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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**San Francisco Elections
Commission
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL AT 6:06 P.M.:** *President Mogi called the meeting to order and asked Secretary Walker to take attendance. Quorum was achieved with six members present.*

Attendance for the Wednesday, June 19, 2019 regular meeting of the Elections Commission						
Bernholz	Donaldson	Hill	Jerdonek	Jung	Mogi	Rowe
Present	Present	Excused Absence	Present	Present	Present	Present

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer Linda Gerull, Deputy City Attorney Andrew Shen, Commission Secretary William Walker.

2. RECEIVED GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT AT 6:08 PM

Ellen Lee Zhou, a 33-year San Francisco resident, civil servant, public health social worker, union delegate and Civil Grand Jury Association delegate, discussed the integrity of the voting system and municipal election process. She said she has attended the Elections Commission April, May and June 2019 regular meetings; she also emailed the Commission; said she did not receive a response. She

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reported that the website is outdated since April 2019. She said there was not an annual report for 2017 or 2018 posted. She also commented that there was possible corruption in the election process, which she described as voting fraud, ballot harvesting, and unqualified voters. She said the City has been controlled by one party, the Democratic Party for 45 years, which means that in her opinion, the government is controlled by tyranny without a republic form of voice. She also stated she was a candidate for Mayor in the 2018 Mayoral race and that she felt that she was discriminated in the process. She announced her candidacy for Mayor on the November 2019 ballot. She demanded that the Commission do their job, investigate fraud, and follow up with elections laws. She said that more than 75,000 voters were not supposed to be on the voter rolls and that they should be removed. She thanked the Commission for their time and notified the Commission that if the public notifies them that they are not doing their job, that they are personally liable for what they do as a Commission.

Brent Turner, California Association of Voting Officials, stated that everyone was in shock with the current condition of the United States election systems and the “situation of 2016.” He noted that he and his organization were looking forward to changes in the direction with the election system, especially if a certified system is created in San Francisco that could be used throughout California and the rest of the United States. Mr. Turner then read a letter from former director of the United States Central Intelligence Agency R James Woolsey addressed to California State Assemblymember Phil Ting regarding the importance of the matching funds budget proposal for the development of Open Source Voting systems. Mr. Turner continued reading from the letter that discussed the general concerns regarding the vulnerability of proprietary voting systems and the need for the State of California to develop an open source voting system. Mr. Turner concluded by stating that he hopes state officials would get their act together to ensure the passage of an open source voting matching funds bill.

Commissioner Rowe asked if Mr. Turner felt his comments were related to agenda item number 3, Open Source Voting. Mr. Turner responded that his comments were from the Intelligence community in relation to the protection of elections systems, and not necessarily pertaining to the Open Source Voting item. He added that the person tendering the statement was more related to Agenda Item one. Commissioner Rowe stated that Mr. Turner abuses the agenda process and requested that he have more consideration for everyone’s time. Mr. Turner agreed to take this into consideration.

3. RECEIVED Open Source Voting Report at 6:14 PM

a) Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Jerdonek reported that California State Assembly Bill 1784 passed the California State Assembly and will now be heard by the California State Senate and the Senate Elections Committee very soon. This bill would provide \$16 million in state matching funds to support California counties in their efforts to develop an open source voting system. He added that State Senator Wiener is a co-sponsor of the Bill.

b) Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC)

Report: Commissioner and OSVTAC Chair Jerdonek stated that the OSVTAC submitted its sixth written report to the Commission; he then introduced OSVTAC Member Roan Kattouw to provide the OSVTAC Monthly Report for June 2019:

OSVTAC Member Kattouw reported that:

- i. The submitted Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee Report #6 does not cover the May or June OSVTAC meetings
- ii. Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer Linda Gerull attended the May 14 OSVTAC meeting.
- iii. OSVTAC held a special meeting June 8 at the San Francisco Public Library Main Branch, which focused on attendees continuing to work on developing an open source voting results reporter solution.
- iv. OSVTAC held its regular meeting June 13 at City Hall, which discussed a recent news event: the compromise of voting results systems in Florida and a machine manufacturer's claim that their voting machines did not have remote access ability when in fact the system allowed remote access.
- v. OSVTAC Member Tony Wasserman will present at two conferences in July and August about Open Source Voting work in San Francisco.
- vi. The State Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee will hold a hearing the week of July 2 to discuss Assembly Bill 1784; Member Kattouw was present and spoke in support of AB 1784 at the State Assembly Elections Committee Hearing in May when it passed.

c) Director's Report -- Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer (CIO) Linda Gerull:

Commissioner Jung stated he did not see materials on the website for the June 19 Commission meeting. Commissioner Rowe stated she found the materials on the website. Commissioner Jung suggested the topic be taken up later.

