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I object to the removal of the right of municipalities to hold elections which are decided by ranked ballots rather than first-past-the-post voting. A lot of time and money has already been invested in changing or investigating the option of changing the voting system in a number of municipalities. If one is for the people, one should be

for municipal autonomy.

The legislation giving cities the right to choose their own voting systems passed in 2018 with the support of parties representing a strong majority of voters. It allows cities to adopt proportional representation at the local level. Locking cities into first-past-the-post voting by repealing that legislation is an anti-democratic move, and a step backwards for voters at the local level.