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**more
equitable
democracy**

**RACIAL JUSTICE
THROUGH
ELECTORAL
REFORM**





Mission: Advance racial equity by transforming electoral systems.

Vision: An inclusive, multi-racial democracy liberated from systemic racism

What we do: We support communities of color to advocate for transformative systems changes in order to achieve a more racially just democracy

**What values are most
important to you for
Multnomah County
elections?**

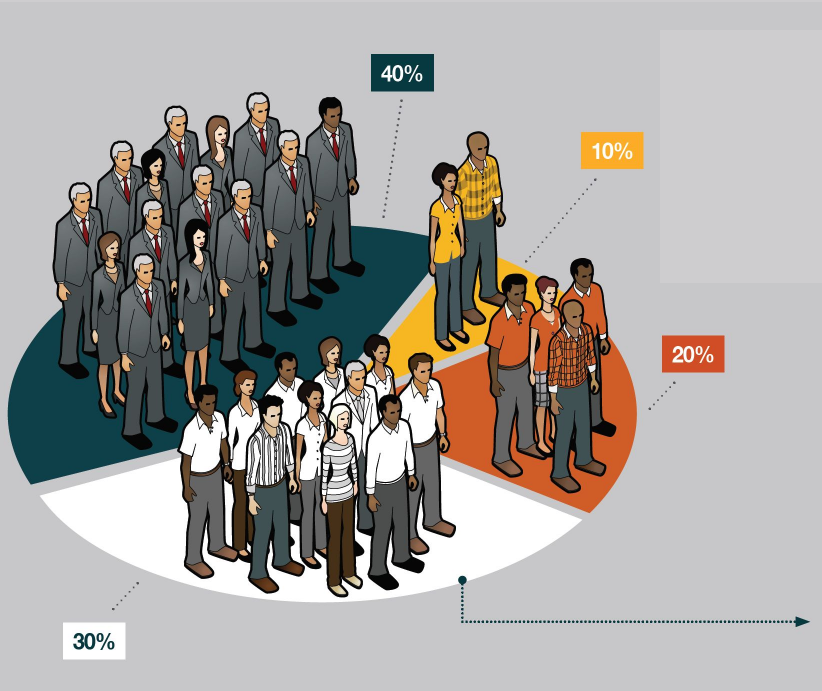
Pick three!