President Mogi introduced Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer Linda Gerull to provide the Open Source Voting Director's Report.

CIO Linda Gerull *reported that:*

- i. The City and County of San Francisco did not approve funding for the Open Source Voting Project. CIO Gerull commended Director of Elections John Arntz for his advocacy for the project; CIO Gerull included information in her packet to the Budget and Finance Committee on the Open Source Voting project as well.
- ii. There is carryover fund balance available from the previous budget year, but that the City could not see the project moving forward without a solid, equal partner.
- iii. The State of California continues to consider implementing a matching funds program; she commended the State for its efforts and said any funds invested by the City and County of San Francisco thus far to the project would be eligible for the matching funds, should they be approved by the State Legislature.
- iv. The Open Source Voting Community Meeting will be rescheduled for a last time to Wednesday, July 31 from 2:30pm to 5pm at 1 South Van Ness Avenue, Second Floor Atrium.
- v. The requirements and partnership documents are still in progress and that a potential new project partner might be in the works. CIO Gerull added that the Department is very close to releasing a formal request for proposals document.

RECEIVED Questions regarding the Director's Open Source Voting Report:

Commissioner Donaldson asked which group could not “see forward” a funding opportunity for Open Source Voting. Chief Information Officer (CIO) Gerull stated that a number of competing City budgeting priorities prevented the allocation of funds to the Open Source Voting Project, and added that the Chair of the Budget and Finance Sub-committee of the Board of Supervisors reported that nearly \$500 million in new funding requests were received for add back funding. Funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 include homelessness, housing, mental health and clean streets. She urged the Commission to be very ready for next year, and that preparation over the next six months would help in determining what future costs and future funding partners might require in order to implement the Open Source Voting program with a more definitive implementation plan.

Commissioner Donaldson asked what would be in jeopardy without continuity of funding. CIO Gerull responded that the project would deplete its fund balance if no new funding were allocated. She added that she is doing her best to manage the remaining fund balance while preparing for a more formal fund request and being considerate in how the Department invests in human time invested.

RECEIVED Public Comment regarding the Open Source Voting Monthly Status Report

Ellen Lee Zhou, a former civil grand jury member, stated that she attended one of the Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. She commented that if people want to manipulate voting results, that the manufacturer of the machine will manipulate and change the voting results. She added that the City and County of San Francisco has a Sunshine Ordinance and said that when a large project like the Open Source Voting project requires so much public money like the Open Source Voting project, that she thinks that the City would need to perform outreach in six different languages: English, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog. She said too few members of the public are aware of the existence of the Commission and that its outreach is lacking. She urged the Commission to

investigate the staff of the Elections Department. She said sending out the ballot to nonqualified voters, dead people, and people who no longer exist at an address at a cost of one dollar (\$1) per ballot was government waste.

Jim Soper, Co-Chair of the Voting Rights Task Force, said that he learned in February of 2005 about open source voting and that he learned a convicted embezzler was programming the Diebold voting machines in Washington State. He commented that the public needed to know what was going on inside the voting machines, what the code is, and who was programming the machines. He added that advocates, over the years through the court process, have tried to look at databases, event logs, source code, and other functions. He said that in Alaska, advocates were victorious in a court action, but the defendant stated that there were national security concerns if that information were revealed. For that reason, Mr. Soper stated that an open source voting system with open source code would prevent this and would allow the public the ability to see and review what is going on inside the voting system. He concluded that private proprietary voting machine systems as of late are not very good: he said they use barcodes that are unreadable by voters and hybrid voting machine systems that allow for ballot marking machines to do “whatever they want” because ballot marking machines send a voted ballot through the printer. He said the Commission could do better than what is being done now.

