In the matter of the proposed "Should k be increased?" Info Action, I vote **ABSTAIN** — supporting the proposer's stated goal of increasing governance participation while reserving judgment on the substantive question of changing the k parameter.

According to the proposer, the Info Action is intended to "increase governance participation before the next hardfork" and "is by no means a suggestion of what Cardano protocol parameters should be modified to or if they should be modified at this time." I appreciate the proposer's motivation and would support this aspect in isolation with a **YES** vote.

Proposer's motivation notwithstanding, this Info Action raises an important topic — changing the k parameter. This topic will likely be the subject of future Info Actions to gauge Cardano Community sentiment, and corresponding Protocol Parameter Update Actions to effect sufficient consensus. Proposers of such Governance Actions must meet a reasonably high bar to ensure the efficacy of Cardano governance.

As stated in Article III, Section 6 of the Interim Constitution, "Sufficient rationale shall be provided to justify the requested change to the Cardano Blockchain. The rationale shall include, at a minimum, a title, abstract, reason for the proposal, and relevant supporting materials." While the Interim Constitution sets a minimum threshold, individual voters, including myself, may choose to apply stricter adjudication standards as appropriate. As such, as a DRep, I believe Governance Action proposers bear the burden of demonstrating alignment with Cardano's long-term interests. This standard increases with cost and potential impact, and proposers must objectively articulate relevant benefits and drawbacks — presenting coherent arguments for why, on balance, the action should be ratified.

Furthermore, Article III, Section 6 of the Interim Constitution provides that Protocol Parameter Change Governance Actions "should undergo sufficient technical review and scrutiny as mandated by the Cardano Blockchain Guardrails to ensure that the Governance Action does not endanger the security, functionality or performance of the Cardano Blockchain." In the absence of an emergent issue, these technical and economic reviews are essential for informed decision-making in the Cardano Community. This is equally important for Info Actions that endeavor to gauge Community sentiment for a subsequent Protocol Parameter Change Governance Action.

Therefore, if this Info Action is intended or perceived as a measure of Community sentiment on changing the k parameter, I would oppose it with a **NO** vote on this basis alone.

For the foregoing reasons, I vote **ABSTAIN**. I look forward to continued exploration and discussion of this important question with the Cardano Community.

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