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Dear RCV Supporter,

I'm writing with news that I've decided to step down from my current position as FairVote Washington's Executive Director. Serving in this role since our founding has been an enormous privilege, and I believe the time is right for me to pass the baton. I'll continue to lead until my successor is on board, then transition to an advisory role within the organization.

As we all know, the stakes today are high. Our nation and state face unprecedented threats to elections and to democracy itself. We also know that our outdated voting system is a significant driver of our current political dysfunction, and that ranked-choice voting is a proven upgrade. This sharpens the urgency of our mission as the only organization solely dedicated to bringing RCV to Washington.

Over the course of our first seven years, FairVote Washington has led the way in igniting a statewide movement for ranked-choice voting. To our many volunteers, donors, community-based allies, and legislative champions: We simply couldn't have come this far without your steadfast support and encouragement. Thank you!

Our movement is strong, and growing. Thousands of individual supporters and dozens of allied organizations have joined with us to form a broad and diverse group of Washingtonians from every region of our state and across ideological divides - all united in our commitment to pushing back on toxic politics, increasing voter choice and engagement, defeating gerrymandering, and improving representation.

Seattle's recent adoption of ranked-choice voting has shifted the narrative: the question is no longer if, but when RCV takes hold throughout our state. Today, we're well-positioned to catalyze widespread adoption of ranked-choice voting, including proportional ranked-choice voting, within the next several years.

I'm excited for FairVote Washington's next chapter, and I look forward to supporting our new Executive Director for a smooth transition on our journey to building a representative democracy that works for all of us.

With gratitude,

Lisa