

There's a thin line between informing

someone about an ongoing vote and hounding

them for a vote. I think the latter is rude/should be punishable and I was scared that my reachout may come off this way.

Asking for a vote

My wording was: "Hey, you follow me, if you have \$APE, would you consider voting for my proposal? Or if you vote no, would you give me feedback so I can learn/improve? Thank you either way! ". I customized depending on person/relationship, but the spirit of "hey, no vote is wrong here" stayed.

To my surprise, not only did I get zero negative responses, I encountered a few apes who didn't know they can vote with staked \$ape. And a few who didn't know AIPs were up for a vote. Not sure if they'll stick around, but it felt great

bringing a few people into the voting process, even if all/most won't stay for the next vote.

Asking for feedback

Asking people to change their vote is off the table / rude (and probably a forum rule? If not, it should be). However, asking for feedback (nicely) should be fine. "Hi, thanks for voting on AIP XXX, if you by chance have any feedback for me, I'd love to hear it. If not, no worries! Have a great week/day."

I reached out to a few Abstain and Against votes with public wallets / twitter in their bio. One (a tiny wallet) started asking questions and ended up changing from a no to a yes (immaterial to end result, probably, but was cool). Two bigger wallets didn't ask questions and ofc I did not push it (stuff like "hey maybe you have questions I could answer" is thinly-veiled manipulation), but they did give me brief feedback that will significantly impact my updated AIP if this one fails and I resubmit later.

This piece is tricky. It's easy to go off the rails here with stuff like "Well, actually..." so imho it's best to avoid. But, as long as you're open to just receiving without manipulating / correcting / educating, many will be happy to give feedback. Of course - I thanked them no matter what the feedback was and only asked one follow up question (if I had any/needed clarification) to be conscious of their time and it not feel like an interrogation.

Feel free to drop yours or any thoughts. In my experience, it's a delicate process, but as long as the approach is "every vote is 100% valid and I shouldn't try to change existing vote," this can build bridges instead of burning them.