Jeannie Layson /EAC/GOV 06/23/2005 02:01 PM To rzuckerman@glynn.com

CC

bcc

Subject Text for VVSG Intro Page

Rachel, Per our conversation, on the Table of Contents page, please replace the word "guideline" with "guidelines." (It should always be plural.) Also, please replace the text on the Intro page with the following:

The Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) were developed in conjunction with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandate that states purchase updated and upgraded voting equipment. The VVSG updates earlier voting system standards to address increasingly complex voting system technology, and they were designed for state and local election officials to help ensure that new voting systems function accurately and reliably.

The VVSG will be open for public comment for the next 90 days. Readers will be able to submit comments here as well as view comments. Readers may also send comments to <a href="mailto:votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov">votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov</a>. The document is also available in hard copy format or on CD-ROM. Call the U.S. Election Assistance Commission at 1-866-747-1471 or 202-566-3100 to request a copy or for more information.

At the conclusion of the public comment period and after consideration of comments received, EAC commissioners will vote to approve the voluntary voting system guidelines. The final version will be made available to the public at that time.

Jeannie Layson U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave., NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-566-3100 www.eac.gov

#### Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 10/31/2005 09:54 PM

To "Merle King" < mking@kennesaw.edu>

CC

bcc

Subject Re: Comments Status - October 30

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I don't expect a lot of should all be pretty to send. I'll try to someone lined up to else.

else.

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Sent from my BlackBe.

---- Original Message -----

From: "Merle King" [mking@kennesaw.edu]

Sent: 10/30/2005 04:08 PM

To: cpaquette@eac.gov

Cc: "Anthony Peel" <apeel@kennesaw.edu>; "Carol Julian"

<cjulian1@kennesaw.edu>; "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>;

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#### - Merle

#### Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

10/21/2005 09:53 AM

To "Connor Howard"

<vhoward@kennesaw.edu>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc "Merle King" < mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Comment Summary

Thanks, Connor, this is helpful. Can you prepare a spreadsheet of the comments on the Appendices so I can distribute it to the review groups? This will save me some time. Also, were no there no comments on body of Volume 2 - only the appendices? Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/20/2005 08:12 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

Subject Comment Summary

#### Carol,

I have attached a spreadsheet with as much of the information that you requested as I was able to compile. At present I do not have a count of the number of comments received by the website or the EAC boards.

#### Connor

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993

Email: vhoward@kennesaw.edu



Comment Summary As Of 10-20-2005 xds

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Comment Totals	Total Total less VVPAT Section General Glossary	2123 1833 1196 563 364
Comments received by	Mail / Fax Hearing Testimony	135 178
Comment totals by section	Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Section 4 Section 5 Section 6 (including VVPAT) Section 6 (excluding VVPAT) Section 7 Section 8 Appendix 1A Appendix 1B Appendix 1C Appendix 1D Appendix 1D Appendix 1E Appendix 2A Appendix 2B Appendix 2C Total	123 342 64 59 35 425 135 13 5 5 11 82 6 9 4 8

## Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 11/07/2005 10:13 AM

To "Connor Howard"
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bcc

Subject Re: reset comment 2325

Here's recommendation for comment 2325. This is a working group comment and signoff.

Recommended resolution: accept as modified

Comment: Revise 6.4.4.11 to read: "The testing lab shall provide the NSRL, and any depository designated by a State, the software installation disk which the vendor will distribute to purchasers, including the executable binary images of all third party software."

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"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 11/04/2005 10:08 AM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

nmortellito@eac.gov, "Anthony Peel"
cc <apeel@kennesaw.edu>, "Merle King"
<mking@kennesaw.edu>

Subject Re: reset comment 2325

#### Carol,

If you could send it by email we can enter it. Be sure to indicate the Recommended Resolution (Accept as Written, Accept Modified, etc.), which SignOff (Yes/No) and whether you want it in the Working Group or EAC area. I will let you know when it's done so as to get your approval.

