

**Opponent Testimony on SB 91  
Government Oversight Committee  
December 12, 2023**

My name is John-Paul Richard and I am writing to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 91. I find it I hope you will oppose this bill because of the amendment targeting participatory budgeting, a democracy building strategy used by many cities across the country to solicit input from residents and to build trust in local government, something that is sorely needed in a state and local government where fraud is an issue and has led to voter mistrust and disengagement.