Brent Turner, California Association of Voting Officials, stated that he appreciated the recaps of what was mentioned and that the decisions were made more than 30 years ago. He said that the City and County of San Francisco knows what it should do, but asked how the City and County of San Francisco would implement an Open Source Voting system. He said Steve Bennett and Dominion would not give up their fight and suggested that the Commission: review the previous year; see if there were any progress; meet anyone that has been hired; see what has been achieved over the last year; create a plan that states what will happen in the next six months; and see whether it is possible not to use Dominion Voting systems for the 2020 elections. He added that the Los Angeles County system will not likely use a general public licensing software format. He said that San Francisco has come the furthest with its open source efforts and said he would like to see a plan for how the Commission moves forward. He said he doesn't know what to do if they don't do as they are told. He

commented that the Director of Elections went to bat for an Open Source Voting project but the results are not there. He said that this is tragic for the country, that he is sorry for saying the same things over the past fifteen years, and that the vendors, the Director, and anybody can't get in the way of the implementation of the Open Source Voting System project.

4. CONSIDERED the reappointment of the following members to the Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC) for one-year terms ending May 2020 at 6:34 P.M.:

- a) **Carl Hage;**
- b) **Chris Jerdonek (Commission Liaison);**
- c) **Roan Kattouw;**
- d) **Brandon Philips; and**
- e) **Tony Wasserman**

President Mogi stated that although OSVTAC Member Brandon Philips' appointment does not end until October 2019, under advisement of the City Attorney's Office, that the re-appointment for Member Philips be considered concurrently with the other three member reappointments. She entertained a motion that all four members be re-appointed. She also suggested that the Commission discuss extending the terms of the reappointed members at a future meeting.

Commissioner Rowe asked about background materials for Member Philips. Commissioner and OSVTAC Chair Jerdonek responded that he had only planned for the re-appointment of Members Hage, Jerdonek, Kattouw and Wasserman. Commissioner Jerdonek added that Member Philips was the newest member, was only appointed in October of 2018, is the most experienced in Open Source software, is a recent parent of a newborn child, and a founder of an open source software company that was recently acquired by a more legacy company. He added that Member Philips has experience governing a number of open source software projects in use worldwide.

Commissioner Rowe asked whether all members wanted to continue serving on the advisory committee. Commissioner Jerdonek confirmed that all members were interested.

Commissioner Rowe asked whether there were term limits. Deputy City Attorney Andrew Shen responded that the terms were not limited and that Committee members could continue serving in as many one-year terms as they wished. Commissioner Rowe then made the following motion:

Commissioner Rowe Motion: Reappoint all five OSVTAC Members Carl Hage, Chris Jerdonek, Roan Kattouw, Brandon Philips, and Tony Wasserman to the Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee for a one-year term ending May 31, 2020. Commissioner Jung seconded the motion. President Mogi asked for public comment.

RECEIVED Public Comment on the reappointment of Members Hage, Jerdonek, Kattouw, Philips and Wasserman to the Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee for one-year terms ending May 2020:

Jim Soper, Voting Rights Task Force, said he has attended Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee meetings for more than two years and that the meetings and the Members that comprise the Committee are very good. He added that he invited several colleagues from the Elections Security movement and that the colleagues all agreed that the Committee Members were extremely impressed. He concluded that the Committee was a great crew and suggested that the Commission should keep them.

President Mogi thanked one of the OSVTAC members, Roan Kattouw, for his service, and instructed Secretary Walker to take a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous with six votes.

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- a) Carl Hage;
- b) Chris Jerdonek (Commission Liaison);
- c) Roan Kattouw;

d) Brandon Philips; and e) Tony Wasserman						
Secretary Walker took a roll call vote. There were 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions. Absent: Commissioner Hill						
Bernholz	Donaldson	Hill	Jerdonek	Jung	Mogi	Rowe
YES	YES	Excused Absence	YES	YES	YES	YES

The motion to REAPPOINT members Hage, Jerdonek, Kattouw, Phillips and Wasserman to one-year terms ending May 31, 2020 passed unanimously.

