

House Local Government Division

March 17, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

In Re: H.F. 89

Dear Chair Masin and Division members:

Clean Elections Minnesota strongly supports this bill that allows the use of Ranked Choice Voting in Minnesota. RCV is currently the law in five cities as decided by their residents. Let other cities join them if they decide to do so. This improvement for democracy should also be adopted statewide. Think Jesse Ventura.

RCV means more democratic elections. It requires the winner of an election to have at least 50% support, lessens negative campaigning, and allows voters to vote for their most favored candidate – no voting for the lesser evil. It will restore voters' faith in our elections. It has been shown to be simple to use and administer where adopted in Minnesota.

RCV is non-partisan. If you favor local control, please allow cities to choose the method of voting that they support. Thank you.

George Beck

Chair

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