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**SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES**

WHEREAS the election system in the United States can no longer be trusted, voting machines and the computers that add vote totals are being run with computer programs or software that can change vote totals, and

WHEREAS historic voter fraud required dozens of people colluding, now a small circle of corrupt election officials and voting machine technicians can skew results; and we the people have the right to know exactly how votes are processed, to have transparent elections, and to have computer scientists analyze open source code for malicious code which could manipulate elections; and

WHEREAS proprietary computer software denies us this right to know, inner workings of the computerized vote counting hardware are secret, and the incentive to manipulate vote counts is very high;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee call upon the California Democratic Party, the California Secretary of State, and all California state legislators to support, pass, and implement legislation requiring that all technology used in processing our votes shall be publicly disclosed; and that such technology shall end secrecy in vote tabulation, produce a paper ballot as the official record of the vote, be scientifically verifiable, save money, be multi-lingual, be handicapped-accessible, and be designed to accommodate non-traditional voting schemata such as proportional representation and ranked choice; and

RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee distribute copies of this resolution to all other California county Democratic central committees and to the California Democratic Party for consideration and support.

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