Good afternoon.

I understand that the issue of ranked ballots is on the agenda for this Thursday's Corporate Services Committee meeting. I would like to express my strong support for this issue.

It has been my long held belief that ranked ballots are much more democratic and fair than the current "first past the post" system. It is relatively easy for voters to understand and for Council to implement. Most significantly, it ensures that at least 50% of the voters have some confidence in the person elected, even if the successful candidate was not their first choice.

I urge Council to have the foresight to work towards implementing ranked ballots for the 2022 election, thus demonstrating its commitment to changing our political processes for the better.

Sincerely

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