



question to ask DoE re: generating certain RCV reports
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Dear Voting Systems Task Force,

I am writing to ask that you request certain information from the San Francisco Department of Elections.

At the Task Force's November 10 meeting, the Task Force discussed short and long-term strategies for improving San Francisco's auditing of RCV elections.

One question that we discussed is whether San Francisco can, in the short term, generate versions of the RCV "comprehensive report" described in Oakland's Charter in Section 1105(i). The comprehensive report is the round-by-round RCV totals broken down by precinct.

The Task Force Chair told me that the Task Force can request information from the San Francisco Department of Elections. Can the Task Force make the following request to the Department of Elections? For your convenience, I am providing suggested wording for the request, as follows:

"The Task Force would like to know whether San Francisco's RCV vote-tallying software has a certain capability. Can the San Francisco Department of Elections ask the following question to its voting equipment vendor? The Task Force would like to receive a copy of the vendor's response. Here is the question to ask the vendor:

'Is your RCV vote-tallying software able to generate a report for each RCV race of the round-by-round totals broken down by precinct? The City of Oakland's Charter calls such a report a "comprehensive report." Section 1105(i) of Oakland's Charter describes this report in more detail. Note that such a report is different from the report one would get if one tallied the votes in each precinct as separate RCV elections. The candidate elimination order in a comprehensive report can be different. In a comprehensive report, the elimination order in each precinct is always the same as the RCV elimination order for the entire jurisdiction.'

Thank you in advance for relaying this request to the Department of Elections. A response to this request will help inform the Task Force's recommendations related to RCV auditing.

Sincerely,

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