Thanks, Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 11/3/2005 7:05:11 PM >>> Merle -

Could you reset comment 2325 so we can enter revised language for 6.4.4.11? If not, I'll send the language by email. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/04/2005 09:06 AM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Public Hearing Postings

Carol,

Wanted to update you on our progress on the comments from the public hearings (Denver, New York and Pasadena). As of yesterday (Tuesday 10-3-05) we have processed 17 documents containing a total of 138 comments.

Thanks, Connor

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993



#### "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/21/2005 05:43 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Wednesday September 21, 2005:

Total emails processed: 2

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 7

Emailed to you, requiring response:

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Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/20/2005 05:39 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Tuesday September 13, 2005 thru Monday September 19, 2005:

Total emails processed: 9

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 186

Emailed to you, requiring response:

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Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993



# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/13/2005 05:14 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

Monday September 13, 2005:

Total emails processed: Continuation of a long multi-comment email Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 30

Emailed to you, requiring response:

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Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems Phone: 678-797-2993



# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/12/2005 05:36 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

(Please ignore the last email if you see it - I forgot to put in the subject and date)

Monday September 12, 2005:

Total emails processed: 10

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 49

Emailed to you, requiring response:

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Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993



# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/12/2005 05:31 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" < mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Carol,

Carol,

Total emails processed: 10

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 49

Emailed to you, requiring response:

Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993



#### "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu> 11/14/2005 06:50 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Volume II Comment Analysis

Carol - Per your request I have performed a high-level analysis of the comments received for Volume II, in both Section and Appendices.

Please advise if more detail is needed.

Thanks,

Merle

Merle S. King http://science.kennesaw.edu/csis Chair, CSIS Department Kennesaw State University 1000 Chastain Road, MB #1101 Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591 voice: 770-423-6354; fax: 770-423-6731



VolumeIICommentAnalysis111405.xls

# VVSG Volume II: Comments Received Breakdown by Type

Section	Quantity	Description
1	44	National Certification Testing Guidelines
2	2 5	Description of the Technical Data Package
3	3 2	Functionality Testing
. 4	1 10	Hardware Testing
5	5 11	Software Testing
6	3 4	System Integration Testing
7	7 3	Examination of Vendor Configuration Management and Quality
Subtotal	79	G - G - G - G - G - G - G - G - G - G -
<b>Appendix</b>		
Δ	8	National Certification Test Plan
' В	3 4	National Certification Test Report
C	4	National Certification Test Design Criteria
Subtota	l 16	
TOTAL	. 95	

# Breakdown By Content Section

Section	
Grammar*	23
Format	9
Content	
Testing Criteria Needs Further Explanation	8
No Comment**	1
Supervision of Testing Labs	1
Intellectual Property Concerns	1
Concerns about Vendor abuse of process	8
No Threat Analysis/Greater Security	4
More discussion needed	1
IDV Needed	1
Concerns about Test Criteria	22
Subtotal	79
Appendices	
Grammar*	9
Format	3
Content	
Testing Criteria	1
No Comment**	2
Expense of testing	1
Subtotal	16

<sup>\*</sup> Includes edits required for deprecated terms.

\*\* Authors sent no comment - indicating that they had reviewed the section but had "no comment".



"Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu> 10/30/2005 04:08 PM

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#### - Merle



## "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu> 11/05/2005 09:54 AM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Comment issues - November 5

Carol P. This email is a bundle of small issues and observations:

