Citizens’ Advisory Commission on Elections
Technology Trends Committee
AGENDA

27 February 2020
7pm
Room 157
County Government Center
70 W. Hedding Street, 1st Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

Open Public Meeting
1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Public comment.
4. Approve minutes of the 20 November 2019 meeting.
5. Receive report from Commissioner Hertan on Scotland's use of OCR technology, especially as to why they chose OCR versus mark sense, and the accuracy of OCR versus mark sense, and approve recommendations, if any.
6. Receive report from Commissioner Chessin as to San Francisco's plans to go to OCR in their open-source system, and the accuracy of their mark sense system for capturing voter intent, and approve recommendations, if any.
7. Discuss the possibility of the County of Santa Clara collaborating with the City and County of San Francisco on the development of an open source voting system, and approve recommendations, if any. For background, see the Elections Commission's two open source voting resolutions at the top of this page: https://sfgov.org/electionscommission/motions-and-resolutions; also, OSVTAC's "project" page has a link to many San Francisco-specific reports and documents over the years (though 2019 isn't really covered in that page): https://osvtac.github.io/project/; also, the "History" section of TAC's recommendations document has an overview of the timeline in SF: https://osvtac.github.io/recommendations/background#3-background.
8. Receive report from Commissioner Hertan on his contact with Congressmember Khanna's office concerning plans to provide a speaker or a written report on the Fair Representation Act (HR 4000) to CACE, and approve recommendations, if any.
9. Discuss the recommendation to CACE that CACE recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they adopt an ordinance for an independent redistricting commission per Election Code Sections 23001 and 23003 that will not only redistrict the Supervisorial districts, but can also be a resource for jurisdictions that want to contract with the county for their redistricting, per Election Code Section 23004, and approve recommendations, if any.
11. Discuss trends in election technology, and approve recommendations, if any.
12. Discuss future agenda items.
13. Schedule next meeting.
14. Committee Members’ comments and announcements.
15. Adjourn.
Citizens’ Advisory Commission on Elections  
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DRAFT MINUTES - Not yet approved by the Committee  

20 November 2019  
7pm  
Lobby of the Double Tree by Hilton San Jose  
2050 Gateway Place  
San Jose, CA 95110  

Open Public Meeting  
1. Call to order.  
7:07pm  
2. Roll call.  
Commissioners Craig Dunkerly, Peter Hertan, and Steve Chessin were present.  
3. Public comment.  
No member of the public sought recognition.  
4. Approve minutes of the 21 August 2019 meeting.  
Moved by Commissioner Hertan/Seconded by Commissioner Dunkerley to approve the minutes. Approved 3-0.  
5. Receive report from Commissioner Hertan on Scotland’s use of OCR technology, and approve recommendations, if any.  
Commissioner Chessin will ask San Francisco if they have plans to go to OCR in their open-source system. He will also ask if they have estimated the accuracy of the mark sense system for capturing voter intent.  
Commissioner Hertan will ask Scotland why they chose OCR versus mark sense, and ask about the accuracy of OCR versus mark sense.  
Commissioner Chessin will forward his emails to Commissioner Hertan.  
6. Receive report from Commissioner Hertan on his contact with Congressmember Khanna’s office concerning plans to reintroduce the Fair Representation Act (HR 3057 in the last session; HR 4000 in the current session), and approve recommendations, if any.  
The Fair Representation Act has been introduced as HR 4000. Commissioner Hertan has asked them to provide a speaker on it for our December or January meeting. He’ll ask them if they would rather provide a written report.  
7. Discuss technology, such as Maptitude and Auto-Redistrict, associated with drawing district lines, especially fair and impartial districts, and approve recommendations, if any.  
We had a demonstration of Maptitude and a discussion of Auto-Redistrict.  
No action is necessary.  
8. Discuss the different types of redistricting commissions (advisory, independent, hybrid), and approve recommendations, if any.
We discussed the different types of redistricting commissions.

Without objection, we recommend to CACE that CACE recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they adopt an ordinance for an independent redistricting commission per Election Code Sections 23001 and 23003 that will not only redistrict the Supervisorial districts, but can also be a resource for jurisdictions that want to contract with the county for their redistricting, per Election Code Section 23004.

9. Discuss recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they eliminate their policy of automatic recounts once risk limiting audits are implemented, and approve recommendations, if any.

Without objection, we recommend to CACE that CACE recommend to the Registrar of Voters that the Registrar of Voters conduct a risk-limiting audit instead of a 1% manual tally for the November 2020 general election, per Election Code Sections 15365 through 15367.

Without objection, we further recommend to CACE that CACE recommend to the Board of Supervisors that if the Registrar of Voters conducts a risk-limiting audit instead of a 1% manual tally for the November 2020 general election, that the Board of Supervisors eliminate their policy of automatic recounts when risk-limiting audits are conducted.

10. Discuss trends in election technology, and approve recommendations, if any.

We had no new trends to discuss.

11. Discuss future agenda items.
Commissioner Chessin referred to a paper from the Stanford Cyber Policy Center titled "Securing American Elections" that he wants discussed next time, especially Chapter 2.

12. Schedule next meeting.
We tentatively set the next meeting for 7pm Wednesday February 19, 2020, at the County Building, room 157.

13. Committee Members’ comments and announcements.
None.

At 8:45pm.