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Electoral System

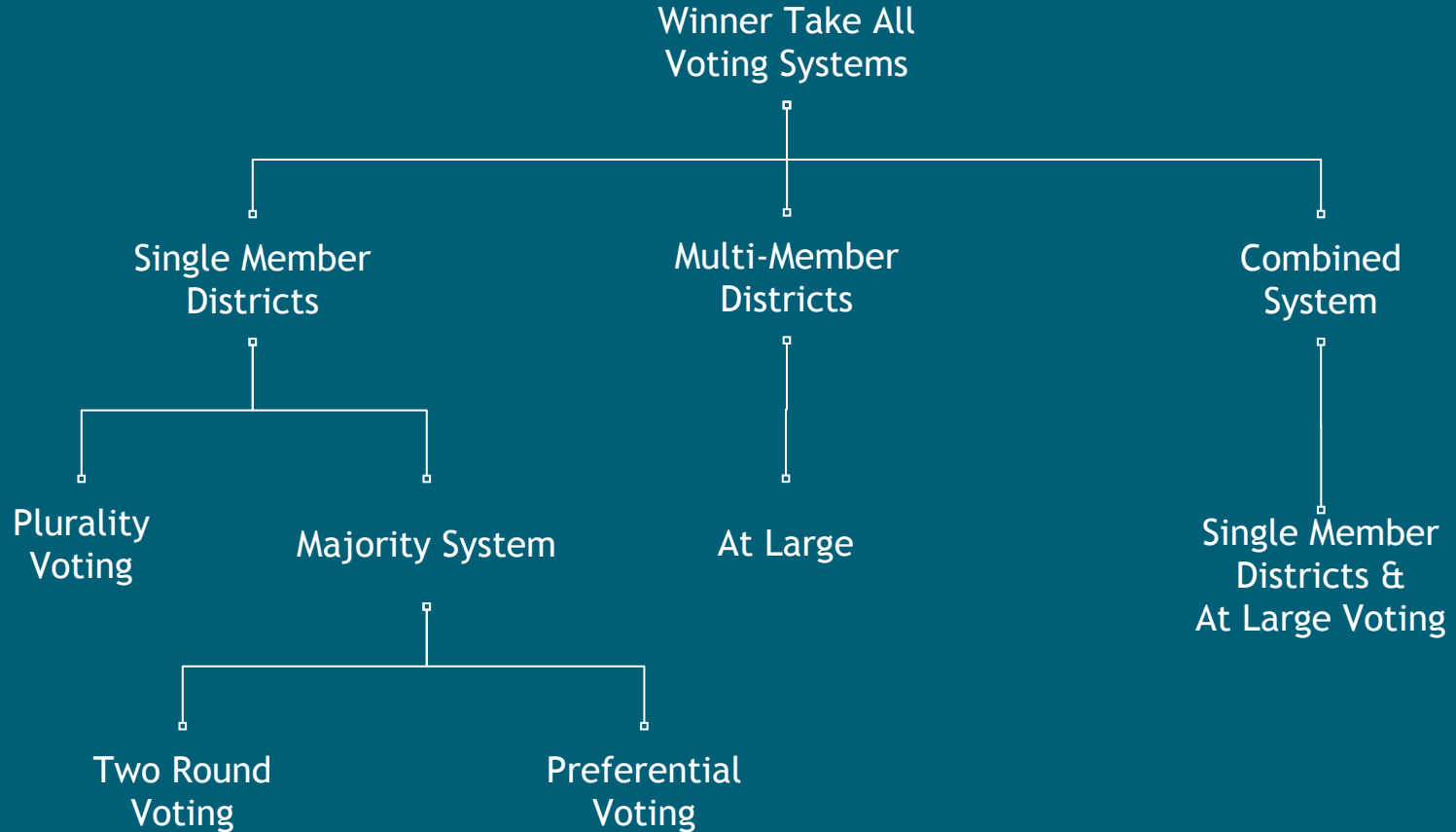
Methods and rules of counting votes to determine outcomes of elections

What is Winner-Take All?

