

Hi \_\_\_\_\_,

This is \_\_\_\_\_ writing from the STAR Voting ballot initiative. STAR Voting is a new proposal for a better way to vote. If you haven't already, I encourage you to check it out and get involved. We hope to earn your support and endorsement for this groundbreaking initiative!

**Would you like to schedule a meeting or presentation?**

**STAR stands for Score Then Automatic Runoff and that's exactly how it works:**

You simply give your candidates a 0-5 star rating. You only need to vote once, and those ballots are counted in a two step process:

**First:** All the scores from all the ballots are totaled and the two highest scoring are finalists.

**Second:** Your ballot already shows which finalist you preferred. The finalist preferred by more voters wins.

**It sounds simple but the implications are groundbreaking:**

- "I love that with STAR Voting my vote is never wasted. Even if my favorites can't win, my vote still helps prevent my worst-case-scenario."
- "I love that I don't have to belong to a political party to have a voice."
- "With STAR Voting you just show your full opinion, and vote your conscience."

We're working to collect enough signatures to get this on the ballot in Multnomah and Lane Counties and we're fundraising to keep our paid canvassers and our volunteer team in action. We have the national spotlight. This is the pivotal moment where we can actually have an enormous impact. The time is now. Here's why:

The legal definition of one-person-one-vote is an equally weighted vote. Our current voting system doesn't pass this standard and neither do better systems used elsewhere. We can do better! Just as this is a critical argument in the fight against gerrymandering, it is a critical argument in the fight against the choose-one-only voting method and the broken political system. We need your help to make it happen!

STAR Voting for Multnomah County

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Thanks in advance!

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