

"UTAH COUNT VOTES" SUGGESTIONS

TO: Utah Voting Equipment Selection Committee

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1. Independent security experts should be hired who are expert computer scientists to help Utah develop the security requirements for its RFP, to study the possibility of using more trustworthy, less expensive open source public programming instructions for voting machines in Utah, and to audit the security of any voting machines being considered for use in Utah. HAVA funds can be used for this research.

2. Use the Brennan Center-LCCR "Recommendations for Improving Reliability of Direct Recording Electronic Voting Systems". Use the Brennan Center-LCCR RFP kit to develop the security requirements for Utah's RFP.

http://www.brennancenter.org/programs/dem_vr_hava_votingsystems.html

3. De-certify all Utah's currently certified voting equipment and require re-certification of all e-voting systems after emerging standards are in place. Wait to purchase new voting machines until after new national standards have been set by NIST and EAC as provided for by HAVA.

4. Meet all conditions outlined in US proposed legislation HR2239 and S1980 for any e-voting systems that Utah purchases so that we won't need expensive upgrades later. A new poll by the "Association for Computing Machinery", the world's largest organization of computer professionals is running 93% in favor of paper ballots! (see <https://campus.acm.org/polls/>)

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_bills&docid=f:s1980is.txt

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5. Release the Utah Voting Equipment Selection Committee's RFP for public review and comment, one month prior to finalizing it for vendor bids

6. Wait for the market and standards to settle. Make fiscally responsible decisions. It may be unwise to blow millions of dollars on voting equipment at this time.

