## **Direct Democracy**

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This tribe is for those who favor expanding public participation in the process of public policy decision making as well as expanding and enhancing the citizen-sponsored initiative process. This is \_not\_ about simple direct democracy, but about making democracy (in the context of a republic) more direct. As much as possible, members of this tribe should also strive to take a non-partisan approach to the issues surrounding direct democracy.

## Potential topics:

- \* e-democracy
- \* citizen-sponsored ballot initiatives and referenda
- \* petitioning
- \* electronic rulemaking or e-rulemaking
- \* economic and environmental vigilance
- \* recalling elected representatives and executives
- \* demanding "good governance" (responsiveness, accountability, transparency)
- \* the "e-commons"
- \* deliberative democracy
- \* collaborative information development (using wikis and other web applications)
- \* civic activism and "hacktivism"
- \* direct action
- \* liquid democracy
- \* opposing supermajority voting thresholds and minoritarianism

Note: this isn't a forum for debating whether or not "direct democracy" is a good thing.