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ITEM 11

TEST CLAIM DISMISSAL PROPOSED STATEMENT OF DECISION

Secretary of State's September 18, 2001 Order As Amended on December 17, 2001, and May 23, 2002

De-Certification of Punch-Card Voting Systems (02-TC-20)

County of Los Angeles, Claimant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 31, 2006, the County of Los Angeles requested withdrawal of the test claim filing on *De-Certification of Punch-Card Voting Systems* (02-TC-20). Claimant's request was served in writing, and a sixty-day notice of this withdrawal and dismissal was provided pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.08.

No interested parties objected to the claimant's request for withdrawal, or took over the claim by substitution of the parties, on or before January 3, 2007.³

Therefore, the sole issue before the Commission on State Mandates ("Commission") is whether the Commission adopts the Proposed Statement of Decision, dismissing the above-named test claim.⁴

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the Proposed Statement of Decision, dismissing the entire *De-Certification of Punch-Card Voting Systems* test claim.

² Commission's notice of withdrawal and dismissal hearing (Attachment 2.)

¹ Claimant's withdrawal request letter (Attachment 1.)

³ The deadline was automatically extended by one day due to the lack of regular mail service on the January 2, 2007 National Day of Mourning.

⁴ California Code of Regulations, test claim, section 1188.1, subdivision (g).

BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Filed on May 14, 2003,

Withdrawn on October 31, 2006,

By County of Los Angeles, Claimant.

Case No.: 02-TC-20

De-Certification of Punch-Card Voting Systems

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF DECISION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 17500 ET SEQ.; CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 2.5, ARTICLE 7

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CONCLUSION

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the test claim filing, *De-Certification of Punch-Card Voting Systems* (02-TC-20), is dismissed, without prejudice, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.08.

Any claimant may file a new test claim on the above-referenced test claim legislation. However, any such claim shall be subject to a new filing date and to the statute of limitations pursuant to Government Code section 17551.

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