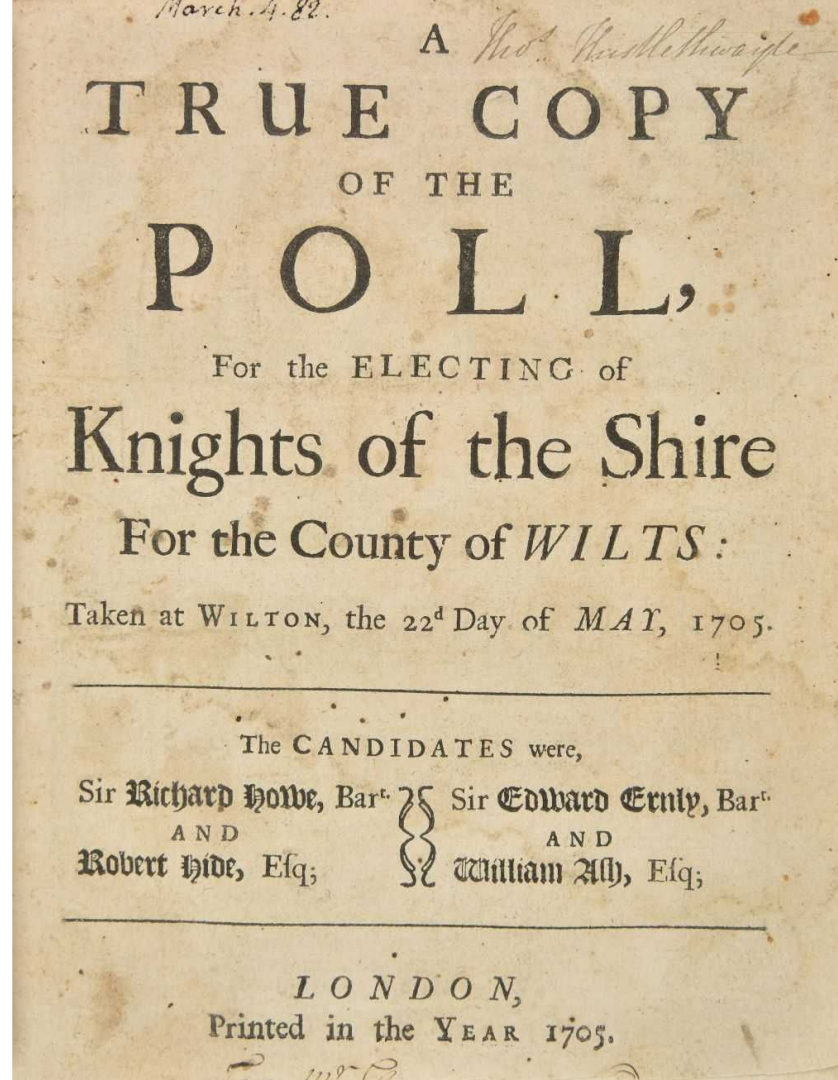


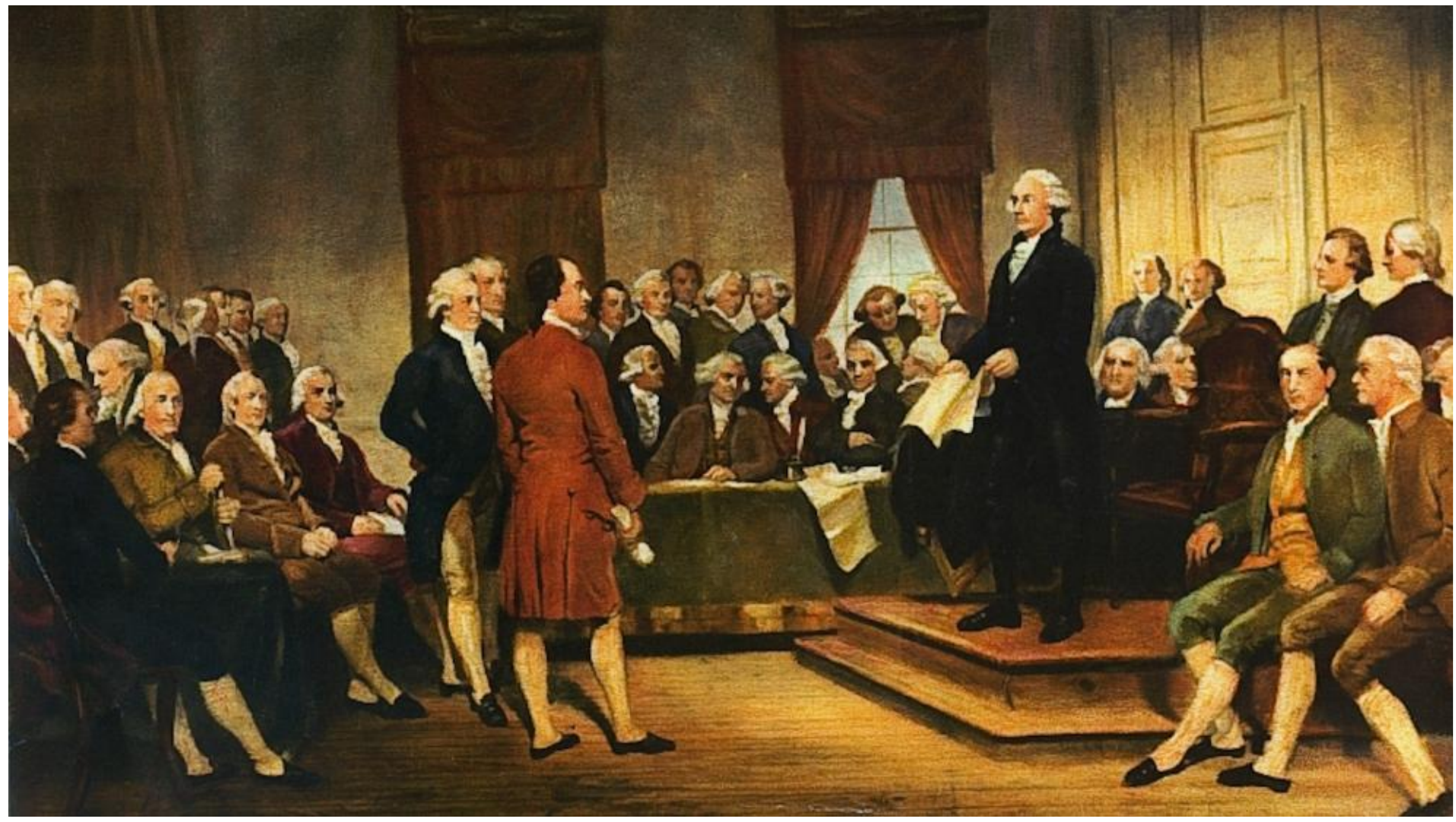
**VOTING GROUP A WINS
THE ELECTION WITH 40%
OF THE VOTE AND TAKES
100% OF THE POWER**

