

Proposal Name:

Adopt Shielded Snapshot Voting for Elections and AIP's

Proposal Category:

Process

Abstract | Two or three sentences that summarize the proposal.

Engagement is diminished and voices silenced, with potential for corruption greatly increased, when voting identities are visible during a live vote. Shielded voting is a right everyone should have, and the proper way to go.

Author Description (mandatory if the AIP is requesting funds) | A brief background of yourself

A rando Ape taking initiative on something that is crucial to privacy, fair elections and reducing gaming of votes and harassment of voters.

Motivation | A statement on why the APE Community should implement the proposal.

IRL elections are problematic and pandering enough, and we've copied those yet with the added risks associated with votes being publicly visible during a live vote.

Vote total for the Abstain option was recently hidden during live voting by arbitrary Special Council action with the stated reasoning (related publicly on this Forum by a then-WG0 Steward after I repeatedly questioned it, since SC does not publish its activities or reasons for making such decisions) that it was done "to optimize for security, usability, to protect APE holders..." because leaving Abstain vote tallies visible during live voting was believed by some to be influencing how people were voting.

If that was true for Abstain then it is self-evidently true for any vote tallies, especially for elections, so passing this AIP would allow "shielded" voting going forward.

Also voters are often contacted during a voting period on why they've voted a certain way, or to change their votes. "How can I earn your vote?" "How can I get you to change your vote?" Some don't like the violation, and it opens up yet another easy vector to corruption and gaming of votes.

Rationale | An explanation of how the proposal aligns with the APE Community's mission and guiding values.

We don't yet have an approved Mission, but presumably the \$APE Community's values include making gaming or corrupting the voting system a little less easy.

Key Terms (optional) | Definitions of any terms within the proposal that are unique to the proposal, new to the APE Community, and/or industry-specific.

Shielded Voting (copied & pasted from [Snapshot.org](https://snapshot.org)):

"You can enable Shielded Voting within your space if you want to enable partial privacy and reduce voter apathy. [...] Shielded Voting is a voting setting in which the voters choices are private during the voting period and get revealed when the proposal closes."

Specifications | A detailed breakdown of the platforms and technologies that will be used.

Snapshot. At some point it recently instituted a shielded voting option.

Steps to Implement | The steps to implement the proposal, including associated costs, manpower, and other resources for each step where applicable.

Update the DAO's voting system on Snapshot.

Timeline | Relevant timing details, including but not limited to start date, milestones, and completion dates.

This can be implemented as soon as the vote is passed.

Overall Cost | The total cost to implement the proposal.

Zero.

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