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To: Councillor Holyday; Councillor Perks; Councillor Bailao; Councillor Carroll; Councillor Crawford

Cc: Mayor Tory; Special Governance
Subject: Ranked ballet vote tomorrow
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Good afternoon Toronto City Councillors & Mayor Tory,

Tomorrow is an important day for electoral reform in Toronto.

I'm writing today to voice my support for Toronto moving to a **Ranked Ballot** voting system in 2022.

Toronto needs Ranked Ballot — to better reflect its residents' political voices — and to be a beacon to the rest of Canada.

If more and more cities adopt this electoral system, it will be more familiar to Canadians as we talk federally about electoral reform.

Ranked ballot is fundamentally democratic, winners must take 50% of the vote, and it lets people vote their conscience.

Ranked Ballot also helps incentivize candidates to run more consensus-building and issue-focused campaigns by reducing the effectiveness of negative and divisive campaign tactics. As such, Ranked Ballot will help improve the public-politics connection by making municipal politics a more welcoming, positive atmosphere.

Critically, on Friday

I'm asking you to simply vote to ask city staff to do some research and produce a report that provides city council — and the general public — with all the information they need to make a decision on whether to adopt ranked ballots in Toronto for our 2022 election when it comes time to make that decision.

Let's do this and make Toronto a 21st century city.

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