- 1. Please review the following comments for resolution: 2471, 1385, 816, 1966, 754.
- 2. We have closed out about 830 comments. I am concerned that this pace is too slow for our deadline.
- 3. Can you or Brian finish reviewing comments in section AlD? There are about a dozen that are still open. It would be helpful (but not necessary) if all comments were reviewed in a section before we intiate the edits.
- 4. Because the commentors could initially enter their comments into any classification, I am stumbling onto Glossary terms and section-specific comments that were author-entered into the General section. This could create some editing problems if we presume that all comments related to a specific section have been resolved. I note that there has not been as much WG or EAC activity in reviewing the General comments as section and glossary. This could come back to haunt us if we discover substantive section and glossary edits in the general comments group.
- 5. I note on several Glossary terms reviewed by Lynne that she is referring them to WG and EAC for resolution. If this remains a small number of comments, it is probably manageable. If it becomes common place, we may end up chasing our tails on the Glossary.
- Merle



cc "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject All Section 2 & 6 Comments have been reviewed by KSU

Carol - I have finished sections 2 and 6. Sections 7 & 8 are also finished. Unless you direct otherwise, here are our priorities:

- 1. Correct entries in the database regarding mis-identification of Volume II comments;
- 2. Review the remaining Glossary comments;
- 3. Review the General comments;
- 4. Complete review on sections 1, 3, 4, and 5.
- Merle



To cpaquette@eac.gov choward@comcast.net, "Anthony Peel" cc <apeel@kennesaw.edu>, "Ken Honea" <khonea@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Fwd: Update to VVSG analysis

Carol - Attached is the latest analysis on the distribution of comments received at the website.

For today:

We are making the change to the language regarding the save/submit function.

Morales' email comments have been moved to the front of the queue for posting as comments at the website.

To all - Please advise when the above tasks are finished and cc all in the distribution list of this email.

Thanks,

Merle

Merle S. King http://science.kennesaw.edu/csis Chair, CSIS Department Kennesaw State University 1000 Chastain Road, MB #1101 Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591 voice: 770-423-6354; fax: 770-423-6731

----- Message from choward@comcast.net on Wed, 24 Aug 2005 13:50:51 +0000 -----

To: mking@kennesaw.edu
Subject: Update to VVSG analysis

Merle,

This is the updated VVSG analysis as of 9-24-2005 at 9:38.



Connor Comments xls

# Analysis of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines as of 8/24/2005 9:38

#### **Functional Capabilities**

- 2.2.7.1.2.2.6 If the normal procedure includes VVPAT...
- 2.2.7.1.2.1.3 All voting stations using paper ballots should make provisions for voters with poor reading vision.
- 2.2.8.2 Voting Variations
- 2.2.7.1.2.1.8 Buttons and controls on Acc-VS should be distinguishable by both shape and color.
- 2.2.7.1.2.1.10 Human Factors Partial Vision
  Explicitly state that the audio may not replace the screen display but shall be available simultaneously with the screen display
- 2.2.7.4 The voting process shall preclude anyone else from determining the content of a voter's ballot, without the voter's cooperation
- 2.2.7.1.3.5 If the normal procedure is for voters to submit their own ballots...
- 2.2.7.4.2.1 No information shall be kept within a non-paper-based Cast Vote Record that identifies any accessibility feature(s) used by a voter
- 2.2.7.1.2.2.3.4 Sanitized headphones
- 2.2.7.1.2.2.3.8 Capacity to provide digitized (human) speech versus synthesized speech
- 2.2.7.1.2.2.3.9 Voter ability to adjust speed of speech
- 2.2.7.1.3.4 Capacity to provide dual switch input
- 2.2.7.1.2.1.3 Shape and color identification of buttons and controls
- 2.2.7 Human Factors
- 2.2.7.3.5 Interaction Issues

# Total



# "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu> 09/30/2005 10:06 AM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Update on Comments

Carol - Just a brief update as of 10 am this morning (Sept. 30):

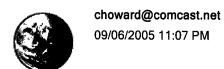
Ian Piper has posted his comments.

We now have 422 Section comments; 155 General comments; 302 Glossary comments; Total Accepted: 879.

We also notice multiple submissions of a "form letter" comment that addresses VVPAT and security (Section 6.8).

