



# Does your vote really count?

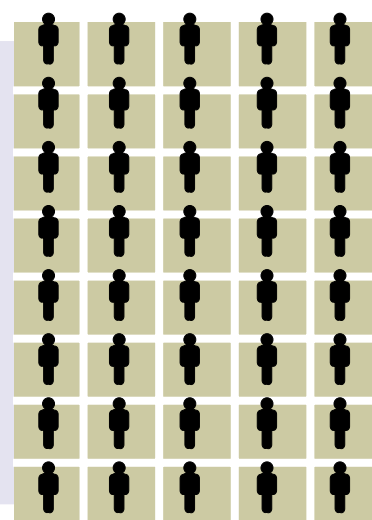
- Are you tired of negative campaigns that don't address important issues?
- Do you have trouble electing a candidate who represents your views?
- Do you wish for representatives who are accountable to the voters rather than to other interests?
- Do you think the lack of participation and low voter turnout is a problem for our democracy?

## OUR CURRENT SYSTEM:

### Winner-take-all

- Only the largest group wins representation; everyone else loses.
- Most seats are "safe," leading to lack of accountability.
- Campaigns target "swing voters," dumbing down debate
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- Many ask, "Why bother voting?"

#### Single member districts



#### Current ballot

##### Vote for one

- John Smith
- Margaret Heron
- Anne Stevens
- Mark Johnson
- Juan Santos

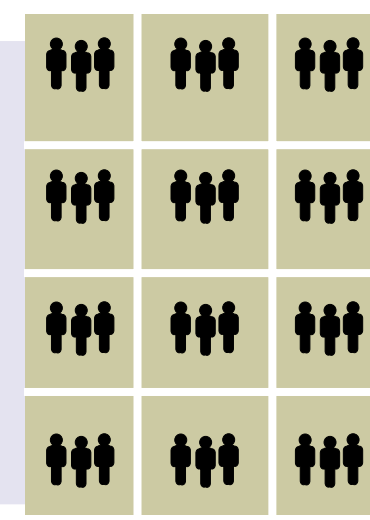
##### Sample ballot

## A BETTER SYSTEM:

### Proportional Representation

- Everyone wins representation, not just the largest group
- All races are competitive; incumbents have to earn reelection
- Everyone's vote is important; real issues are debated
- More people vote

#### Multi-member districts



#### Preference Voting

With proportional representation, 50% of the voters elect 50% of the seats, 10% of the voters elect 10% of the seats.

##### Rank the candidates

- | 1 <sup>ST</sup>                     | 2 <sup>ND</sup>                     | 3 <sup>RD</sup>                     | 4 <sup>TH</sup>                     |                |
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# How do we change?

Join with *FairVote Minnesota* and learn more about how we can strengthen our democracy through better voting systems.



*Making every vote count*

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