

Measure 11 makes having a judge and jury pointless in the courtroom. Standardizing sentencing treats people like we are just a number, or a statistic, and not an individual.

If you asked a random person,
'What should this individual's sentence be?'

They would probably say,
'Well that depends, what did they do? Have they done it before? What kind of person are they?'

One size does not fit all when it comes to sentencing. It wouldn't be justice if someone's whole life is ruined because we are too lazy to take the time and make a well informed, reasonable, and legitimate sentence based on the situation and person in question.

I'm not saying be soft on criminals who deserve it, there are definitely bad people out there. However, for people who have no criminal background, and seem like good people who had a bad moment. Do they deserve a mandatory sentence? I don't think so, they deserve to be punished, but does it make sense to give a seemingly good person the same sentence as a repeat offender? No. It depends on the person, and it depends on the situation. We should not throw out one size fit all sentences onto individuals who don't deserve them. We should leave it to judges who are trained for this. Judges are there to hear the situation from both sides, and make a case by case judgement. Let's let them do their jobs, because one size does not fit all.