

Tony Barnhard, former Yolo County election officials presents arguments against IRV:

Saturday September 30, 2006 Choice voting forum is less than illuminating

...Hill and Barnhard each presented their arguments for and against choice voting, but offered only a rough sketch of how the system works.

Audience questions got the speakers to flesh out the process a little more, but one questioner who asked, "I don't know how my car engine works, does that mean I shouldn't drive a car?" seemed content to trust that the process just works...

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Bernhard agreed that choice voting is difficult to understand but his main argument against implementing it in Davis is that it isn't needed.

"It's not a swimmingly easy procedure," he said. "It's not transparent, it's not simple and easy to understand like the current system is."

Bernhard also said he felt uncomfortable with the concept of changing the voting system to get a different result.

"It's the same votes, but if you count them differently, you can change who gets elected," he said.

"That doesn't sound right to me. It's giving a helping hand to some and not to others by giving additional votes."

...He (Hill) was criticized for attacking Barnhard by an angry Oakley on her way out of the

Community Chambers at the end of the debate.

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2006/09/29/news/093new1.txt>

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