

1 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

2 **Open Source Voting Systems Resolution #2**

3 (Adopted by the San Francisco Elections Commission (6-0) on June 20, 2018.)

4 (Amended by the San Francisco Elections Commission (X-X) on July 18, 2018.)

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6 [The Commission is adopting this resolution to supplement (and not replace) its first
7 Open Source Voting Systems Resolution, adopted on November 18, 2015, since many
8 events have transpired since that time.]

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10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Elections Commission (“Elections Commission”)
11 on November 18, 2015 unanimously passed an Open Source Voting Systems
12 Resolution that, in part—

13 (a) Encouraged the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to initiate and fund a project
14 to develop and certify an open source voting system; and

15 (b) Outlined several key project characteristics, and encouraged the Mayor and
16 Board of Supervisors to consider incorporating them; and

17 (c) Established a policy for the San Francisco Department of Elections to support
18 and work towards the adoption of an open source voting system;

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Lee in the 2016 budget process allocated \$300,000
20 towards a planning and assessment phase for the project, approximately half of which
21 was allocated for a “business case” to assess the feasibility of the project, including
22 informing the City and County of San Francisco (“San Francisco”) of the associated
23 costs, timelines, options, and possible next steps;

24 WHEREAS, The Elections Commission on April 19, 2017 established an Open

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission ask the Mayor and Board of
2 Supervisors that the project be funded and developed incrementally, so that San
3 Francisco can support a robust development schedule in FY2018-19 that—

4 (a) Develops and uses some open source voting system components sooner and
5 more cost-effectively, without necessarily having to first fund the entire project;

6 (b) Develop cost estimates and project management approaches for later stages
7 of the project by learning from real-world experience, as opposed to planning
8 abstractly on paper; and

9 (c) More effectively attract and recruit project collaborators, by being able to
10 show real progress using innovative approaches; and, be it

11 ~~FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Elections Commission ask the Mayor and~~
12 ~~Board of Supervisors to name the Department of Elections as the owner of the project~~
13 That it be the policy of the Department of Elections and the Elections Commission that
14 the Department of Elections is the owner of San Francisco's project to develop and
15 certify an open source voting system, so that the Elections Commission and the public
16 can, through the authority and meetings of the Elections Commission, have oversight
17 over and regular visibility into this fundamental matter pertaining to elections; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is be the policy of the Department of Elections
19 and the Elections Commission that the open source voting system project should be led
20 by a dedicated project director / project manager who reports to the Director of
21 Elections; who has experience in agile methods, open source development, elections
22 and voting systems, and the management of technical projects; and who will—

23 (a) Work with the Director and other stakeholders in San Francisco;

24 (b) Use TAC and other Departments among their resources, including learning