



Dear Premier Currie Dixon

CC: NDP Leader Kate White

CC: Liberal Leader Debra-Leigh Reti

Subject: Support for Implementing Ranked Balloting in Elections

We are writing to you to express our strong support for the adoption of ranked balloting in our electoral system. Ranked ballots allow voters to indicate their preferences in order, ensuring that elected representatives have the broadest possible support from their constituents.

As members of the Citizens Assembly on Electoral Reform, we researched and studied a number of different electoral systems and recommended by consensus that the ranked balloting system is the best suited for Yukon. The system reduces the impact of vote-splitting, encourages more civil and issue-focused campaigns, and gives voters greater freedom to choose candidates they truly believe in without fear of “wasting” their vote. Many jurisdictions that have implemented ranked balloting have reported higher voter satisfaction and more representative outcomes.

Voting is not just a privilege; it’s a testament to the principles of democracy, ensuring that government derives its authority from the consent of the people. With voter apathy setting in (lowest turn out in years in the fall territorial election) there is a real opportunity to make a change that would support and energize the general voter.

Voting systems should be chosen by the electorate and not by political parties. During the fall election a 56.76% majority of voters voted “yes” for electoral reform. By not supporting a change to ranked voting, you are breaking the trust of the majority of your voters and breaking their trust in democracy.

We believe that modernizing our voting process with ranked ballots would strengthen our democracy, increase voter engagement, and ensure fairer representation for all. We urge you to reconsider your position on ranked ballots and champion legislation that would make ranked ballots a reality in our next election.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to improving our democratic system. We look forward to hearing you have changed your position on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Members of the Citizen Assembly...

**Tracey Anderson, Andrea Hoyt, Dave Mavi, Doug Olynyk, Melissa Ordish,
Elena Ross, Chris Hawkins, Hoby Irwin, Storri Chesson, Joanna Rsaume,
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