Regards

- Merle



cc mking@kennesaw.edu

bcc

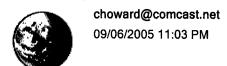
Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

Tuesday September 6, 2005 Total emails processed: 10

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 10 Emailed to you, requiring response: 0



cc mking@kennesaw.edu

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

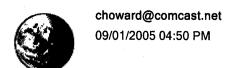
Friday September 2, 2005 Total emails processed: 21

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 13

Emailed to you, requiring response:

Irrelevant comments not pertaining to VVSG 3



cc mking@kennesaw.edu

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

Thursday September 1, 2005 Total emails processed: 13

Producing:

Comments analyzed and posted to web site: 19 Emailed to you, requiring response: 0



# choward@comcast.net 08/31/2005 05:19 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc mking@kennesaw.edu

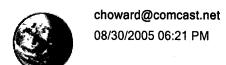
bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

Carol,

Wednesday August 31, 2005:

Total emails processed: 31
Analyzed and posted to web site: 31
Emailed to you, requiring response: 0



cc mking@kennesaw.edu

bcc

Subject KSU: VVSG Email Postings

#### Carol,

I plan to send you a daily summary of the number of emails that we have processed for that day as well as a breakdown of how many were posted to the web site and how many were emailed directly to you for resolution, such as information requests.

Tuesday August 30, 2005:

Total emails processed:

11

Analyzed and posted to web site:

7

Emailed to you, requiring response: 4

We also have four emails that are in an unreadable font. These will be held in abeyance until guidance from you. The fonts appear to be best-effort to display Kinji or other non-Roman character sets.

We are taking great care to safeguard the data. According to Ken Honea, the Systems Administrator, the website and its database are backed up twice a day (every 12 hours). &nbs! p; The emails are currently being stored in multiple locations, and he will be implementing a remote backup for them as well soon. We have created a tracking system that will enable us to report on the status and eventual resolution of all emails received.

I will also put a quick summary in the email subject line so that you can readily identify my updates. The subject line will be: "KSU: VVSG Email Postings".

I hope this will be helpful. If there is additional information you would like in this daily update, please let me know.

Merle asked me to remind you to send us any hardcopy you have received that needs to be added into the comments. These can be FedExed to:

Merle S. King Kennesaw State University Computer Science & Information Systems Clendenin Building #11, Office: CL 3061 Kennesaw, GA 30144



# "Connor Howard" </hd> <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 11/01/2005 11:25 AM

To "Anthony Peel" <apeel@kennesaw.edu>

cc cpaquette@eac.gov, "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Fwd: Re: Comments Status - October 30

#### Anthony,

I have a list of 34 comments that need to have the Working Group signoff and Working Group comment reset. I have also attached a spreadsheet that I built to help me keep track of them. You can use the list below or the list on the spreadsheet - whichever seems easier to you. If you opt for the spreadsheet, please take care not to reset the comments that have "No Change" in the Working Group Resolution column.

Thanks, Connor

 Connor - We need to get Anthony to reset several records in the database. Can you identify the records and forward the list to Anthony?

The criteria will be records that have a WG signoff, that still have a pending action. See  $\sharp 274$  and 359 as examples. The easiest way to locate them is to sort by WG signoff.

We need to have the WG comment and signoff reset.

Thanks,

Merle

Merle S. King http://science.kennesaw.edu/csis Chair, CSIS Department Kennesaw State University 1000 Chastain Road, MB #1101 Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591 voice: 770-423-6354; fax: 770-423-6731

>>> cpaquette@eac.gov> 11/1/2005 9:02:23 AM >>>
That works for me.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

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Sent: 11/01/2005 08:44 AM

To: cpaquette@eac.gov

Cc: "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>
Subject: Re: Comments Status - October 30

Carol - How about 3:30 pm call today (Tuesday, Nov. 1)?

