

February 16, 2026

Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

House Bill 580 - Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 1-26 - FAV

Dear Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Members:

As a Maryland citizen I urge your support for HB 580, *Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 1-26*.
Give county residents and leaders the power to choose what works best for them.

HB 580 is an enabling bill. It allows the county to take the next steps at the local level to explore a voting method that addresses issues that have happened repeatedly in county elections over the last decade.

The benefits of ranked choice voting are proven and clear at the local and state level. I support ranked choice voting as an essential democracy reform forward for the county.

We've seen RCV in Alaska, Maine and NYC stimulate more participation in voters and more collaboration among candidates, both better for the country.

Montgomery County has embraced innovation and led the way on other democracy reforms. Let's give Montgomery County the power to strengthen their elections

I urge the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee to give HB 580 full consideration and a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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