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Chair Long and Board:

I am writing to lend my support for the County's renewal and extension of the election contracts with Dominion Voting Systems. It is my understanding that these amendments will provide for equipment and security upgrades, the County's annual license and warranties, and extension of the terms of the agreements until 2033. It is also my understanding that by approving these amendments now, the County will be able to implement the upgrades during the off-election year in 2025 in preparedness for the 2026 election cycle.

I realize that the Board may, again, be petitioned by conspiracy theorists and election deniers who desire one day voting and paper ballots only, however, I urge you to stand strong against those allegations. You all know full well that there have been numerous studies and investigations that have shown the nation's elections to be safe and secure. The claims of foreign infiltrations and faulty algorithms have been regularly debunked, including the loss by FOX News for contending that Dominion products were not secure. Additionally, I understand that the conspiracy supporter's demands for hand-counted elections would slow the tabulation process and increase the likelihood for errors. I also believe that State law prohibits hand counting for regular elections of over 1,000 registered voters and special elections of over 5,000 registered voters. The deniers also seem to mistakenly believe that votes are being cast electronically, when, as I understand it, the reality is that every vote is cast on a paper ballot which serves as an auditable receipt.

The deniers, like nationally known Mike Lindell, claim Dominion equipment can't be trusted, but the Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

assures us that they thoroughly test 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. I further understand that at least two-thirds of California counties use the Dominion Democracy Suite for their elections, and Dominion has customers in thousands of other jurisdictions nationwide. It seems that Ventura County has been a Dominion customer for several years, having previously been a long-time customer of Sequoia Voting Systems, which was purchased by Dominion in 2010. The Clerk also assures us that Dominion products have proven reliable in multiple elections and their service has been responsive and thorough.

I strongly urge you to look past the conspiracy theorists' allegations and follow the recommendation for the amendments to the Dominions Voting Systems renewal and extension.

Yours in Good Government,  
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Former Mayor/Councilmember, City of Ventura