Urban elite' commissioners don't represent the majority

Why are the Jackson County Commissioners scrambling so hard and exploiting taxpayer-paid employees and resources to fight the Jackson County For All initiatives? Because they have already lost their stronghold to control the county.

The three urban elites currently on the board are adherents of a partisan political group that represents less than 30% of Jackson County voters. Of course they don't want changes that would make them accountable to the vast majority ... the 70% plus.

They don't want changes that would expand opportunities for minority and rural citizens to participate. While turnout in May elections has been low historically, that's because the voters who don't want a partisan label or who choose a minor party have next to nothing on their ballots. In May of 2022, they could cast meaningless votes in uncontested races for judicial seats — why bother?

This year will be different. Every voter will have the opportunity to have their voice heard on the form of our county governing board.

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