I feel a majority of our voters today have lost confidence in the voting process and in our representatives. Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) would offer several benefits that improve the democratic process by ensuring fairer and more representative election outcomes. Unlike our traditional voting process, RCV encourages more diverse candidates to run, as it prevents vote-splitting and ensures that winners have broad support rather than just a simple plurality. Additionally, RCV discourages negative campaigning, as candidates must appeal to a wider range of voters to secure 2nd and 3rd choice rankings. Ranked choice voting also leads to more consensus driven leadership and strengthens voter confidence in our election results.

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