5. APPROVED Minutes from the May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting at 6:36 P.M.:

Moved by Commissioner Jung. Seconded by Commissioner Rowe.
 President Mogi asked for public comment on the item; none was heard. Secretary Walker took a roll call vote:

APPROVED Minutes from the May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting						
Secretary Walker took a roll call vote. There were 6 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions. Absent: Commissioner Hill						
Bernholz	Donaldson	Hill	Jerdonek	Jung	Mogi	Rowe
YES	YES	Excused Absence	YES	YES	YES	YES

The motion to APPROVE Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting carries unanimously (6-0).

6. RECEIVED Commissioners' Reports at 6:42 PM

President Mogi, in reference to the issue of the June 19 meeting materials not being posted to the website as stated earlier in the meeting by Commissioner Jung and a member of the public, stated that there was slight confusion around the posting of the agenda packet and that, intuitively, Commissioners click home, and in the upcoming meetings, the packet is posted on the front page, and asked that the Secretary post the agenda on the Commission's home page. Secretary Walker responded that there are three ways to post the Commission agenda. President Mogi asked that the Commission Secretary work with the Department of Technology to be as intuitive as possible concerning the posting of the agenda.

Commissioner Bernholz reported that she attended a June 6 meeting at Stanford University on Securing American Elections. She provided the

Commission and Director Arntz the report and its recommendations. Commissioner Bernholz said that although open source software was not called out specifically, that several recommendations in the report made were related to infrastructure and voting technology lead the report and are very integral to the announcements made in recent months related to election security. Commissioner Bernholz stated that having attended this meeting and after hearing from numerous elections officials and technological experts regarding the vulnerabilities of the national voting systems, she spoke with Director of Elections John Arntz via telephone and requested that the Director provide a regular report on security issues as appropriate during the regular monthly Department of Elections report to the Commission. Commissioner Bernholz said that Director Arntz agreed to do so and the Commissioner added that this would also demonstrate the Election Commission's commitment to securing elections systems in San Francisco. She mentioned that Michael McFaul, a former US Ambassador to Russia, is a lead author of the aforementioned Securing American Elections report.

Commissioner Rowe asked that Commissioner Bernholz provide a link to the report that Secretary Walker could then provide to the Commission and include in the Commission's public file.

President Mogi reported that she attended Mayor London Breed's "be INVINCIBLE Women's Summit" that was convened Friday, June 14 at the George Moscone Convention Center West. She said that it was very well attended by other Women Commissioners, Women in Industry, and Women candidates for public office. She mentioned that Senior Policy Advisor to President Barack Obama, Valerie Jarrett, was keynote speaker; Ms. Jarrett discussed securing elections, voter suppression and other national issues, which are different from issues that the San Francisco Elections Commission faces. She added that only 15 men were in a room of nearly 500 women and that it was nice to be in such an environment, which is also similar to the environment on the San Francisco Elections Commission, where women are also the majority. She concluded by stating she felt very empowered to be in that space and that it would be nice to see this across the board.

RECEIVED Public Comment regarding Commissioners' Reports

Ellen Lee Zhou, said she heard the Commissioners' comments and took time to come in after work and that that is the problem. Commissioners can share all they want, but San Francisco and California are the most corrupt with voting fraud. She said that Los Angeles alone removed 1.5 million voters, and San Francisco was ordered to remove but it has not happened. She wants Commissioners to understand why San Francisco has more than 60 percent absentee ballots. She said she is a social worker that works in the community, and that seniors are threatened when they do not submit their ballots. She said in order to secure the voting system in San Francisco, that they should reinvent the voting system. She said the Commission should re-evaluate why so many ballots are missing, but the missing ballots came back. She concluded that the Elections office is sending the ballots back for a living. She said San Francisco's voting system has been corrupted for many years, but that she did not pay attention this until she ran as a candidate for office in June 2018. She said many of her supporters reported back, but that they refuse to come into the Commission. She said many ballots were missing, that they were mailed out, reported missing, but their votes were submitted by mail. She said the system cannot be secured in San Francisco unless the in-person voting is secured and improved by increasing monitoring of voting by volunteers and high school students on Voting Day.