Types of Winner-Take-All Electoral Systems



In 1430,
English
Parliament
established
“Knights of
the Shire”

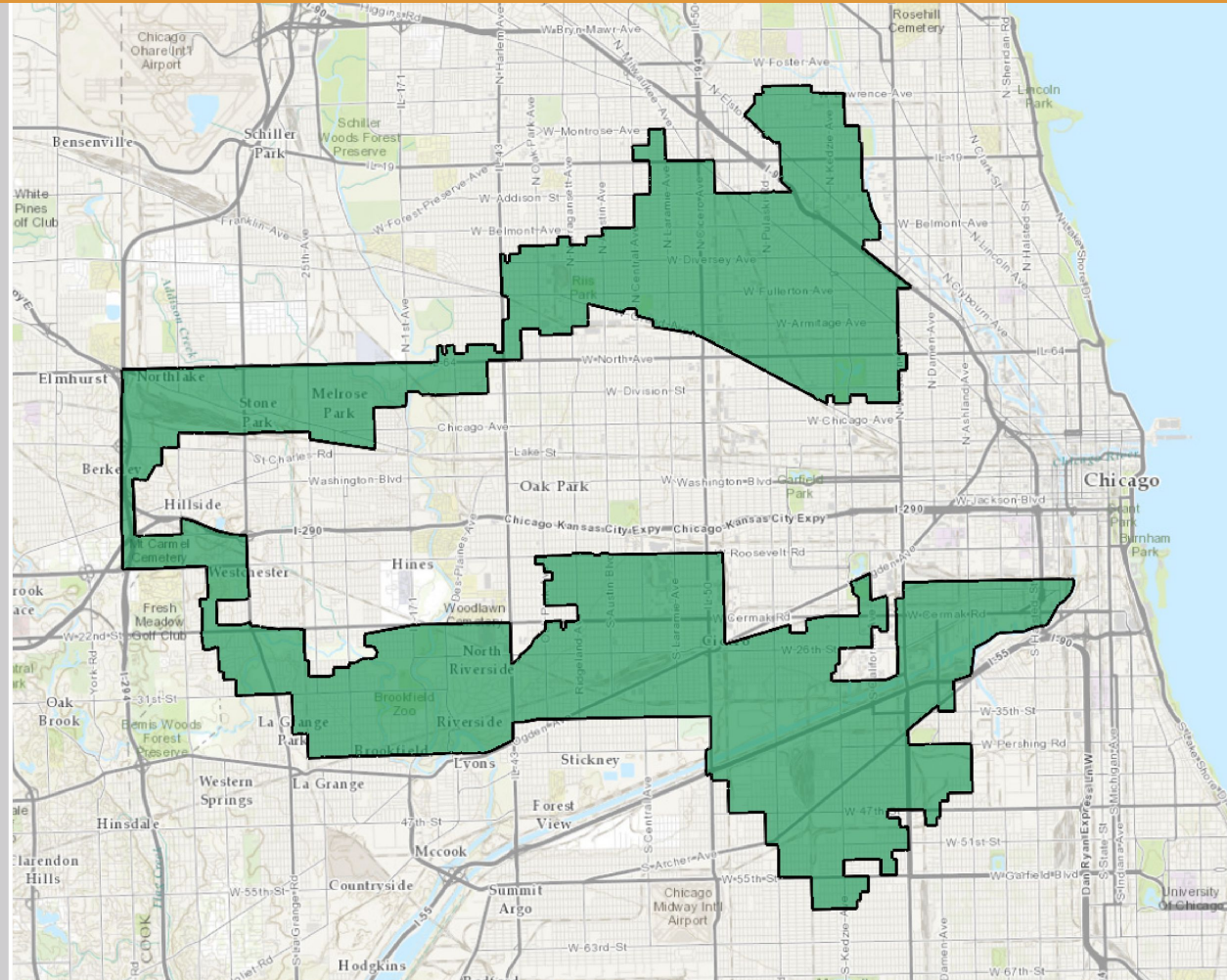




