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Secretary of State Padilla Statement on Voting System Funding in Governor's May Budget Revision

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's [revised state budget proposal](#).

“New equipment and election funding is an undeniable priority to protect our elections. The federal intelligence community has warned the nation that bad actors like Russia will continue their efforts to undermine our democracy. While President Trump fails to act, California is again leading the way to secure our elections. I thank Governor Newsom for including an additional \$87.3 million for counties to replace aging voting systems.”

The May Revision announced today includes an additional one-time General Fund investment of \$87.3 million to replace and upgrade county voting systems.

[In February](#), Secretary Padilla began the process of decertifying voting systems that had not been tested to the state's most recent certification standards. This will require county elections officials to implement a voting system that meets the state's newest testing and certification standards in time for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

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