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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Delivers $7.5 Million Check to Riverside County for New Voting Equipment

Secretary Shelley was the Legislative Author of Proposition 41in 2002
Which Provides Funds to Counties to Upgrade Voting Equipment

RIVERSIDE COUNTY --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley delivered a check in the amount of $7,509,478 today to Riverside County Registrar of Voters Mischelle Townsend for partial reimbursement of the cost the county incurred when they completely replaced their old voting equipment with a new touch screen system.

The funds were recently awarded by the Voting Modernization Board which was created through the voter approved Proposition 41 in 2002, authored by then-Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley.

"Riverside was the first county in the nation to completely replace their antiquated voting equipment with new touch screen technology," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley. "It's only appropriate that they are among the first to receive Proposition 41 funds.

"Riverside's smooth transition to touch screen voting serves as a national model for county election officials to consider as they undertake similar transitions."

"I appreciate the leadership of Secretary Shelley for authoring Proposition 41 and commend Riverside County's Board of Supervisors for their courage and vision in making California's first county-wide implementation of an electronic touchscreen voting system both a reality and a success," said Mischelle Townsend, Registrar of Voters for Riverside County. "The leadership demonstrated between the State and local jurisdictions to modernize California's voting systems serves as a progressive model for electoral reform throughout the United States."

Other counties that have applied for and received Proposition 41 funds are:

Riverside	$7,509,478.39
Plumas	$ 75,000.00
Mariposa	$ 57,150.00
Alameda	$8,779,360.86

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