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Clerk of the Board, Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

It has come to my attention that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will discuss Ranked Choice Voting at their meeting on 7 Nov 23. I downloaded the meeting's agenda, but could not find a specific entry entitled "Ranked Choice Voting". I did find Agenda Item 73 regarding Elections under which I assume that Ranked Choice Voting will be discussed.

As the Board may be aware, election integrity has become a topic of great importance to a majority of Americans these days. The importance of fair and secure elections to the continued success of our republic cannot be over-emphasized. If the American people lose their right to elect their leadership versus said leadership being selected for them via unknown means, we will have lost our republic and eventually our freedoms. That being said, I have done some preliminary research into what Ranked Choice Voting is including its pros and cons. I do not see any advantages to this process over and above our national primary system that down selects candidates in advance of formal elections. The Board may discuss the subject of Ranked Choice Voting at the 7 Nov 23 meeting. But, to fully understand and vet such a system, it will necessarily require a series of public forums in which citizens are briefed on just what Ranked Choice Voting means (including its strengths and weaknesses) and for the Supervisors to answer the public's questions following thier formal presentation. I am sure that such a change in the election process will have to be put to a public vote.

The Board should also discuss "jungle primaries" at a future Board meeting. It appears to me that such a "top two contenders advance to the formal election" policy can and does eventually squeeze out any representatives of all other opposition political parties making true voter choice impossible.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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