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Subject: RE: Lex Cornelia de classibus et ordine equestri
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M. Pompeius Caninus praetor P. Porcio Licino tribuno salutem plurimam dicit.

Let's be a bit more clear about the numbers. The number of assidui is actually 76 - not 68. And the turnout was by no means uniform.

If we look at just the Comitia Centuriata in this most recent election, which seems to be at the core of the concerns you expressed:

10 votes out of the less than 50 cast in the Comitia Centuriata were from Century 31, which is at the very least 20%.

40 votes out of the less than 50 cast in the Comitia Centuriata were from all other Centuries, which is at most 80%.

Would you like to have an exact breakdown of the numbers of votes for each Century? My guess is that the percentage of the total votes coming from Century 31 will be higher than 20%. Regardless of how large of a percentage of the total number of non-taxpayers who voted actually is, the fact is that non-taxpayers made up a statistically significant percentage of the total number of citizens who actually care enough about Nova Roma to take ten minutes out of their lives to vote.

Your focus on those you define as 'active' citizens raises concerns for me. More than one fifth of the citizens who took time to vote in this Nova Roman election were from a group of citizens who you would seem to marginalize. But maybe I need to just take more time to read your charges with a more open mind and with greater attention to inconsistencies and possible unfavorable and unfair outcomes from the current wording of the lex. Of course, I will continue reviewing the discussions held among the framers of the lex.

In the meantime, I suggest filing a complaint with the Censores regarding the distribution of the citizens and the issue regarding the total assignments specified in the lex Cornelia de classibus et ordine equestri equaling 94% rather than 100%.

However, if you know of any other citizens who may have concerns along the same line then please urge a few of them to express their concerns either in the public fora or, if they fear some kind of retribution or mistreatment, have them contact me privately as you have done. Again, I am most interested in hearing from citizens who voted in favor of the lex but would now like to see changes made. But if I hear from several citizens who share your misgivings as to the fairness of the lex then I will consider making a series of changes to make the lex fairer for all citizens.

Fac valeas!

Marcus Pompeius Caninus

