

1 SAN FRANCISCO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

2 **Open Source Voting Pilot Resolution**

3 (Adopted by the San Francisco Elections Commission (4-0) on November 17, 2021.)

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5 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a long history of support
6 for open source voting, including several resolutions adopted both by the Board of
7 Supervisors and the Elections Commission, starting as far back as 2007;

8 WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 19209 allows a county to conduct
9 during an election a pilot program that provides for the experimental use of a voting
10 system in a limited number of precincts or locations, provided that the voting system
11 meets certain requirements, including that it uses only software and firmware with
12 disclosed source code, except for unmodified commercial off-the-shelf software and
13 firmware;

14 WHEREAS, On August 11, 2021, San Francisco Board of Supervisors President
15 Shamann Walton and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David Canepa
16 wrote a letter to California Secretary of State Shirley Weber requesting that she adopt
17 regulations governing voting system pilot programs, as required by the Elections Code;

18 WHEREAS, On February 10, 2021, the United States Election Assistance
19 Commission (EAC) adopted the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) version
20 2.0, which establishes modern standards for voting systems, including accessibility
21 standards, and marks the first significant update to federal standards since the EAC
22 adopted VVSG 1.0 in 2005;

23 WHEREAS, The California Elections Code requires that counties wanting to
24 conduct a pilot program submit a plan for a pilot program to the Secretary of State no

1 later than nine months before the election at which the pilot program of a voting system
2 is proposed to be conducted;

3 WHEREAS, During the Roll Call for Introductions of the November 16, 2021
4 Board of Supervisors meeting, President Walton requested legislation from the City
5 Attorney regarding the San Francisco Department of Elections submitting a plan to the
6 Secretary of State no later than February 8, 2022, so as to allow a pilot to be conducted
7 during the November 2022 election; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Elections Commission supports President Walton's
9 request for legislation to move the open source voting pilot process forward; and, be it

10 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Commission request that San Francisco join
11 President Walton and work with the Secretary of State to encourage that regulations
12 governing voting system pilot programs are adopted in time for San Francisco to
13 conduct a pilot during the November 2022 election.