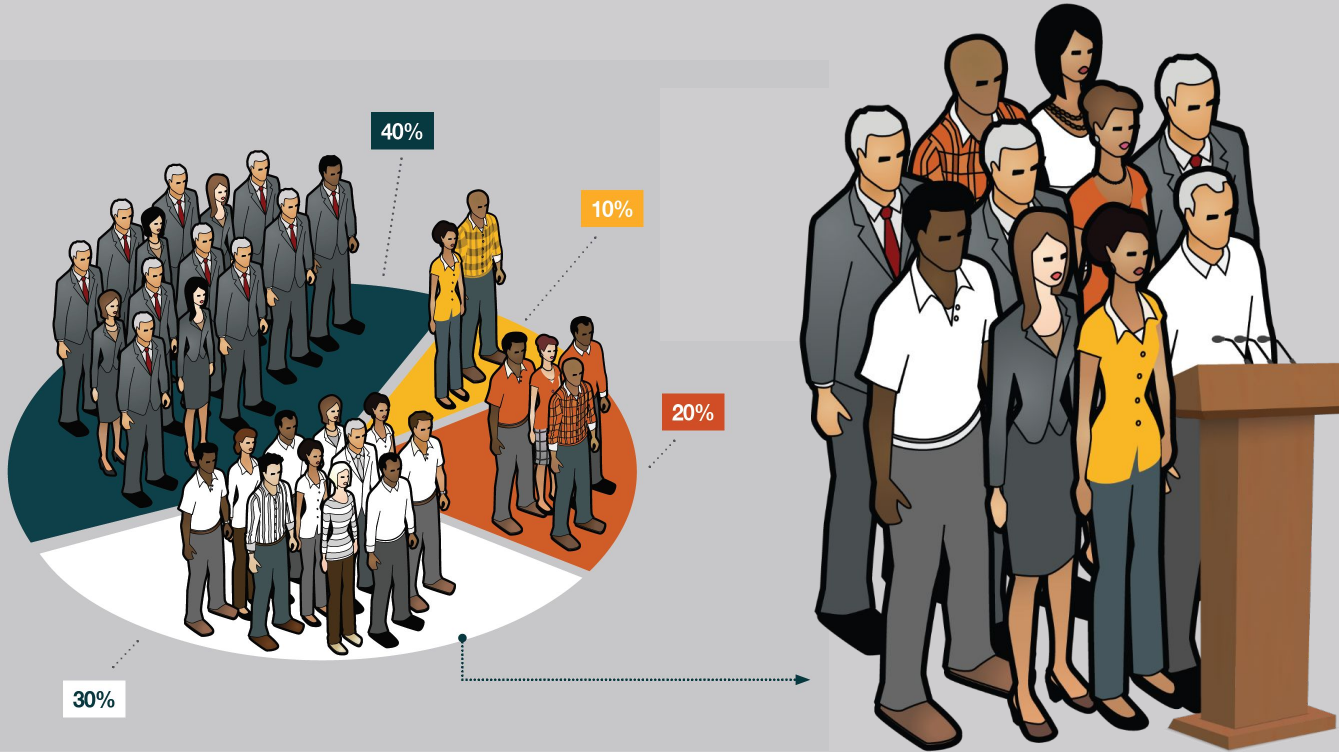


RACIALLY SEGREGATED DISTRICTS

Packing, cracking and
stacking against
representation.



What are Proportional Elections?



