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TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Rodney Rodriguez
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RE: Voting Systems: Liberty Vote Acquisition of Dominion Voting Systems

We want to ensure all counties are fully informed and confident that the recent acquisition of Dominion Voting Systems by Liberty Vote does not affect California certification or compliance in any way. The voting systems currently deployed across California remain fully certified, secure, and operationally unchanged.

All voting systems and components currently certified by the California Secretary of State remain valid under Liberty Vote ownership. No changes have been made to the software, firmware, or hardware since the transfer of ownership that would alter certification status.

County support, maintenance, warranties, and software updates will continue under the same processes. There will be no disruption to existing services. Liberty Vote has retained the infrastructure supporting our counties.

Our mission to ensure secure, transparent, and accessible elections remains unchanged. The California Secretary of State's Office is committed to supporting the professionalism of every county election office. We will continue to communicate updates as necessary and appreciate your continued diligence and partnership.

Questions & Answers

1. Does the sale to Liberty Vote mean our voting system is no longer certified?
 - a. No. Certification follows the system configuration, not the ownership structure of the vendor. The systems in use remain fully certified by the

California Secretary of State. The acquisition did not introduce any hardware or software changes that would alter that certification status.

2. Will the California Secretary of State have to re-test or re-certify the equipment?
 - a. No additional certification or testing is required. Because there have been no technical modifications to the certified systems, counties can continue using their equipment as usual. Any future system updates or changes would undergo the established state certification process before deployment.
3. Has any part of the system changed under Liberty Vote ownership?
 - a. No. The acquisition involved ownership and management, not system design. The hardware, software, firmware, and operational procedures remain identical to those certified and deployed.
4. How can we be sure the company's new ownership won't affect election security or neutrality?
 - a. Election system integrity is governed by strict state standards, not by ownership. Liberty Vote is bound by the same legal, contractual, and technical obligations as Dominion, including security standards, source code escrow, chain-of-custody protocols, and independent testing. Secretary of State oversight remains unchanged and fully in place.
5. What if we start receiving misinformation or media inquiries about this change?
 - a. The Secretary of State will provide additional communication as developments occur. It is also recommended you work with your public information and/or press office to combat any misinformation. We recommend focusing on the facts to prevent confusion and misinformation. Below are examples of facts to provide:
 - i. Certification remains valid.
 - ii. Systems and support remain unchanged.
 - iii. Oversight continues as before.
6. How does this impact future system updates or replacements?
 - a. Future updates will continue to follow the established State of California certification procedures.

If you have any questions about this memorandum, please contact OVSTA at VotingSystems@sos.ca.gov.