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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Grants Certification for Voting System

Hart InterCivic's eSlate Approved for Use in California Elections

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today his decision to certify the Hart InterCivic eSlate voting system for use in California elections. The determination comes after the system met the most rigorous voting systems standards in the nation, including both federal and state requirements.

"The Hart InterCivic eSlate system passed rigorous scrutiny and, as with any voting system, the decision was carefully weighed before my determination to grant certification," said Secretary McPherson. "I am proud of California's stringent process, which ensures that the integrity of each and every vote is protected on Election Day."

The Hart InterCivic system was part of a public hearing held on March 1, along with two other voting systems. The other voting systems, which are currently pending a federal identification number, are produced by Sequoia and ES&S. More information relating to these systems can be found on our website at:
http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/voting_systems/vendor_status_spreadsheet.pdf.

The current voting system certification process was established by Secretary McPherson shortly after taking office in 2005. The certification process requires that each voting system meet ten strict standards as conditions for use in the State's elections, including first-in-the-nation volume testing to ensure real-world Election Day scenarios. For more information about California's certification process, visit the Secretary of State's website at
http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/voting_systems/ten_steps_to_vsyst_certification.pdf.