VOTING GROUP

A **B** **C** **D**

**% OF VOTES =
% OF POWER**

Case Study: New York City



- Voters approved proportional RCV in 1935 by a wide margin
- Between 1937 and 1945, the city elected the most diverse council in history
- After WWII, political parties colluded to repeal the system, largely in reaction to the elections of African Americans and Communists



Case Study: Londonderry



Case Study: Albany, CA

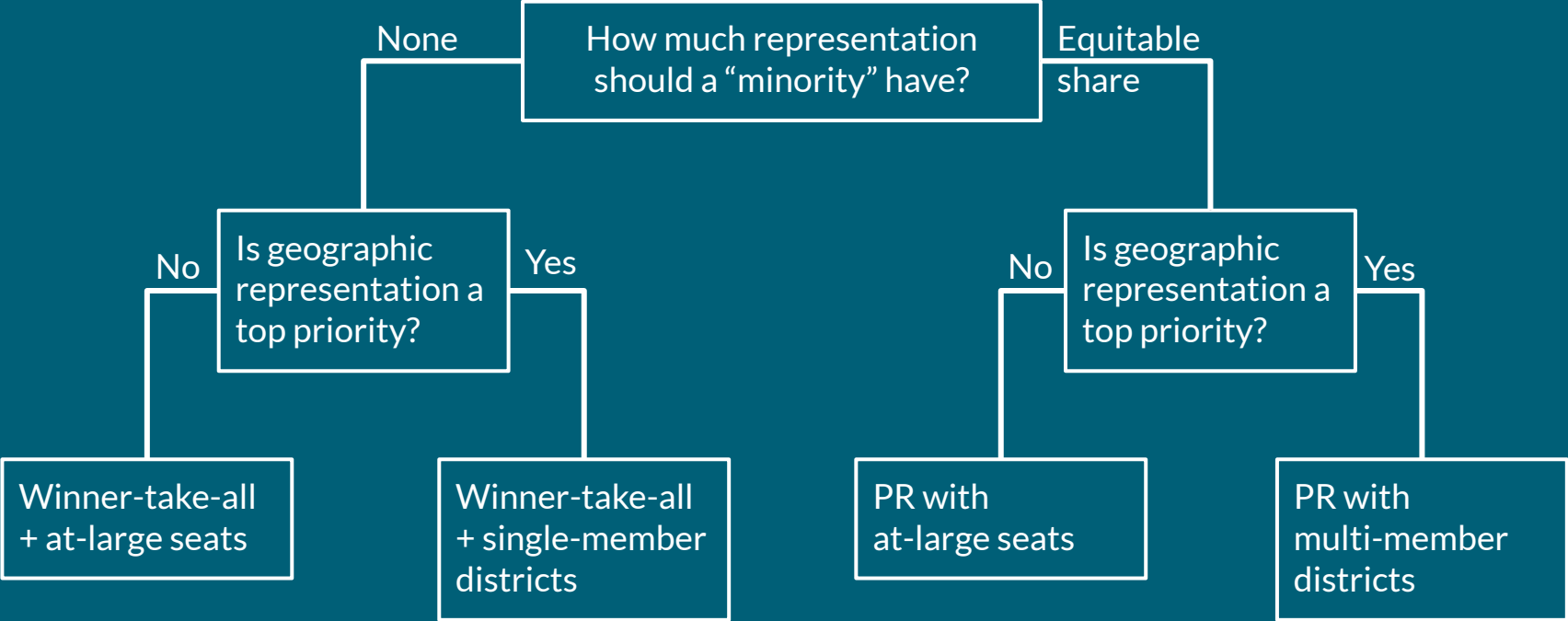


- Diverse community with 46% people of color
- Elected officials not reflective of the community
- Low levels of segregation prevented drawing of majority-minority districts
- Voters approved (73-26%) with broad support from community groups

Scoring the Systems

	Winner-Take-All	Proportional Rep
Majority rule	C	A
Minority representation	F	A
Competitive elections	F	A
High voter turnout	F	A
Close link between constituents & electeds	C	B
Max. effective votes/min. wasted votes	F	A
Sincere voting	F	A
High quality campaigns	F	A
Sufficient range of choices	F	A
Ease of administration	A	C

Electoral System Decision Tree



Q&

A

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