Brent Turner, California Association of Voting Officials, said regarding the reports and outreach to Supervisors, that perhaps it would behoove the Commission that in future meetings that the Commission may have with the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors what their thought process was when not funding the securing of San Francisco elections. He suggested finding out how this happened and how to prevent it from happening again in six months. He also discussed why he did not attend the Stanford Symposium on Securing American Elections, which was because he could not have stomached the event.

Jim Soper, Voting Rights Task Force, stated Georgia, Louisiana, Delaware, New Jersey and South Carolina, up until June 2019, had machines with no paper record; he added that most of California uses pen marked paper ballots, which would put it near the top of states in regard to election security.

7. RECEIVED Director of Elections' Report at 6:55 P.M.

Director of Elections John Arntz reported that:

- a) California State Assembly Bill 1784 would go to its second reading in the State Senate July 2;
- b) The Community Forum on Open Source Voting held in conjunction with the Commission and the Department of Technology is set for July 31;
- c) in response to Commissioner Bernholz's previous comments on the conference that she attended on Securing American Elections, that the Department of Elections already has a white paper on election security. Once the paper is updated to reflect any new information since switching to a new voting system, that the white paper will then be updated and provided to the Commission at a future meeting, possibly the August 21 regular meeting.

RECEIVED QUESTIONS Regarding Director of Elections' Report:

Commissioner Jerdonek said a concept in software, called responsible disclosure, where errors found in software are disclosed confidentially; he then asked should there are vulnerabilities of the elections system, would disclosure of that also take place outside of public view because of the security issue. Director Arntz responded he did not know. Commissioner Jerdonek suggested that the Commission and staff verify whether the information related to securing elections should be made public before disclosing such information in a Commission report or meeting.

Commissioner Rowe asked about the warehouse move from Pier 48 to Pier 31 and whether Pier 31 was ready to be occupied. Director Arntz responded that everything is packed up, labeled and ready to be moved out of Pier 48 when the lease there ends in June; Director Arntz added that the build out of Pier 31 may not be completed until after the March 2020 election. He added that a fiber permit is in progress for installation at Pier 31, which would be followed by the installation of a fiber optic cable, and the security system; until then, security guards would be employed at Pier 31. The fiber installation according to the Port requires schematic drawings that were not submitted by Public Works, which prevented a construction permit from being issued; a new permit request has been resubmitted with the required schematic drawings attached. He concluded that once all this is in place, the voting equipment will likely arrive and be stored under a tent until the buildout is complete.

Commissioner Donaldson asked whether outreach events publicizing the new voting system are listed on the website. Director Arntz responded that the Department posts the outreach calendar and the annual outreach plan each election season to the website.

Commissioner Donaldson asked when a November 2019 elections plan would be available for the Commission to review. Director Arntz responded this would be provided approximately 60 days prior to the election, which would coincide with September Budget and Oversight Committee (BOPEC) and regular Election Commission meetings.

President Mogi asked that because the Department is unveiling a new system to the public, that the ballot card is new, and the ability to rank more candidates in the ranked choice vote is a newer process, would City department directors and the Board of Supervisors receive a memo regarding the changes to the election system. Director Arntz responded that City department heads, Board staff, and the Board of Supervisors receive regular communications related to Elections. He added that the voting system will be demonstrated at the Assessor's office, and that information about changes to the voting system will be marketed on in-department marketing displays in several City departments, including on displays in the front reception areas of the Department of Elections, the Assessor and the Treasurer/Tax Collector through the Election period. A memo to City departments will also be shared.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked if this information is provided at Department of Elections-led Candidate Information Workshops. Director Arntz said this information is provided to candidates and that candidates are aware of the new voting system demonstration, which is located at the Department reception area.

Commissioner Donaldson said there was discussion at the May 2019 regular Commission meeting regarding the ability to provide a paper record for touch screen voters and explore that with the vendors. Director Arntz responded that the touch screen and tablet systems do not provide a stub, that there is no solution at this time to provide a paper stub, and that this system, which is more of a ballot marking system, can only generate a hash-like QR code. There is not a stub currently for voters who choose to use the ballot-marking device voting machine. He added that many counties are moving away from ballot stubs because voters do not want them.

