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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Delivers \$8.7 Million Check to Alameda County for New Voting Equipment

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

ALAMEDA COUNTY --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley delivered a check in the amount of \$8,779,360.86 today to Alameda County Registrar of Voters Brad Clark 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.

“Alameda county was on the forefront for modernizing voting in California,” said Secretary Shelley. “Their smooth transition to touch screen voting serves as a model as other counties undertake similar transitions. This new technology will give voters in Alameda county an easier, more efficient trip to the polls and confidence that their vote will be counted as they intended.”

“These funds are a great help in our effort to modernize the electoral process,” said Alameda County Registrar of Voters Brad Clark.

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

Riverside	\$7,509,478.39
Plumas	\$ 176,139.87
Mariposa	\$ 57,150.00
Alameda	\$8,779,360.86

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