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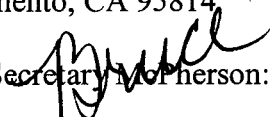
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September 8, 2005

Honorable Bruce McPherson  
Secretary of State  
1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary  McPherson:

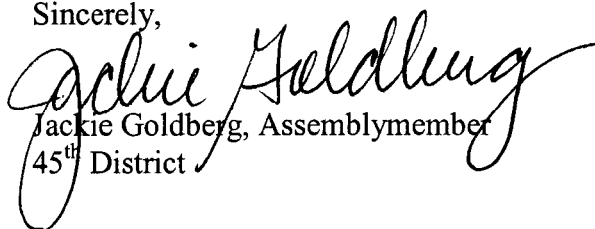
Thank you for organizing the process to review the use of open source code software For voting machines. My bill ACR 242, asked your office to provide a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2006 on the feasibility of using open source software and we look forward to that report.

I urge you to hold these meetings in public and treat them like a legislative hearing rather than an in-house committee review of the issue. Our office has heard statements that this will not be a hearing. It will instead be a committee meeting of professionals. I believe that public participation in a hearing will enable a larger number of issues to be raised and discussed.

I applaud your efforts to report to the Legislature in a timely manner. I urge you to hold the referenced meetings in a formal and open hearing format.

Thank you for your cooperation with this legislative request.

Sincerely,

  
Jackie Goldberg, Assemblymember  
45<sup>th</sup> District