



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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June 26, 2019

The Honorable Benjamin Allen  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4076  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 212 (Allen)**

**Support**

Dear Senator Allen:

Peace and Freedom Party of California, first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago in January 1968. We represent poor people especially those from the ghettos and barrios; those without a voice and those without hope. Since the mid-1980s, we have advocated using the Single Transferrable Vote (STV) for local elections which would be held in multi-seat districts so that various constituencies could be represented in proportion to the number of votes received. STV is a type of Proportional Representation (PR) which is based on the election of individual candidates without the need of a party. Single seat districts can only represent one constituency, the winning constituency. However, Peace and Freedom Party does support the use of Ranked Choice Voting in single seat elections, aka: Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), in races such as mayors, governors and other statewide constitutional seats and other executive seats where only one person can fill a position.

Peace and Freedom Party supports SB 212, which allows for the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for general law cities and school districts in either single seat or multi-seat districts. Ranked Choice Voting reduces the costs for election officials as well as candidates by not having the extra expenses of conducting runoff elections. Because excess votes and/or lesser choices of defeated candidates will be transferred to other candidates, there will be fewer wasted votes. The declared winners in single seat districts will have won by majority votes of the last counts, and constituencies in multi-seat districts will be represented in proportion to the number of votes received. Many general law cities and school districts are either too small to create districts or protected minorities are distributed evenly across the city or school district making one district electing the entire council or board as the logical choice. As such, we look forward to working with you to help pass SB 212.

For these and other reasons Peace and Freedom Party supports SB 212. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or [CTWeberVoters@att.net](mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net).

**We urge the members of the State Assembly to vote Yes on SB 212.**

Sincerely,

*CTWeber*

C. T. Weber  
Peace and Freedom Party of California  
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