



June 16, 2023

Members Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee  
Senator Steven M. Glazer, Chair

**AB: 969**

**OPPOSE**

Members of the Committee,

Election Integrity Project® *California*, Inc. (EIPCa) **Strongly Opposes AB 969** as written and amended as of the date of this letter.

AB 969 is an outrageous bill. It is a de-facto declaration of war by the State against self-governing county governments of California. It assumes that counties cannot be trusted to ensure a viable election plan without an oppressive State law that removes options.

For California legislators to intrude in county affairs to this extent, especially given recent developments, **raises more than a few suspicions of ulterior motives**.

Clearly the genesis of AB 969 is the recent action taken by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors in deciding to conduct its county's elections without electronic assistance.

- The Shasta County Board of Supervisors acted responsibly. They did their due diligence and established a clear plan to meet the needs of their county based on the evidence presented and considerations discussed.
- THIS is the role of local government!

The messaging that has followed that action, that somehow it “can’t be done,” that Shasta will be in chaos and that their elections will cost millions more **is categorically false** and **pure propaganda**.

Shasta County was diligent in their assurance that the absolute opposite would be the case, and is following the many positive examples of counties and countries that have preceded them in a similar decision.

Canada, England, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and France, among other allied nations, **documented severe election fraud and manipulation** as a result of **employing the same election systems now in use in California and across the U.S.**, and **chose to eliminate machine involvement** in their elections.

These nations now conduct their elections free of electronic systems, with **same day, verifiable and trusted results**.

There are many American counties that have done the same. The success of so many countries and counties is absolute proof that it **CAN** be done, reliably, inexpensively and **with much more integrity**.

Meanwhile, California is using expensive and inscrutable elections systems that

- lack protections from manipulation and
- cannot produce election results prior to 30 days after Election Day.

Over 12 years of EIPCa research, data analysis and documentation prove this to be unassailably correct.

**Nothing positive can come from the State's imposition of a voting system mandate.** It will only continue to engender citizens' anger and distrust.

AB 969 dictatorially removes from the table any election model other than one fully reliant on the very technology that **people world-wide not only believe but know to be unreliable and manipulatable.**

**AB 969 sends a clear message that there IS something to hide,** just as many citizens have documented as a result of their elections observations experiences.

**Part of that "something" resides in the electronic voting systems.**

**AB 969 validates every suspicion shared by 70% to 80% of the public** that election fraud and manipulation are real and systemic, and are engineered from the top down.

**If the above suspicions are incorrect, this committee will prove it by**

- putting an immediate END to AB 969, and
- supporting the people of each county in determining what is best for them.

**AB 969 is an obvious act of desperation.** It appears the proponents of this bill believe they have something to lose unless they squash any possibility of citizens actually exercising self-governance focused on increasing election integrity at the county level.

**The "urgency status" of this bill further validates that message.**

**EIPCa urges a NO vote on AB 969**

Should further information be required, contact EIPCa Linda Paine or Ruth Weiss.

Sincerely,

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