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To: Voting Systems
Subject: Election Night Precinct Counts

Dear Secretary of State Debra Bowen,

In response to the call from Secretary of State Bowen's office for input into voting machine criteria, we are submitting an issue that Secure Accurate Elections feels to be of vital importance.

Since the advent of the Central Tabulator, it has become impossible for the public to watch the counting of the vote. A major way for the public to follow the results on election night and be alerted to a potential problem is by following the election tallies precinct by precinct as the votes are being tabulated.

It is the position of Secure Accurate Elections that all Registrars of Voters must be required to report periodically on election night precinct by precinct results to the public. Memory cards are fed into the central tabulator one precinct at a time and it is difficult to understand why these precinct tallies can not then be made public.

Another advantage to precinct tallies being made public on election night is that errors or problems with vote totals going up or down in a suspicious manner are much easier to detect.

In San Diego County the receiving of precinct returns by the public has become a problem. During the November 6, 2006 election we were informed that we could not obtain precinct results until after the election had been certified. Even after the election was certified, we had to pay for a technical person to retrieve this information from the tabulator. We did not obtain this information from the Registrar of Voters until months after the election was certified.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Is there a list that we need to be on in order to get updates from your office? We would also like to participate in the conference calls we understand are taking place with activists? If so, please add us to the list.

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