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Ward 8 Democrats Vote NO on Initiative 83
Ranked Choice Voting & Semi-Closed Primaries Rejected

WASHINGTON, DC – On Saturday, February 17, 2024, the Ward 8 Democrats voted to oppose Initiative 83 which would bring Rank Choice Voting and semi-closed primaries (i.e, allow unaffiliated voters to vote in political party primary elections), to DC elections. The vote was on a motion by David Meadows, Ward 8 Democrats Committeeman, that “the Ward 8 Democratic Committee stand with its parent body, the DC Democratic Committee, and vote against supporting Initiative 83.”

The DC Democratic Committee(the statewide Democratic Party) has previously voted separately against Initiative 83’s two provisions.

Deirdre Brown, Chair of No on I-83, said that the measure "will lead to the suppression of voting by Black and Brown residents, seniors, people with disabilities and those for whom English is not their first language." She urged the Ward 8 Dems to educate residents about these expected negative effects of I-83.

The Ward 8 Democrats will host an Initiative 83 panel discussion Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 10:30 am at the Benning/Dorothy I/ Heights Public Library, 3935 Benning Road, NE Washington, DC 20019.

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