

WHEREAS, a ballot measure was proposed to move the City of San Diego *general elections* to a “Top Four” Ranked Choice Voting system,

WHEREAS, all cities in California and all states besides Alaska that conduct elections using ranked choice voting do NOT use this “Top Four” system, but rather either eliminate the low-turnout, costly primary or at least maintain a primary that allows the option of ranked choice voting, which “Top Four” would not;

WHEREAS, unlike other ranked choice systems, “Top Four” would maintain the issue of vote splitting that exists under our current Top Two system, in which Democratic candidates risk splitting the vote and missing out on participating in the general election; This is especially true for districts that are majority Democratic, which are more likely to attract a large number of Democratic candidates in the primary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, while the San Diego County Democratic Party is open to Ranked Choice Voting, it opposes any ballot measure that would implement a “Top Four” ranked choice voting system or similar measures,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego County Democratic Party send a copy of this resolution to the Democratic members of the San Diego City Council, and communicate this position to the public.