

## **Nonaffiliated are disenfranchised**

Excuse me. Or as they used to say to invoke inflection, Excuuuuuusssse Me!

As a nonaffiliated voter, I take offense to ideas posed by one writer in a recent Opinion section. He stated that the Jackson County measure to adopt nonpartisan elections, including all voters allows for “activist infiltration.”

Am I an activist infiltrator simply because I am not a Democrat nor Republican? Does not being faithful to one party mean I shouldn’t be allowed to participate in our government?

Further, the writer said the measures would “disenfranchise voters” — the exact opposite is true. I am disenfranchised NOW. I cannot vote in the deciding primary elections NOW. My taxes still go for these elections, but I cannot vote in them NOW.

I’d like to remind us all that we do not live in a one-party county (or country). We all have the right to take part.

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