

## I Voted YES on the Cardano Constitution. Here's why.

I still remember my first big project in my first job as a web developer. I spent hours writing what I thought was genius-level code, only to spend the next few days debugging, questioning my life choices, and convincing myself that maybe farming was a better career path. But eventually, I had to push it live, because at some point, you have to stop tweaking and ship. That's exactly where we are with the Cardano constitution. We've debated, refined, and polished it for months. And now, when it's time to move forward, the instinct kicks in: *"Maybe we should fix just one more thing."* But progress isn't about waiting for perfection. Right now, we have two choices: cling to a temporary framework that no longer serves us, or embrace a new foundation that, while not flawless, actually allows us to evolve. The amendment process is built in because **we know** improvements will be needed. And that's okay.

This constitution isn't everything I dreamed it would be. In Nairobi during the first governance vote, I voted yes then because I saw hope in imperfection, and I'm voting yes again now for the same reason. I can spot the areas that need work. There are governance processes that need more clarity, implementations that will need refinement, and questions we haven't even thought to ask yet. For one, we know we need to clarify how amendments are proposed and ratified, which is why the governance workshops in 2025 are crucial. But keeping an outdated system just because the new one isn't flawless is not how progress works.

Oh, and let's not forget that this document didn't come from space. 1,400+ participants across 52 countries had their say. It's our community's story of coming together. That should count for something. No? We're creating a living document that can grow and evolve with our community. This is **our constitution**, built by the community for the community. And the planned 2025 governance workshops are proof of our commitment to improvement. Think of them like software updates - annoying but necessary.

My developer brain wants everything perfect before deployment, but my heart knows better. We're pioneers here, building something that's never been done before. Sometimes you need to deploy with a few known issues, especially when your backup system is reaching its limits. So yes, I'm voting for an imperfect constitution. Because decentralization isn't about waiting for perfection, it's about moving forward together.

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