

## **Double majority: Measure 56 brings back responsibility to the electorate**

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Let's face it; the entire concept of the double majority is, without a question, undemocratic. The idea of interpreting the intentions of those who forgo their responsibility and do not participate in an election either do to their own apathy or laziness, as a "no" vote is completely unfair to those who face their civic responsibility and vote.

It is a fundamental concept in this country that we have the right to be heard and the right for our votes to count. There should be no reward for laziness and irresponsibility. We know what this is all about. It is about trying to make it more difficult for tax measures to pass but I'm afraid that is not the way things should be done in a democracy. If you want to defeat a measure, you should have to go out and vote against it.