RECEIVED Public Comment on the Director's Report

Ellen Lee Zhou, said she was at the Commission meeting in May. Said the voting choice was approved by voters as 1-2-3 only; she said she is not sure how legal the new system is because it allows for voting for up to 10 choices. Ms Zhou said San Francisco is known as a liberal city in the nation; she said that a person can vote in one location and, then, go to another location and vote again, which is why San Francisco's voting system is corrupted. She said that San Francisco does not require a voting ID and she said anyone that can claim a name can vote. She added that San Francisco welcomes criminals, illegals, unqualified citizens to vote. She said in America, it is openly discussed by the Democratic Party that criminals in jail should vote. She said many of the homeless come and go, but someone voted for them. She said, if the Commission has authority, the Commission should invent and advocate for a voting ID to prevent voting fraud, ballot harvesting, and the fears that seniors and bilingual residents have, who want to vote, but have been threatened by people with authority that have corrupted the system. She investigated a number of cases herself and many say they never received their ballots; she suspects mail carriers keep the ballots and that the ballots end up back in the Voting office. She concluded that Commissioners, who have signed up for something, should invent a voting ID. She concluded that welcoming criminals and illegals to vote is voting corruption.

Brent Turner mentioned that when talking about the security of the systems, that it is great that the Director is on top of the physical security of the commission; the other issue is the other security issue of the system that the Commission has been working on so well over the years. He added that, unfortunately, San Francisco County elections are no more secure than elections anywhere in the country. He said although Director of Elections John Arntz is a top ranking elections official, what the vendors are selling does not allow for top security. He concluded that all states are victims of the same technology that are sold into the systems. He said the vendors are attempting to sell one more round of voting systems before the open source voting systems can be made ready and take hold. He said a paper ballot and a ballot audit will not correct the flaws of a proprietary system; a wise guy can defeat a proprietary system. He said that there must be open source and thanked the Commission for all of their hard work.

8. DISCUSSED Agenda items for future meetings at 7:13 P.M.

President Mogi announced the Commission would recess until the August 21 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner and Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee Chair Donaldson announced that the July 2019 meeting was also canceled.

RECEIVED Public Comment on Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Ellen Lee Zhou asked, in regard to her public comments, with whom she should follow up on who exactly on the Commission is responsible for delivering services to the public. She asked with whom she could file a complaint if the Commission does not respond to her complaints. She added that the Elections Commission website is very outdated. She said she has the right to know what the Commission does and what happens at the Election office. She wants to know how to follow up in order to hold Commissioners, volunteers and employees accountable to protect the elections process. She said San Francisco is a mess and that 75,000 voters should not be on the voting rolls; she said the Commissioners should remove them. She concluded by saying that if she publicly informs the Commission about a process and the Commission chooses to not do anything about it that the People of San Francisco can sue Commissioners personally and that Commissioners are personally liable for sitting in a position and not doing a thing.

RECEIVED Commissioner Requests for Agenda Items for Future Meetings at 7:16 P.M.

Commissioner Donaldson said the member of the public had a point and requested for the August 21, 2019 meeting a report from the Director of Elections on the process of cleansing voter rolls, the volume of voters cleansed, and how VoteCal integrated into that process.

RECEIVED Additional Public Comment on Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Jim Soper suggested that a report be done on the vulnerability of the new voting machines that have the capability of being accessed remotely by a vendor, especially in light of the admission by a voting machine vendor that in fact the

machine could be accessed remotely after stating machines could not be accessed remotely. He concluded that the Commission ensure California continues to do what it already does: vote with pen-marked paper ballots.

Brent Turner stated that the Dominion System design is a nuanced version of the Deckard design, which is a paper ballot printing system, which Mr. Turner stated did not give proper attribution to the actual designers. He added that the paper ballot printing system combined with an open source voting system is a better system because it has a ballot marking device that eliminates voter intent issues. He added that the hand counting system will lead to a botched election, is a failed environment and hopes that the Department of Elections can lead the country in the year 2024. He encouraged Commissioners over summer recess to have conversations with elected officials about where the money for open source voting was allocated, and wanted an accounting of funds already pledged for open source voting.

Adjourned at 7:22 PM