

RESOLUTION
for
OPEN & HONEST ELECTIONS IN AMERICA

WHEREAS all legitimate government power comes only from We the People who have the right to alter and abolish our government via elections; and

WHEREAS our government is not derived from "trust" or maintaining "public confidence" in elections, it is instead based on *dist*rust of the election process which can only be abated by continuous oversight and supervision by the people; and

WHEREAS unsupervised, i.e., secret, vote counting leaves We the People completely insecure in our right to remove incumbents, renders government accountability to the people impossible and permits the alteration of election results without detection; and

WHEREAS since the 2000 election and the passage of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, nearly all American votes are counted secretly by computerized voting machines, both screen and scanner types; and

WHEREAS it is commonly accepted by computer security experts that no computer or computer-based system can be made completely secure and numerous academic, governmental and institutional studies since 2000 have discovered that the security mechanisms for these voting systems are inadequate to ensure accuracy and integrity of the election results; and

WHEREAS paper trail printers, which always fail to print every vote cast, and random precinct spot checks (misleadingly called "audits") and expensive recounts, which can be and have been found to be rigged, are all useless to detect stolen elections,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **Democratic Party of _____ County, TX** demands absolute and non-negotiable public oversight and supervision of all aspects of our elections in America, including, but not limited to, early voting, absentee voting, election day voting and post election day vote counting.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Democratic Party of _____ County, TX** recognizes the following voting system as the *only* system that allows total oversight and supervision by We the People and demands the *sole implementation* in all our elections of:

- (a) paper ballots that are voter-marked and voter-cast into a secure ballot box that is *always* in public view,
- (b) vote counting that uses both partisan and independent counters and observers checking and balancing each other with public supervision and recording freely allowed,
- (c) immediate and unencumbered access by the public to all information about precinct counts and results,
- (d) a secure and publicly-observable chain of custody of all aspects of elections from the moment ballots are printed to the time they are destroyed as permitted by law, and
- (e) a guarantee of speedy and effective open investigations and remedies for any election-related irregularity reported by the people.

End of Resolution