



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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April 20, 2019

The Honorable Benjamin Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4076
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 212 (Allen)

Support

Dear Senator Allen:

The Peace and Freedom Party of California, first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago. We represent poor people especially those from the ghettos and barrios; those without a voice and those without hope. Since the mid-1980s, we have advocated that elections be held in multi-seat districts so that various constituencies can be represented in legislative bodies. Single seat districts can only represent one constituency, the winning constituency. However, Peace and Freedom Party does support the use of ranked choice voting in single seat elections such as mayors, governors and other statewide constitutional seats and executive seats where only one person can fill the position.

Peace and Freedom Party supports SB 212, which allows for the use of ranked choice voting for general law cities and school districts in either single seat or multi-seat districts. Ranked choice voting reduces the costs for election officials as well as candidates by not having the extra expenses of conducting runoff elections. Because excess votes and/or lesser choices of defeated candidates will be transferred to other candidates, there will be fewer wasted votes. The declared winners in single seat districts will have won by majority votes of the last counts, and constituencies in multi-seat districts will be represented in proportion to the number of votes received. We look forward to working with you to help pass SB 212.

For these and other reasons Peace and Freedom Party supports SB 212. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or CTWeberVoters@att.net.

We urge the members of the State Senate to vote Yes on SB 212.

Sincerely,

C. T. Weber
Peace and Freedom Party of California
Legislative Committee Chair

cc: Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments
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