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Voting Modernization Board
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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 41 FUNDS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Voting Modernization Board is responsible for the administration of the Voting Modernization Fund. The allocation of Prop 41 monies is an issue that will affect most counties in California.

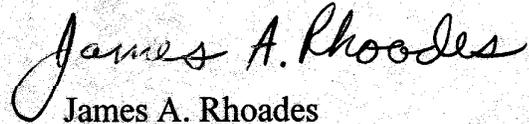
At the June meeting of the State Association of County Clerks and Election Officials, each County was requested to select and support in writing its preferred method of allocation of Prop 41 money.

Although there are three allocation methods that would provide larger dollar amounts to Kern County, we think that the "Number of Eligible Voters" is best for the following reasons:

1. The "Number of Eligible Voters" represents the potential citizens to be served by the voting equipment purchased with Prop 41 money.
2. The number of eligible voters was calculated as part of the 2000 Census, using the same criteria for each county, by a person independent of election administrators.

We recommend that the Voting Modernization Board adopt as the most equitable method of allocation the "Number of Eligible Voters".

Sincerely,



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