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Dear Beth,

The organization I direct, [RepresentWomen](#), tracks outcomes for women in jurisdictions with ranked choice voting as part of our mission to support solutions to address the barriers women face in politics.

Our research suggests that women are more likely to run in and to win RCV elections because more women can run for office with no fear of splitting the vote, campaigns tend to be more civil and more issue-focused, and that appeals to women candidates, and more women are winning as a result.

Women now hold 53% of city council seats in jurisdictions with ranked choice voting and 12 out of the 32 mayoral seats elected with RCV. Janet Mills, governor of Maine, won the primary with RCV, and of course Senator Lisa Murkowski and Representative Mary Peltola were both elected with the RCV system used in Alaska.

Here are a few resources that may be of interest:

- a [report](#) on ranked choice voting & women's representation
- a [dashboard](#) on ranked choice voting stats
- a [toolkit](#) with additional rcv materials

We also just released a report [Breaking Barriers for Black Women Candidates](#), that discusses the ways in which ranked choice voting creates more opportunities for Black women to run and win.

We are very glad to support SF 3828, the local option legislation for ranked choice voting.

Many thanks,

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