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MESSAGE *from Dean*

As we continue to prepare for the manufacturing, certification, and implementation of our new system, I would like to pause and recognize the great achievements we have accomplished through this project.

We have remained true to our commitment to design a voting system utilizing a data-driven, collaborative process that centers around the needs of the voter. Through this process, we have designed a truly accessible voting experience that is well aligned with voter behavior and preferences.

The elections community, voting system market and other jurisdictions continue to follow our project and recognize these accomplishments. Most recently, our office received notice that the VSAP was selected to advance as a semi-finalist in the 2017 Innovations in American Government Awards competition, hosted by the Harvard Kennedy School. This was all made possible through your hard work and commitment to the success of modernizing the voting experience for Los Angeles County. Thank you!

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County

GARTNER ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

G artner continues to work with the Department to develop the manufacturing and implementation strategy for the new voting experience. Gartner conducted interviews with Department management in Election Operations, Information Technology and Administration as part of the Readiness Assessment. This evaluation of the County's organizational and operational readiness will be instrumental in shaping the VSAP Implementation plan which will guide the sourcing strategy and requirements for potential manufacturers in the Request for Proposal (RFP) anticipated during this phase.

Gartner also conducted a market scan to gauge overall market responsiveness and identify traditional and non-traditional potential voting system manufacturers. In this regard, the Department has amended the current contract with Gartner to extend the term until June 2017 and add to the scope of work a Request for Information (RFI).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We continue to involve communities and organizations for prototype demonstrations and feedback. Our outreach efforts will continue in the new phase of this project.
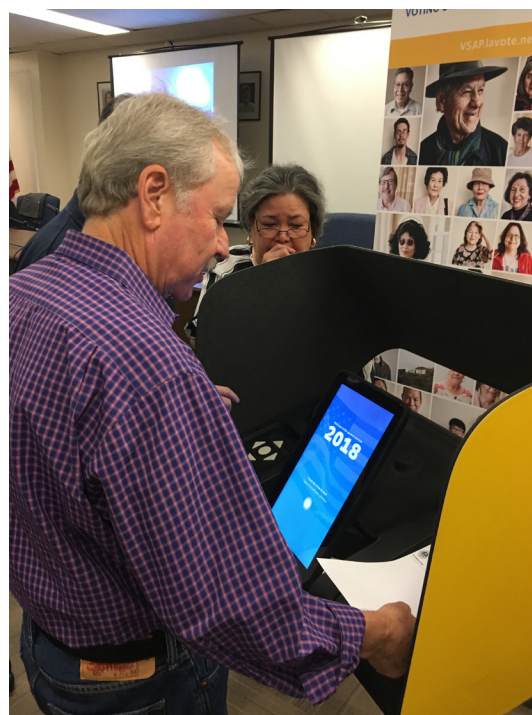
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We gave a project update to the members of the Community and Voter Outreach Committee (CVOC) on January 25th and to the members of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) on January 30th. The update provided an overview of milestones and next steps.

PROTOTYPE DEMOS

FEBRUARY 15, 2017
Los Angeles County Commission on Disability

The VSAP was invited by the Commission to conduct a demonstration of the touch screen and audio user interface. Terri Lantz, a member of the VSAP Advisory Committee and Gabriel Taylor, a member of the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC), conducted a presentation on the challenges and barriers to higher voter engagement within the disability community.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

City of Pasadena Special Joint Meeting

Aaron Nevarez, Governmental and Legislative Affairs Manager and VSAP Advisor, discussed the regulatory requirements of the Voter's Choice Act (known as SB 450) during the Special Joint Meeting of the Pasadena City Council and the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education. Members of the City Council, Board of Education and the public interacted with the prototype.

RECOGNITION

The VSAP is one of the semifinalists for the 2017 "Innovations in American Government" and the "Roy and Lila Ash Award for Public Engagement in Government." Every year, the Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation recognizes top government programs in the nation that use creative and innovative approaches to address important issues of public concern.

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IN THE NEWS

The link below provide access to the news article that features the VSAP:

January 19, 2017 - Los Angeles County Voting System Redesign Enters Solicitation Phase

http://www.govtech.com/products/Los-Angeles-County-Voting-System-Redesign-Enters-Solicitation-Phase.html

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December 29, 2016 - New Model of Digital Election Equipment Produces Instantly Verifiable Results

http://www.govtech.com/products/New-Model-Digital-Election-Equipment-Produces-Verifiable-Results.html

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