

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: August 6, 2020
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386**

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2	7:00 PM		Tom Crawford, City Council	Cassie Rein		Email address	Privacy
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4	7:52 PM		Tom Crawford, City Council	Kat Bennett		Email address	Privacy
5	8:01 PM		Chip Smith	Jacqueline Beaudry	Sara Higgins, Tom Crawford		
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8	9:03 PM		City Council	Jacqueline Beaudry	Stephen Postema, KevinMcDonald, Tom		
9	9:10 PM		Christopher Taylor	Jacqueline Beaudry			
10	11:09 PM		John Chamberlin	Lisa Disch	City Council	Email address, Address	Privacy

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From: Cassie Rein [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Crawford, Tom; CityCouncil
Subject: Downtown

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Hello,

As an Ann Arbor resident I support the resolution to extend the downtown weekend street closures. We have enjoyed being able to dine outside and help our wonderful local restaurants. Personally, I would love it if they did it permanently.

For many businesses, this extension of seating is the only way they are able to operate. Outdoor seating is the only way to dine safely. City of Ann Arbor needs to support small businesses in this bleak economic climate for the restaurant and bar industry.

Best,
Cassie M.D. Rein

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Re: Final Agenda Packet Update

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Subject: Extend downtown street closures

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Good Evening,

I support the resolution to extend the downtown weekend street closures.

For many businesses, this extension of seating is the only way they are able to operate. Outdoor seating is the only way to dine safely. City of Ann Arbor needs to support small businesses in this bleak economic climate for the restaurant and bar industry. Also, it is the only way to practice social distancing and still enjoy our amazing town and keep our local economy afloat.

Please extend the closure of streets downtown.

Thank you,
Kathryn Bennett
Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Amendment to B-2

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From: Lisa Disch [REDACTED]
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To: John Chamberlin
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: Re: RCV resolution on tonight's agenda

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This is fantastic!!
Lisa

On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 3:55 PM John Chamberlin [REDACTED] wrote:

I'm John Chamberlin. I live at 315 2nd St. I am a professor emeritus of political science and public policy at UM, where much of my research focused on evaluating the performance of voting systems, including plurality voting and RCV. Every study I know of finds that RCV performs outperforms plurality voting in producing outcomes that reflect the preferences of the majority of the voters. I urge you to take a step that could return the use of RCV to our city's elections.

Who does the majority prefer is the key question, not who got the most votes. The appeal of plurality voting comes from the two candidate case, in which the candidate who gets the most votes by definition gets a majority.

But with three or more candidates plurality can get it wrong—the candidate with the most votes may not be preferred by a majority of the voters. In such cases there may be another candidate who is preferred by a majority to the plurality winner. And in general, the more candidates, the greater the likelihood that another candidate will be preferred by a majority to the plurality winner. This is considerably less likely with RCV.

For an example we have to look no further than Ann Arbor's 1975 election, when Ann Arbor used RCV to elect its mayor. There were three candidates and none received a majority. The Republican candidate was the plurality winner. He received 49%, the Democrat 40%, and the Human Rights Party candidate 11%. Under RCV, the HRP candidate was eliminated and when her votes were transferred to the second-ranked candidate on each of her ballots, the Democrat won by a very small margin. The majority of the voters preferred the Democrat to the Republican. And RCV delivered that result.

There have been numerous cases like this in the state and local elections in which RCV has been used.

RCV has other assets:

---Voters have no trouble ranking candidates

---Voters like using RCV

---It means that voters who favor a candidate other than those of the major parties don't have to vote for "the lesser of two evils" or "waste" their vote on a candidate whom they prefer but is very unlikely to win. RCV allows them to express their first preference but still have an impact on the outcome when their candidate is eliminated.

---RCV allows the full set of a voter's preferences to be taken into account, not just their top preference

---RCV allows the public to see what proportion of voters prefer a candidate other than those from the two major parties

---RCV works in both partisan and nonpartisan elections

---Current voting technology can handle RCV

---RCV encourages citizens to run by opening up opportunities beyond and within the major parties

Passage of this resolution will give voters nearly three months to consider the merits and demerits of plurality voting and RCV. I hope you give them the opportunity to do so.

Thank you.

John

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