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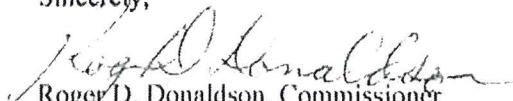
To: Hon. Teri L. Jackson  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
400 McAllister Street, Room 008  
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RE: Follow-up, Elections Commission Updated, Final Response to the 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury report entitled, "Open Source Voting in San Francisco"

Dear Honorable Judge Jackson,

The San Francisco Elections Commission responded with Option 3 to Recommendation 3, 4, 9 and 12 with a target response date of 28 Dec 2018 to the Civil Grand Jury report entitled, "Open Source Voting in San Francisco". Please find with this letter the updated, final response to those Recommendations.

Sincerely,

  
Roger D. Donaldson, Commissioner  
San Francisco Elections Commission

San Francisco Elections Commission Response  
2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury report, "Open Source Voting in San Francisco"

28 February 2019 Updated, final response to Recommendations 3, 4, 9, 12

**R3.** Recommends the Election Commission's OSVTAC should organize and maintain a website to serve as an informational portal on the OSV project. This should include links to (and summaries of) all reports written on the subject (including by the SoS, EC, OSVTAC, CGJ, Slalom, BoS). This resource should be completed by October, 1 2018, and be updated consistently. (F2, F3)

Response option 1– Has Been Implemented

In the short term, the Commission's Open Source Voting Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC) is maintaining a website with information about the project. The Elections Commission and OSVTAC does not have adequate resources continue to perform this service on an ongoing basis.

The San Francisco Department of Technology (DoT), however, will implement the recommendation an on-going basis once the project is fully staffed and will rollout a website by June 2019. Once the DoT site is available, OSVTAC information will be linked from the DoT site.

**R4.** Recommends publishing a quarterly summary of the state of the OSV project. The report should include: an estimate of the completion date, current cost projections, and highlight emerging issues. Until a Program Manager is hired, the reports should be authored by the EC, and afterwards, the report should be authored by the program manager. Reports should commence October 1, 2018, and continue at the start of each quarter until project completion. (F2, F3)

Response option 1– Has Been Implemented

The San Francisco Department of Technology has committed to providing regular updates to the San Francisco Elections Commission where those updates will be included in the agenda packet and minutes and as such will be in the public record. Additionally, the San Francisco Department of Technology has committed to posting major deliverables and reports will be posted on the web site (reference response to R3).

**R9.** Recommends that San Francisco's Elections Commission conduct a systematic evaluation of partner interest in using the OSV system developed in SF. This evaluation should reach out to all Departments of Elections in all counties within California, focusing on potential use and cost sharing. This analysis and reporting should be completed by April 1st, 2019. (F7, F9, F10, F11)

Response option 4 – Will Not Be Implemented

The Elections Commission does not have adequate resources to implement this recommendation.

However, the San Francisco Department of Technology is undergoing a survey of the State of Open Source Voting Projects Analysis intended to identify the possible existing projects that would be a good partner for the City and we would contact and do deep discussions with these soon.

**R12.** Recommends that the Elections Commission establish a coalition of supportive non-profit organizations in a formal structure to support the project. This list of collaborators and contacts should be constructed and published by January 1st, 2019. (F14, F16)

Response option 4 Will Not Be Implemented

The Elections Commission does not have adequate resources to implement this recommendation.

However, the San Francisco Department of Technology will engage a coalition of supportive non-profit organizations as part of the project with an even broader definition of inviting the SF community to participate on a working group to help work on aspects of the project.