

Title: Proposal: Create a Discord Category Channel for Governance

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Abstract

This proposal suggests the creation of a new category channel on the Arbitrum Discord server, specifically dedicated to governance-related discussions.

Motivation

Discourse alone is good, but adding discord to the governance communication stack will make things better. As the Arbitrum ecosystem continues to grow, the need for transparent and open discussions around governance becomes increasingly important. Creating a dedicated category channel on Discord will provide an additional organized space for community members to share their thoughts and ideas about governance and facilitate more efficient decision-making processes.

Rationale

The creation of a governance-focused Discord category channel aligns with the Arbitrum community's mission to promote open and inclusive discussions and will provide a platform for community members to share their opinions and feedback on key governance-related matters. By creating a dedicated space for these discussions, we can ensure that important governance-related topics are easily accessible to the entire community and that more voices are heard. Discord offers more

Real-time communication <> Back-and-forth, lfg:speaking_head:

Discord allows for instant messaging and voice communication, which makes it easier for community members to communicate with each other in real time. This can be especially helpful for discussing time-sensitive topics or having quick conversations that don't necessarily warrant a full forum post. Members can also use this channel to sync on potential governance ideas they are working on which are not fully fleshed out yet for forum posts!

Enhanced community engagement <> Put vibes in governance!

Discord has a more casual and interactive feel compared to the Discourse forum, which can help to foster a sense of community and increase engagement. This can be especially important for governance discussions, as it can encourage more community members to participate in the decision-making process. Discourse is a read, reply, ask-question platform. Makes it a dry place to be lol. Adding discord will ensure that members have a place to hang out and banter in a good vibes way.

Accessibility <> Regardless of your preference, you can partake in governance!

Some community members may prefer to use Discord over the Discourse forum, as it can be more accessible and user-friendly for certain individuals. Providing both options can help to ensure that everyone has a chance to participate in governance discussions, regardless of their preferred communication platform. For folks who don't like discourse and are more active in Discord, this can be a great way of getting them informed and also onboarding them to discourse to participate more.

Improved organization <> could be chaotic but still organized!

Discord allows for the creation of sub-channels, which can help to keep discussions organized and easy to navigate. This can be especially helpful for governance discussions, which can often cover a wide range of topics and sub-topics. Heck we could even have a delegate thread/channel under this category for delegates to meet and chat about various stuff in a more comfortable and informal setting!

Overall, adding a Discord channel for governance in addition to the Discourse forum can help to create a more well-rounded and accessible communication platform for the community, which can lead to more engagement and participation in the governance process.

Specifications

The proposed Discord category channel will be called "Governance" and will be located under the "Community" category. The channel will be open to all members of the Arbitrum Discord server, but moderation will be required to ensure that discussions remain civil and respectful.

Steps to Implement:

1. Create a new category channel on the Arbitrum Discord server called “Governance.”
2. Assign moderators to the new channel to ensure that discussions remain respectful and on-topic.
3. Announce the new channel in the #announcements

channel to inform the community of its existence.

1. Encourage community members to utilize the new channel for governance-related discussions.

Timeline

This proposal can be implemented within one week of its approval.

Overall Cost

There will be no associated costs with creating the new Discord category channel for governance.

I believe that the creation of a dedicated Discord category channel for governance will promote more inclusive and transparent discussions, and ultimately help to strengthen the Arbitrum ecosystem as a whole.