

Secretary Bowen,

I was not able to attend your recent hearing on the Future of Voting in California as we are in the midst of planning our April 13, 2010, municipal elections. The April 2010 election will involve 240,000 registered voters and 358 voting precincts in Long Beach, Lakewood, and parts of Compton. I offer two comments:

- I found Kim Alexander's remark regarding standardization of voting systems appealing. In considering the future of voting, I ask that you invite cities to participate in developing a sound vision.
- Standardization at the state, county or municipal level may have some economies of scale as well as a lead to a base of knowledge that would promote optimal voter, poll worker and election official friendliness. I think Dean Logan wants to move in the direction where a standard voting system can meet our needs, and we look forward to that day. While Long Beach purchased a voting system in 2007, which subsequently passed your top to bottom review (TTBR), as many of 59 cities are using a system that was not subjected to the TTBR.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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