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Salon duc Tape – Ranked Choice Voting for Fort Collins – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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At the salon on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, **Emily Gallichotte** and **Melanie Potyondy** of [Ranked Choice Voting for Fort Collins](#) will explain how ranked choice voting works, address frequently asked questions, and outline their organization's plan to make ranked choice voting a reality for Fort Collins Municipal elections. They state that, "Too often, mayoral and city council elections are a choice between three or more candidates and the winner can win with less than 50% of the votes. Ranked choice voting ensures that the winner of an election will represent the largest group of people. Let's ditch the notion of just voting for the lesser of the two evils and start picking leaders that represent our views."

Emily is the Education Lead for Ranked Choice Voting for Fort Collins. She is also active with the Fort Collins chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America, local city politics, Fort Collins Sustainability Group, and Food Not Bombs. Emily is a viral immunologist by training and works at CSU as a research scientist. She is primarily interested in local issues as they affect the working class, BIPOC and historically under-represented groups.

Melanie is the Endorsements Team Lead for Ranked Choice Voting for Fort Collins. She is a public school psychologist, Board member for the Colorado Society of School Psychologists, member of a state mental health advisory committee, League of Women Voters member, and representative for the Poudre Education Association. Key areas of interest in her advocacy work include attainable housing and employment, environmental sustainability, high quality childcare and education, and behavioral health access.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the [Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future](#) (NCALF), meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** We will continue to meet via Zoom until the Delta variant of the coronavirus is no longer the serious threat that it is currently. **You will need to register in advance for this salon [here](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link – about joining the salon.