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I support an ordinance for changing to ranked choice voting for Mayor and City Council elections. Looking at the results of this last primary it is clear that having two election cycles is a waste of time and taxpayer money (approx. \$600K every election cycle). There was around 14% voter turnout, the June election may be slightly higher but the majority will be the same people who voted in the primary. Voters who vote in primaries are voters who do their research so they already know who they will vote for if their candidate doesn't win, so let them just pick it in April or move the whole thing to June.

RACE OVER - Clear Winner - no second round needed with or without RCV :

KANSAS CITY MAYOR PRIMARY

Candidate	Votes	Percent
■ QUINTON LUCAS ✓	35,053	84.50%
CLAY CHASTAIN ✓	6,020	14.50%

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KANSAS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

4TH DISTRICT		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
■ ERIC BUNCH ✓	3,612	84.80%
HENRY RIZZO ✓	1,675	38.38%
CRISY BASTRUP	1,340	30.82%

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KANSAS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

5TH DISTRICT AT LARGE		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
■ ANDREA BOUGH ✓	25,580	61.39%
JILL SARDE ✓	8,903	21.48%
MARY NESTEL	7,136	17.13%

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If we had instant run-off rank choice voting these 3 person elections would have been decided by looking at the last place candidates voters to see who they had as a 2nd choice so Mickey's and Theresa's voters would actually decide the winner just like they will in June:

KANSAS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

2ND DISTRICT AT LARGE			
Candidate		Votes	Percent
LINDSAY FRENCH	✓	19,528	47.12%
JENNY HANLEY	✓	14,260	34.82%
MICKEY BOUNSHANE		7,647	18.06%
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5TH DISTRICT AT LARGE			
Candidate		Votes	Percent
DARRELL CURLE	✓	14,895	31.48%
MICHAEL KELLEY	✓	14,834	31.89%
THERESA GAZEN		21,845	46.75%
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To get 50+% the 4th district candidates would need 21,043 votes. Even if all of John’s voters picked the same candidate for their second choice it would not bring any candidate to that count, so Jessica’s voters second choice then would count and continue to Grace’s if necessary. Voters who vote in primaries are voters who do their research so they already know who they are going to vote for in June if their candidate doesn’t win, so let them just pick it in April.

KANSAS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY			
4TH DISTRICT AT LARGE			
Candidate		Votes	Percent
CRISPIN REA ✓		15,219	36.16%
JUSTIN SHORT ✓		9,033	21.48%
GRACE CABRERA		6,580	15.38%
JESSICA BLUBRUSH		5,780	13.54%
JOHN BICARO		5,272	12.53%
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6th District candidates would need 5817 votes to win a majority, so if 520 or more of Michael’s voters picked Dan as their 2nd choice he would win, if not keep going.

KANSAS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY			
6TH DISTRICT			
Candidate		Votes	Percent
DAN TARKETER ✓		5,287	45.14%
JONATHAN DUNCAN ✓		2,789	24.08%
TIFFANY MOORE		1,645	14.18%
CECELIA CARTER		1,340	11.67%
MICHAEL SCHUCKERMAN		742	6.38%
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More information here:

- <https://www.betterballotkc.org/>
- <https://fairvote.org/our-reforms/ranked-choice-voting-information/#the-impacts-of-rcv>
- <https://represent.us/policy-platform/ranked-choice-voting/>

Thank you,
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