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## **Secretary of State Alex Padilla Certifies Los Angeles County's New Vote Tally System Making it California's First Certified Open-Source Election Technology**

**LOS ANGELES** – Today, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla certified Los Angeles County's Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) Tally Version 1.0, making it the first publicly-owned, open-source election tally system certified under the California voting systems standards.

[Click here to view the certification.](#)

“With security on the minds of elections officials and the public, open-source technology has the potential to further modernize election administration, security, and transparency,” said Secretary of State Alex Padilla. “Los Angeles County’s VSAP vote tally system is now California’s first certified election system to use open-source technology. This publicly-owned technology represents a significant step in the future of elections in California and across the country.”

As part of the certification process, the system went through rigorous functional and security testing conducted by the Secretary of State’s staff and a certified voting system test lab. The testing ensured the system’s compliance with California and federal laws, including the California Voting System Standards (CVSS).

The certification of the VSAP Tally solution now allows Los Angeles County to move forward with its newly redesigned VSAP Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

“This is a significant milestone in our efforts to implement a new voting experience for the voters of Los Angeles County,” said Dean C. Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. “The VSAP Tally System will ensure that new Vote by Mail ballots cast in the upcoming November election will be counted accurately and securely.”

The RR/CC will begin issuing the newly redesigned VBM packets on October 9. The packets will include a new, easy-to-use full-face ballot, return envelope, secrecy sleeve and an “I Voted” sticker. *And no postage will be required on the return envelope.*

The newly designed VBM is the first step in implementing a new voting experience for LA County voters that is more accessible and convenient. To learn more about further changes coming to Los Angeles County in 2020 through the Voter's Choice Act, visit [VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov](https://VotersChoice.sos.ca.gov) or [vsap.lavote.net](https://vsap.lavote.net).

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