

**Opponent Testimony on SB 91  
Government Oversight Committee  
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Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present opponent testimony on SB 91. My name is Ed George and I am writing to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 91. The decision on participatory budgeting should be left to the democratic process in individual communities to decide. "One size fits all" from a state wide legislative perspective may work well for some issues, but not one that is so deeply personal and granular to those involved or impacted. I hope you will vote against SB 91 because the amendment targeting participatory budgeting is antithetical to home rule and granting local governments their power to govern locally, which includes creating their own mechanisms for civic engagement to deepen democracy.