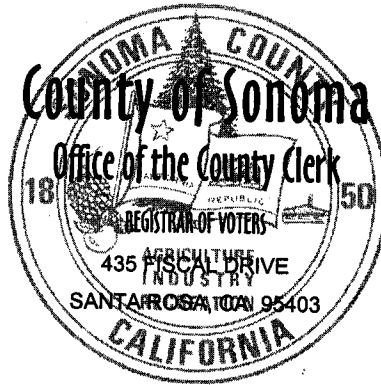


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Voting Modernization Board  
Attn: John A. Perez, Chair  
c/o Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Perez:

The County of Sonoma would like to add its voice to those counties requesting that the January 1, 2005 deadline for the Project Documentation Package for Proposition 41 funding be extended. As you are certainly aware, the status of electronic voting in the State of California has been in upheaval for months, and there is still no voting system that meets the new criteria for certification in the State.

The County of Sonoma has begun the process of drafting a Request for Proposal, in order to comply with the Proposition 41 funding requirements and the requirements of the Help America Vote Act. We intend to move forward in this effort despite the lack of available products. However, like all election officials, we are also embarking upon the conduct of a very complex and controversial election, preparation for which is already underway. Extending the submission deadline for Project Documentation Packages until April or June of 2005 would provide necessary additional time for vendors to complete development and secure federal approval and state certification of new or modified systems; as well as allow counties the time necessary to review such systems and make informed choices after we have put the upcoming Presidential election behind us.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at (707) 565-1877, or Janice Atkinson, Assistant Registrar of Voters, at (707) 565-6814.

Very truly yours,

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