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Sent via email

Michael Santos, Director
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RE: Approval of Hart Verity Vanguard 1.1 Test Plan

Dear Michael Santos,

This letter is to inform you that Revision 4.0 of the test plan submitted by SLI Compliance for the testing of the Hart Verity Vanguard 1.1 voting system has been reviewed and approved. A test plan is evaluated against criteria as specified in section 4.7 of the EAC's Testing and Certification Program Manual (Program Manual) and is approved based on the information submitted. Test plan approval indicates the following:

- Approval simply signifies that the tests proposed, if performed properly, appear to be sufficient to fully test the system. A final determination of the sufficiency of the testing is a global evaluation based on the test plan, test cases, and test report reviews, as well as the EAC's Quality Monitoring Process outlined in Chapter 8 of the Program Manual.
- Approval allows the test laboratory to begin test case development, testing, and test report submittal.
- A test plan is approved based on information submitted. It is not known if relevant information was omitted that would affect the testing campaign.
- The test plan is a living document and is expected to change and be updated during various phases of the testing life cycle. A final version that reflects all of the testing completed (e.g. TDP, Hardware, and Software) should be submitted to the EAC at the completion of testing. If this final "as run" test plan does not reflect all the testing required, the EAC reserves the right to request further updates to the test plan and possibly additional testing.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you of the EAC's requirements following approval of a test plan. Section 4.9 of the Program Manual requires VSTLs to report any changes to a voting system or an approved test plan directly to the EAC. Under this section, Manufacturers

are required to enable VSTLs to report all test failures or anomalies directly to the EAC. In addition, for further guidance on this matter, please refer to Section 4.9.1 for information regarding the reporting requirements for changes to a system or test plan during testing, and Section 4.9.2 for information regarding the reporting requirements for anomalies or failures found during testing.

Section 4.10 of the Program Manual lays out the various requirements for the submission and approval of a test report.

If you should have any questions regarding the approval of the test plan, or the rest of the EAC's certification process please contact the project manager or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooke Oliver Watters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Brooke Watters
Director, Voting System Testing and Certification
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Cc: Hart InterCivic, Inc.