



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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May 21, 2019

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

RE: SB 641 (Allen)

Withdrawal of Support

Dear Senator Allen:

I am writing to you on behalf of Peace and Freedom Party which 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. For years we have promoted radical transformations of our electoral systems toward the implementation of democratic reforms including proportional representation, both the list systems and the single transferable vote which is now called ranked choice voting from multi-seats districts. We voted at our March 23, 2019 State Central Committee meeting to support SB 641 because primarily it would advance democracy via ranked choice voting in special elections and secondarily it would save voters as well as candidates millions of dollars by eliminating a runoff election.

Therefore, because SB 641 has been amended to remove provisions for voters to use ranked choice voting in special elections, Peace and Freedom Party withdraw its support of SB 641.

For these and other reasons Peace and Freedom Party no longer supports SB 641. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or CTWeberVoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

CTWeber

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