VSP Public Comment

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Should Calfornia reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

Black Box Voting has proven that Diebold Optical Scanners' memory cards contain an executable program that has no other reason for being present except to facilitate changing the vote counts without detection. These memory cards are put into a central tabulator where this program is then executed. For details, please see "Optical Scan System Hacked (3 ways)" at:

http://www.blackboxvoting.org/

Diebold has proven it is not willing to establish trust among voters by continuously violating set standards. It's response to the public demand for a viable paper method to recount votes was to create a thermal receipt that is hard to read and is further proof it intends to thwart recount efforts.

Our voting systems need to be transparent and a paper ballot that is hand-counted is the only system that reduces the election fraud that electronic voting systems facilitate, especially when a wireless system with Internet access is used in any part of the voting process.

Please deny Diebold any voting system contracts in California!

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.