

OPEN SOURCE VOTING SYSTEMS HEARING: INVITATION E-MAIL

To provide context, below are the contents of the e-mail invitation that was sent on October 7, 2015 to each of the invited presenters.

Dear _____:

I would like to invite one or more representatives of your organization, _____, to speak before the San Francisco Elections Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will be held at 6PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in Room 408 of San Francisco City Hall.

As President of the San Francisco Elections Commission, I will be scheduling a hearing on the topic of open source voting systems at this meeting. I'm planning to let each invited organization present for about 15 minutes and then follow this with time for questions from the Commissioners. The format and amount of time may change between now and the meeting.

Here are some questions that I personally would like to see answered during the hearing:

How long do you think it will be before an open source voting system is certified for use in California and available for use by a jurisdiction like San Francisco? What steps do you think need to take place for that to happen? What are some possible ways forward? Why hasn't a system like this been developed and certified yet by your organization or anyone else? What open source license or type of open source license do you think should be used and why (e.g. OSI-approved or non-OSI-approved, permissive or copyleft, etc)? If San Francisco were to adopt an open source system, how could San Francisco be assured that the system would continue to be developed and maintained over time?

If your organization would like to speak during this hearing, please reply to this e-mail. More information about the Commission can be found on our website below. You are also welcome to contact me with questions. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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