

Argument Against Measure L

Vote NO on Measure L.

Measure L is an attempt to institute **Oakland-style Instant Runoff Voting in Richmond**. It's a failed system that will enable local politicians to keep getting elected with less than 50% of ballots cast.

Rather than a one-person one-vote system which can easily be audited, Oakland-style Instant Runoff Voting is overly complicated for voters and uses closed systems where **accurate vote tabulation is difficult to monitor and audit**.

- In a recent Oakland school board election, because of Instant Runoff Voting errors, **election officials certified the wrong winner**. Because Instant Runoff Voting is so complicated, it took officials months to find the mistake and seat the candidate voters actually chose.
- In Oakland's last mayoral race, **over 11,500 ballots were "exhausted" and not even counted** in the final round of voting where Sheng Thao won with less than 50% of voter support.

In addition to the obvious problems with Measure L's Oakland-style voting, special language in Measure L empowers the City Council to decide whether or not to even implement Measure L. Oakland-style voting is so bad even the politicians aren't sure they want it.

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Fortunately, voters have an alternative to Measure L

Measure J, put on the ballot by thousands of Richmond residents who signed a petition hoping to guarantee a fair one-person one-vote election format, requires that candidates do get at least 50% of the vote to take office. Measure J is simple and it's fair.

Each Argument may be up to 300 words.

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