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For the item / a favor del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I believe this item would be a positive change because it would promote fairer elections and more representative outcomes.

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