

# Andrew Yang & NYC Mayoral Candidates: Support Ranked Choice Voting in General Election; Larry Sharpe Calls for Unity

*Larry Sharpe, 2018 Gubernatorial candidate for New York, calls on 2021 Mayoral candidates to expand Ranked Choice Voting beyond major party primaries.*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 12, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- "Candidates for Mayor in New York City should unite and adopt Ranked Choice Voting for the general election," says Larry Sharpe, the 2018 Libertarian Party candidate for Governor and host of [The Sharpe Way](#).

First past the post elections in which two major parties control ballot access limit people's choices. Ranking the candidates in order of your preference allows you to vote your conscience and still have a say, even if your first choice doesn't win. Andrew Yang supported this idea in 2020, and now is the time for him to renew his support in the general election.

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Under Ranked Choice Voting, your favorite candidate is voted for first. The votes are counted. If a candidate has 50% of the vote, they win. Otherwise, the last-place candidate is removed, and their votes are recounted using the second-place rankings. This process continues until a candidate surpasses 50% of the total vote.

San Francisco has used Ranked Choice Voting since 2002, allowing the people to have a greater say in their elections.

The people of New York deserve the same voice.



Andrew Yang eating a turkey leg at the 2019 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa. By Gage Skidmore. Source: Wikimedia Commons

"Ranked-choice voting allows candidates to accurately judge the will of their constituents and removes the "wasted vote" conundrum. It allows more choice, without fear. We can vote FOR who we want, not AGAINST who we fear." - Larry Sharpe

Opponents claim it is too complicated, takes too long, and creates too much dissatisfaction. But most innovative ideas require time and testing, and Larry Sharpe says the right to vote your conscience is worth the price. [22 states use Ranked Choice Voting](#) in some form, and every year that number grows. Ranked-choice voting creates a more equitable government that is more responsive to the desires of the people.

Libertarian candidate for Mayor of New York City, [Stacey Prussman](#) supports Ranked Choice Voting. Prussman said, "Ranked Choice Voting will actually democratize our democracy. We can see a lot more bipartisan and tri-partisan administrations. I'm excited to see it in action."

New Yorkers already use Ranked Choice Voting for the Democratic primaries. They called it the "unity" solution. The whole state deserves the same rights.

Ranked-choice gives a stronger voice to minorities and non-traditional groups. Establishment power brokers have fought these changes and tried to delay reform, but Ranked Choice Voting continues to gain ground.

There is bipartisan support for Ranked Choice Voting. Organizations like FairVote and RepresentUs have made inroads across the political spectrum. Democrats say Al Gore would



A California poll worker sanitizes a voting booth following its use at a Voter Assistance Center during the 2020 General Election.



Stacey Prussman, Libertarian Candidate for Mayor of New York City

have won in 2000 if we had used Ranked Choice Voting and the Second Gulf War would not have happened. Republicans say it would have helped George H. W. Bush win in 1992 when Ross Perot captured almost 19% of the vote.

Andrew Yang made headlines supporting Ranked Choice Voting during the 2020 Presidential election. He is now running for Mayor of New York City. Larry Sharpe calls on Andrew Yang and all the mayoral candidates to support Ranked Choice Voting for all New York elections.

"Now is the time for the One-Party State that is New York to share its "unity idea" with the entire state. That idea is Ranked Choice Voting." - Larry Sharpe

About The Sharpe Way: The Sharpe Way podcast was founded by Larry Sharpe, the 2018 Libertarian Party candidate for Governor of New York to help heal the nation's political divide between liberals and conservatives.

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