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1 **SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**
2 **SUPPORTING OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES**

3 **WHEREAS** public confidence in the integrity of the election system in the United States is
4 declining; and voting machines and the computers that add vote totals are being run with
5 computer programs or software that can substantially change vote totals in subtle ways that are
6 difficult to detect; and

7 **WHEREAS** we the people have the right to know exactly how votes are processed, to have
8 transparent elections, and to have computer scientists analyze open source code for malicious
9 code which could manipulate elections; and

10 **WHEREAS** proprietary computer software denies us this right to know, inner workings of the
11 computerized vote counting hardware are secret, and the incentive to manipulate vote counts is
12 very high;

13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee call
14 upon the California Democratic Party, the California Secretary of State, and all California state
15 legislators to support, pass, and implement legislation requiring that all technology used in
16 processing our votes shall be publicly disclosed; and that such technology shall end secrecy in
17 vote tabulation, produce a paper ballot as the official record of the vote, be scientifically
18 verifiable, be multi-lingual, be handicapped-accessible, and be designed to accommodate non-
19 traditional voting schemata such as proportional representation and ranked choice; and

20 **RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee distribute copies of this
21 resolution to all other California county Democratic central committees and to the California
22 Democratic Party for consideration and support.

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