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## Brent Turner Statement

Many know the history of this movement to secure US elections. In 2000, standing on the shoulders of Medgar Evers and other civil rights leaders, Alan Dechert and Open Voting Consortium pioneered open source voting systems. Seven years later I started a campaign to have SF lead the country toward safe and secure elections. Since then we have seen open source systems deployed in New Hampshire. Then the 2016 election happened

Thanks to the Supervisors of San Francisco we have an opportunity today to strengthen the democracy of the county, state and country. Early on Tom Amiano bravely stood up and helped us create the SF Voting Systems Task Force. The Task Force gave the county corroborating direction and the Supes were unanimous- with the Mayor and yet another study—LaFCO - to endorse open source voting. This will save the county millions of dollars and help the entire country secure our most sacred action of voting.

We have together overcome the vendors and the lobbyists to be that shining light for democracy. The science is available and the project is manageable without the fear , uncertainty and doubt peddled by corporate interests. The open source voting language is now being carried by Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard as endorsed by most top scientists , with additional endorsement being made by The National Federation for The Blind- - FairVote – Former CIA Director R. James Woolsey – and the National Organization of Women among many others

Please move this forward with complete funding in this historic moment. Our democracy and our citizens deserve it.

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