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RE: Voting Systems Review,

TOP-TO-BOTTOM REVIEW OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS
CERTIFIED FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS

FAIL-SAFE VOTING: It's as simple as 1,2,3

1 – OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE: All electronic voting machines and tabulation devices must use open source software.

2 – PAPER BALLOT: All election technology must allow a voter to

- (a) mark (by hand or machine) an optically-scannable paper ballot,
- (b) inspect their ballot to confirm their vote, and
- (c) physically place their ballot in a ballot box which undergoes secure, rigorous chain-of-custody safeguards.

3 – 10% RANDOM HAND COUNT IN EACH PRECINCT:

All electronic tallies (from machines which have printed or otherwise provided ballots AND/OR independently-programmed tabulation devices which have optically scanned said ballots) in an election **MUST** be verified by publicly hand counting a randomly selected 10% of the ballots cast in each precinct.

See more information at www.verifygra.com

Sincerely,