

# City of Philadelphia



## Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260546)

### RESOLUTION

Calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact legislation that would allow local jurisdictions to adopt ranked choice voting.

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting is an election method that empowers voters by giving them the option to rank candidates in order of preference; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting strengthens democracy by providing for broader and more inclusive political representation, encourages a greater range of candidates to run for office, and promotes more civil and issue-oriented campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting enhances voter choice, allows voters to cast more honest and sincere ballots by addressing the “spoiler” effect, and maximizes the power of each individual’s Vote; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting is believed to increase voter engagement and participation through more competitive contests and increased voter contact; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting is used effectively in elections for local, state, and federal office throughout the United States, and has been used for over a century in elections for public office around the world; and

WHEREAS, Surveys find that voters who participate in ranked choice voting elections overwhelmingly understand and prefer them to single-choice elections; and

WHEREAS, Ranked choice voting has been repeatedly and uniformly upheld as constitutional under the United States Constitution and the “one person, one vote” doctrine by federal and state courts; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact legislation that would allow local jurisdictions to adopt ranked choice voting.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty eighth day of May, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember O'Rourke

Sponsored by: Councilmembers O'Rourke, Gauthier, Landau and Brooks