

Thank you. Good afternoon. And thanks to the Secretary of State for having this event.

I just wanted to add a few things. Obviously, we've heard a lot. My role as an election reform activist, for the past five or six years, has been to make sure the words open source were brought to every proceeding like this. So I think, at this point, my work is almost done.

There are obviously distinctions to be made between the vendors that come up and talk about disclosed source and those that are purporting to move toward open source -- and also to the other groups that are here speaking about open source. Naturally I think, first and foremost, we want to clarify that there are standards available and we want to hit those standards. When we speak about open source -- and it's not just words that can be thrown around with licensing attached and so forth and still be in the realm of what the international community deems as open source.

The air force, the DoD -- the military -- they are running open source systems. I think we need to look to them for some clarity on these points.

Also I wanted to mention to you that the fellow that I think is known as the father of the certification process, a fellow by the name of Roy Saltman -- while speaking about a fellow that is known as the father of the open source voting community movement, Alan Dechert -- he said that as long as you have any sort of proprietary or even disclosed source in your systems, that the certification process will remain broken. And the father of the certification process, Mr. Saltman, referred to the current certification process as "broken" years back.

So now we're still in the same situation. The activists are still showing up. I think the divide between people that think that we're going to revert to hand counting and those of us who now continue to support open source voting with mandatory paper ballots -- I think that divide is now closing.

So I look to your panel and the registrars to move California into the premier position on this issue and lead the rest of the country like we've been requesting, for many years, that we show that leadership. I know there are a lot of issues attached, but I look to you for that leadership.

Thank you. -- Brent Turner