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Clerk of the Board and Supervisors,

I am writing in favor of renewing the contract of Dominion Voting Systems. There is not an iota of factual evidence that this company's products produce erroneous voter counts. Fox news settled a defamation suit against Dominion Voting Systems as the Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency says, state and local election officials have made so much progress in securing our elections that vote counting is more robust than it has ever been before.

CBS news reports that in a recent election in Gillespie, TX, 8,000 votes were hand counted and resulted in numerous errors. Numerous studies have shown hand counts to be less accurate and more costly and time consuming but the election deniers persist in requesting them. Harvard Professor Ansalabehere's research about a New Hampshire election found hand counted ballots off by 8% while machine counts average error is 0.5%.

A switch to hand counting is rooted in false conspiracy theories that our elections are manipulated which is why the 2020 election turned out as it did. There is absolutely NO evidence that this is true. The Voting Rights Act also precludes hand counts due to the number of ballots that will be cast in Ventura County in any given election cycle.

Thank you Supervisors Long and La Vere for making the motion to accept the extended contract of Dominion Voting Systems and allow our Clerk Recorder, Michele Ascension, to proceed with elections in the same fine and professional manner she has done in the past.

Sincerely yours,
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