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Voting Modernization Board
John Mott-Smith
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Re: Recommended Formula

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members:

After considering the various alternatives proposed and the discussions that have taken place, San Bernardino County would like to recommend that the Board select the following option:

Allocate the funds across all counties based on the number of eligible voters within the county. If the amount allocated exceeds 75% of what the county has estimated as the total system cost, any overage would be placed in a pool for distribution to remaining counties. This pool would again be allocated based on eligible voters in the remaining counties. This procedure would be repeated until all funds are allocated with no county receiving more than 75% of the total amount requested.

The benefits of such an approach are:

- The distribution is based on a number that would not reflect decisions made by local election officials. Using the number of registered voters would potentially give preference to political parties or population groups that are more apt to register. Number of eligible voters does not favor counties that tend to draw younger families.
- Counties that are taking a less expensive approach will still get equal consideration up to what they estimated, but Prop 41 guidelines of matching funds would still be met. Remaining monies would be distributed to the counties with the greater need.
- This does not favor counties that may have estimated high since money is allocated based on eligible voters not as a percentage of the request.
- Very easy to administer and to explain
- Leave it to each county to effectively apply the funds to achieve the desired results.

Payment would be based on 75% of the invoice(s) submitted for qualified items up to the allocation limit established for each county.

Thank you for your consideration.

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