I would like your permission to reset some of the WG comments. In some

instances, the WG has signed off with a negative signoff, but referred to a different working group. I would like to reset these by removing the existing WG signoff and comment. This will clearly mark these as items yet to be resolved. Check record #274 and #359 as examples. If you concur, let me know and I will ask Connor to identify the records and get them reset.

We added about 50 new comments to the active database last nite. Nothing really new, but some things to refer to the WG.

- Merle

Merle S. King http://science.kennesaw.edu/csis

Chair, CSIS Department
Kennesaw State University
1000 Chastain Road, MB #1101
Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591
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We need to schedule a phone call tomorrow. I will be occupied with 4 Cs discussion in the a.m. What's a good time for you tomorrow afternoon?

I don't expect a lot of new comments from emails forwarded last week. These should all be pretty much the canned VPAT messages. There are still hundreds to send. I'll try to get this finished up this week. Seems every time I get someone lined up to do this they either get sick or pulled off to something else.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Sent: 10/30/2005 04:08 PM

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40 entries
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30 HFWG 1 CRWG

2 Glossary

1 EAC General Counsel

6 No Change

Total

40

Original order	Reference Number	Working Group Resolution
28		CRWG
25		EAC General Counsel
2		Glossary
26		Glossary
1		HFWG
5		HFWG
3		HFWG
10		HFWG
9		HFWG
4 7		HFWG
8		HFWG HFWG
6		HFWG
11		HFWG
15		HFWG
13		HFWG
12		HFWG
21		HFWG
14		HFWG
18	1169	HFWG
19	1238	HFWG
20	1201	HFWG
23		HFWG
24		HFWG
27		HFWG
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29		HFWG
32		HFWG
36	2341	HFWG
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#### "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/21/2005 12:38 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Comment Summary

Carol,

We had 709 comments posted in the database at the end of the day on 9/28. We now have 2123 comments posted which means that we received at least 1414 comments on 9/29 and 9/30. You can add to that number an estimate of the number of boilerplate emails that you received at the EAC (they are being posted but we concentrated on the substantive comments first). Because a lot of what we have received from you are duplicates you may have a better feel for how many unique boilerplate emails were received - possibly 3000 to 4000. If you want to split the difference, so to speak, and use 3500 that would give 4914 as the number received during 9/29 and 9/30.

So...
709 = comments before 9/29
4914 = comments on 9/29 and 9/30

It's a rough estimate but hopefully it will be close enough to be useful.

Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/21/2005 11:36:51 AM >>> Connor -

Sorry, I misread your comment and I forgot that I had asked for the data on direct website entries v. emails. It's been another long week and I'm getting a little worn down with too many long hours and short deadlines. But, here's another question. Can you do an estimate of how many comments were received on September 29 and 30 (combined) and how many (total) before the 29th? Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
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(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov

"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/21/2005 11:23 AM

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Subject Re: Comment Summary

Carol,

I have attached the spreadsheet that you requested.

Regarding the Volume 2 comments - the database design does not contain a field to track which volume a comment references. Consequently there is no way to sort for the Volume number. Because there were only 130 Appendix entries I was able to manually reviewed them in order to split them between Volumes 1 and 2.

Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/21/2005 9:53:19 AM >>> Thanks, Connor, this is helpful. Can you prepare a spreadsheet of the comments on the Appendices so I can distribute it to the review groups?

This will save me some time. Also, were no there no comments on body of

Volume 2 - only the appendices? Thanks!

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CommentsOnAppendicesAsOf 10-20-2005.xls

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To cpaquette@eac.gov

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To cpaquette@eac.gov

"Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>, amp1985@students.kennesaw.edu

bcc

Subject Re: Emailed documents

Carol,

We will post the ES&S comments immediately.

Thanks, Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/19/2005 9:30:20 AM >>> Connor -

It goes without saying that the ES&S comments need to be entered into the database immediately. We have set up review groups that are doing their analysis and need to have the entire set of comments to work with. I am going to resend every email with an attachment separately today to make sure you have them all.

