

U. S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

VOTING SYSTEM TESTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300 Silver Spring, MD 20910

March 1, 2019

Pam Geppert, Director of Certification Hart InterCivic 15500 Wells Port Drive Austin, TX 78728

<u>Sent via e-mail</u>

Re: Initial Decision on Certification

Dear Mrs. Geppert,

This correspondence is to inform you that Hart Verity Voting 2.3 voting system completed the initial step towards receipt of an EAC certification. This Initial Decision on Certification represents an EAC acknowledgement that Verity Voting 2.3 has successfully completed conformance testing to the 2005 *Voluntary Voting System Guidelines*.

However, as provided in §5.9 of the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (Certification Manual), for an Initial Decision to become final and to issue a certification number and a Certificate of Conformance, a manufacturer must provide documentation to the Program Director verifying that the trusted build has been performed, software has been deposited in an approved repository, and system identification tools are available to election officials. A manufacturer must submit a letter, signed by both its management representative and an SLI Compliance official, stating (under penalty of law) that it has:

- 1. Performed a trusted build consistent with the requirements of §5.6 of the EAC's Certification Manual;
- 2. Deposited software consistent with §5.7 of the EAC's Certification Manual;
- 3. Created and made available system identification tools consistent with §5.8 of the EAC's Certification Manual (a copy and description of the system identification tool developed must be provided with the letter); and
- 4. Upon a final decision to grant certification, the manufacturer accepts the certification and all conditions placed on the certification.

Upon receipt of documentation demonstrating the successful completion of the requirements above and recommendation of the Program Director, I will issue an Agency Decision granting certification and provide Hart Verity Voting 2.3 with a certification number and Certificate of Conformance.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jerome Lovato at your earliest convenience. I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Newby Executive Director Decision Authority

Cc: Jerome Lovato, U.S. Election Assistance Commission Traci Mapps, SLI Compliance