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Dear Chair Long and Members of the Board:

I wish to register my support for the County's renewal and extension of the election contracts with Dominion Voting Systems. I understand that the amendments are for the purpose of obtaining equipment and security upgrades and extending the term of the contracts until 2033. I also understand that these upgrades will be implemented in 2025, a non-election year, so that the county system will be upgraded and in place for the 2026 election cycle.

This item should not be controversial, and the Board should not treat it as such; rather common sense dictates that the County take appropriate and timely action to ensure that our election equipment is updated as appropriate to ensure that our election system continues to run as smoothly and seamlessly as it has. Unfortunately, there are some people in this country who prefer to spread lies and misinformation for their own political purposes. It is disgraceful that one of the candidate's for the nation's highest office actually is telling people that the election will only be fair if he wins. It is disrespectful and deceitful that he continues to try to discredit the country's election infrastructure. He may be pandering to his supporters who have swallowed his lies. But it is time for our government leaders to stand up and say to this hogwash, enough is enough!

We know that Dominion won its lawsuit against FOX News for defamation because of the untruths that FOX spewed after the 2020 election about the Dominion voting systems. There was never any credible evidence presented by any of the many election deniers, including Mike Lindell, that established any problems with the Dominion system.

Furthermore, we are lucky to have a very conscientious, talented and professional Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, who assures us that her office thoroughly tests every piece of equipment before the election for functionality and accuracy, in addition to double-checking the accuracy of vote totals after Election Night with a random manual tally audit. Dominion has a proven Democracy Suite that is used by most California counties, as well as jurisdictions nationwide. We know that we have a paper ballot system that cannot be manipulated in the manner suggested by the election deniers. The County Board has given these election deniers more than one forum to vent their mistruths. I suppose they will be spewing their conspiracy theories again on Tuesday. Now it seems that the flavor of the month for these folks is to push hand counting the ballots, which could sabotage our elections by slowing the process and increasing the likelihood for errors.

Everyone knows this alternative is ridiculous and not designed to improve our election system. I do believe that it is due time for the Board to stop pandering to these folks and just do your jobs as the responsible government officials that you are.

I thank Chair Long and Supervisor LaVere for their recommendation to approve this item and

authorize Ms. Ascencion to sign the amendments to upgrade our voting equipment, annual license and hardware warranties and extend the term of the Contract.

Thank you for your consideration and your service on behalf of Ventura County government,

Sincerely,

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