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"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 12/09/2005 01:57 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov, paqucar@earthlink.net

cc nmortellito@eac.gov, "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Number of comments

Carol,

The main database reports that it now contains 2,470 comments. The secondary database contains 2,329 and counting.

Thanks, Connor



# Brian Hancock/EAC/GOV 11/08/2005 04:09 PM

To "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>@GSAEXTERNAL

CC Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Vol 2 Review.

### Merle,

I have completed the review of all extensive comments to Vol 2 of the VVSG and the Vol 2 Appendix. I have noted that changes are to be made reflecting either original comments, KSU comments or EAC comments for the following Ref #'s: 1141, 1143, 1144, 1148, 2018, and 2682. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm now reviewing non-extensive comments for Vol 2 which should not take long.

Thanks.

Brian

Brian Hancock U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Ste. 1100 Washington, DC 20005 202-566-3100 www.eac.gov



# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw .edu> 11/18/2005 09:51 AM

To leslieacook@peoplepc.com

cc bhancock@eac.gov, "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: VVSG Vol. I Sections 3,4,5,7 and 8

Leslie,

Please read Brian's message below concerning Vol. I Sections 3,4,5,7 and 8. When these are done please email a copy to Brian or if you prefer, you can email them to me and I will forward them.

Thanks, Connor

>>> <bhancock@eac.gov> 11/18/2005 9:06:52 AM >>> Connor, With the exception of comments referred to other working groups, I believe we have signed-off on all comments for these sections. If you could email these sections, with changes, to me as soon as they are complete, (as you all did for the Vol. II changes) I'd be grateful. I'll be working this Sunday on the memo to our Commissioners regarding the disposition of comments and describing the changes made in these sections. Thanks again for all the hard work by you and the KSU staff. You are lifesavers!

Brian

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# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw .edu> 11/21/2005 09:11 AM

To bhancock@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Comments 644, 1179, 2552, 2551

Brian,

That's four comments closer to the promised land...

Thanks, Connor

>>> <bhancock@eac.gov> 11/21/2005 8:50:24 AM >>>
Connor,
1179, 2552 and 2551 are all "carry over." 644is a "Sue" edit which we can
go with.

Brian Hancock U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Ste. 1100 Washington, DC 20005 202-566-3100 www.eac.gov

"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 11/18/2005 06:10 PM

To bhancock@eac.gov cc cpaquette@eac.gov, "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>, leslieacook@peoplepc.com Subject Comments 644, 1179, 2552, 2551

Brian,

Please provide a resolution and sign off on comments 644, 1179, 2552 and 2551. Leslie needs them in order to complete the sections.

Thanks, Connor



# "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/12/2005 01:01 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject KSU: Spreadsheet of Section-General-Glossary comments

### Carol,

I am sending you the spreadsheet that we discussed yesterday. It contains a raw "dump" of the comments from the database separated into the Section, General and Glossary categories. I cleaned it up as best I could to make it presentable. This should give you an idea of what we have so far.

## Connor

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Section-General-GlossaryComments10-12-2005xls



"Bobbie Brinegar" 11/10/2005 02:38 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

CC

bcc

Subject RE: # of VVSG comments



Appreciate the information, Carol. Let me know if you need some help with data ¢

From: cpaquette@eac.gov [mailto:cpaquette@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2005 2:32 PM

Subject: Re: # of VVSG comments

Bobbie -

We received in excess of 3000 comments by email and most of these in the final 2 days of the comment period. You do not see all these emails on the website as yet because they all have to be manually entered into the database. This is a very time consuming process when there are so many to handle. All comments received will be posted to the EAC website no later than mid-December. We have reviewed all these emails for content and they are being factored into the process of finalizing the VVSG for adoption by the Commission.

