**RESOLUTION: REQUEST THAT THE HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY ESTABLISH A STUDY OF PAPER BALLOTS FOR POTENTIAL APPLICATION TO ELECTIONS.**

**WHEREAS,** for Free, Fair and Transparent elections, as more of the public becomes educated on election processes, there is growing interest in eliminating Electronic Voting Machines and moving to in person, Same Day, in-precinct voting with ID using Hand-Marked, Hand-Counted Paper Ballots, including high profile individuals such as:

**1) Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America and**

**2) Elon Musk, Special Presidential Appointee to the Department of Government Efficiency**

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**(View President Trump and Elon Musk video statements by scanning the QR Code, or Search the link:** <https://rumble.com/v6ntigr-president-trump-and-elon-musk-call-for-paper-ballot-elections.html?mref=2kmtty&mc=eipud>**), and**

**WHEREAS,** for Free, Fair, and Transparent elections, Major Republican organizations have published guiding documents calling for hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots:

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1. **2024 Texas GOP “Return to Excellence Resolution”:** <https://texasgop.org/resolution-supporting-a-return-to-excellence-in-voting-and-elections/>
2. **2024 Texas GOP Platform:** [**https://texasgop.org/2024-platform-and-legislative-priorities/**](https://texasgop.org/2024-platform-and-legislative-priorities/)
3. **2024 National Republican Platform:** [**https://www.2024gopplatform.com/**](https://www.2024gopplatform.com/)

**🡺Please pay attention to the 19th bullet of the 2024 National Republican Platform:**

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**The Platforms include specific points on voting methods:**

* + 1. **Hand-Marked Paper Ballots**: The Texas GOP advocates for using only hand-marked, sequentially numbered paper ballots on anti-counterfeiting paper. These ballots must be signed on the back by an election official at the voting location.
    2. **In-Precinct Voting**: There's a push for standardizing in-person voting with early voting limited to no more than nine days, directly preceding Election Day, and requiring voting at assigned precincts rather than countywide voting locations.
    3. **Counting Process**: Ballots should be counted in the precinct using a “dumb-scanner” method as soon as they are returned by the voter, with immediate publication of results before submission to the county level.**; and**

**WHEREAS**, leading Democrat Congressional figures, Government Officials, and Technical Experts are on record offering testimonies **Against Electronic Voting Machines** for Elections because they are extremely vulnerable to computer hackers and “Bad Actors”.

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**WHEREAS**, hand counting of paper ballots is an **already approved method in Texas** as described in **Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code** as well as the **Echo 65 Method** developed and used in Gillespie County during the March GOP primary in 2024, serving as a real-world example of the platform in action,

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**Primer:** Texas Chapter 65 Method of Hand Counting Paper Ballots: [https://rumble.com/v4coc0e-texas-chapter-65-method-of-hand-counting-hand-marked-paper-ballots.html?mref=2kmtty&mc=eipud](https://rumble.com/v4coc0e-texas-chapter-65-method-of-hand-counting-hand-marked-paper-ballots.html?mref=2kmtty&mc=eipud%20) **; and**

**WHEREAS,** all Electronic Voting Machines **cannot pass certification** to the current EAC and Texas Election Code standards and therefore are illegal for use in all elections

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**WHEREAS,** the legality of countywide voting is currently in dispute because there are computerized methods to determine exact ballot images of individual which violates the Texas Election Code, including a pending lawsuit against Harris County that may assist in a return to in-precinct voting

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**WHEREAS,** Harris County has experienced repeated issues with electronic voting systems, including malfunctions at polling places during recent elections, which have undermined the public's confidence in the electronic vote counting process; and

**WHEREAS,** voting with Electronic Voting Machines is **“Black Box Voting”** that cannot be trusted as secure or Transparent since Forensic audits or access to source codes are NOT allowed by ANY VENDORS, including HART-INTERCIVIC, and common legal Non-Disclosure Agreements are not allowed as vendors declare they have Proprietary Software for Elections. (1+1=2, 2+1=3, 3+1=4, … etc.)

“Numbers Go and Numbers Come Out” so it cannot be known if the voting data is being altered internally, deleted, change, or ignored.

Example:

1. Mesa County Forensic Report #1: Mesa County, CO, Vendor deliberately deleted Election Data and logs following the 2020 Election and before the end of the Federal Retention period.
2. Mesa County Forensic Report #2: Mesa County, CO, Vender computer systems discovered to contain 36 wireless communication devices which poses an extremely serious threat to external outside unauthorized access that is not disclosed by the vendor.
3. Mesa County Forensic Report #3: Mesa County, CO, Vendor software generated multiple real-time databases where caches of ballots were withheld, modified, and passed through as official votes.
4. Mesa County, CO Vendor and legal teams attempted to Debunk Report #3 and Cyber Experts issued a Rebuttal to the Vendors debunk of Report #3.

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2. <https://tinapeters.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Mesa-county-forensic-report-no-2.pdf>
3. <https://tinapeters.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Mesa-county-forensic-report-no-3-signed.pdf>
4. [https://tinapeters.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/OFFICIAL-STATEMENT-5-20.pdf](https://tinapeters.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/OFFICIAL-STATEMENT-5-20.pdf%20)

**WHEREAS,** pending legislation to return to in-precinct voting and elimination of county-wide voting will facilitate the ease of in-precinct hand counting for security and Transparency; and

**WHEREAS,** any audits or contest disputes must rely on hand counting of ballots (See Texas Election Code § 127.201)

**Partial Manual Count** **(Texas Election Code § 127.201)**

* **Requirement**: A post-election partial manual count is required for all elections involving electronic voting systems that produce auditable paper ballots or records. This audit involves manually counting a portion of the paper ballots to verify the accuracy of the electronic tabulation.

**WHEREAS,** the integrity of our electoral process is paramount to the functioning of our democracy; and

**WHEREAS,** these failures have been consistent and widespread across the county, affecting the timely reporting of results and potentially the accuracy of vote counts; and

**WHEREAS,** manual vote counting, when conducted properly with transparency and public oversight, can provide a verifiable and trusted method of ensuring election integrity.

**WHEREAS**, despite Cast Vote Records declared as Public Records by Texas Governor Abbot on September 1, 2023, obtaining and evaluating Election data is inherently very difficult in Harris County and is evidenced that after a recent request for the 2024 Harris County General Election Cast Vote Records, the requestor received a Cost Estimate of **$39,191.25** which is currently being reported in a complaint to the Texas Attorney General as being “over charged”.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, **THAT THE HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY ESTABLISH A STUDY OF PAPER BALLOTS FOR POTENTIAL APPLICATION TO ELECTIONS.**

**Purpose: The purpose of study is to evaluate what part Paper Ballots can play in increasing Transparency not afforded by Electronic Voting systems, including possible protocols and procedures for manual counting ballots to ensure accuracy, security, and transparency, potential public non-partisan participation to regain trust by the voting public, identification of resources and costs to adequately perform such tasks, identify successes in other counties and states, challenges, and recommendations for future elections, as well as serve as an on-going central resource for those who have questions or want to increase their understanding of critical issues related to this subject.**

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