Carol A. Paquette
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"Bobbie Brinegar" <

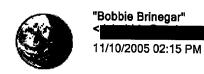
11/10/2005 02:15 PM

To"Carol Paquette" <cpaquette@eac.gov> cc Subject# of VVSG comments

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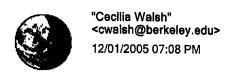
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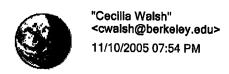
bcc

Subject posting of ACCURATE VVSG Comment

Ms. Paquette, Thank you very much for your voicemail today.

Could you please email me with instructions as to how to locate on the EAC website the posting the public Comment submitted on behalf of ACCURATE regarding the proposed 2205 VVSG?

Thanks and best regards, Cecilia Walsh Law Student Intern Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic, UC Berkeley



To cpaquette@eac.gov, ebrand@scog-auth1.gsa.gov,

bcc

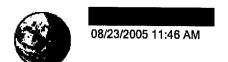
Subject VVSG Comments

Dear Ms. Paquette, We submitted a public comment on September 30, 2005 on the proposed 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (2005 VVSG) on behalf of ACCURATE (A Center for Correct, Usable, Reliable And Transparent Elections), an NSF-funded group conducting research directed toward increasing the trustworthiness of voting systems.

We would like to request an update on the EAC's review of the public comments received and the status of the 2005 VVSG.

Thank you very much for your help!

Best regards,
Cecilia Walsh & Erica Brand
Law Student Interns, Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic,
UC Berkeley
Joseph Hall
School of Information Management & Systems, UC Berkeley



To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc mking@kennesaw.edu

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: VVSG comments

Carol,

I checked the on-line comments and there were none from him.

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----- Original message -----

I did see his email comments but he also asked about his comments submitted on-line. This is what I couldn't find.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

From: choward

Sent: 08/23/2005 11:21 AM

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Cc: mking@kennesaw.edu

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To:

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Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 1:28 PM

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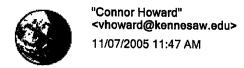
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Re: Fw: My org.'s comments on EAC Voluntary Voting Subject SystemGuidelines have not been posted yet

Carol,

Tell him to sort by the name field and look for the name Eugene Lee. The comments were entered using this name.

### Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 11/7/2005 9:31:21 AM >>> Not sure what this guy's problem is. I know his comments are there because we've reviewed and discussed many of them. Can someone suggest how he find his comments? Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette U.S. Election Assistance Commission (202) 566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov ---- Forwarded by Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV on 11/07/2005 09:28 AM

Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 11/07/2005 09:23 AM

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: My org.'s comments on EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines have been posted yet

Carol, Please respond.

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

---- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 11/07/2005 09:23 AM -----

"Eugene Lee" <elee@apalc.org> 11/06/2005 03:31 PM

HAVAinfo@eac.gov

Subject
My org.'s comments on EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines have not been posted yet

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### Dear EAC:

My organization's comments on the EAC voluntary voting system guidelines have not been posted on the EAC's website yet. I submitted the attached PDF file on September 29, 2005. The PDF file is not posted on the website. If the EAC could please post the PDF file, that would be much appreciated.

Please call me if there are any questions.

Thank you, Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Phone: 213.977.7500 x 212 Fax: 213.977.7595

Fax: 213.977.7595 Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

----Original Message---From: Eugene Lee [mailto:elee@apalc.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2005 6:50 PM
To: votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov
Cc: Terry Ao [tao@napalc.org]
Subject: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC
Comments
9.29.05

### Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC),
I submit the joint comments of NAPALC and APALC on the proposed Voluntary
Voting System Guidelines. The comments are attached to this email as a

PDF

file.

Yours truly, Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Phone: 213.977.7500 x 212

Fax: 213.977.7595 Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

cc: Terry M. Ao, Esq.

Attachment



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"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/18/2005 02:33 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALCComments 9.29.05

Carol,

There is one earlier comment from Mr. Lee that was entered under the "general comments" classification on 9/19/2005 (reference number 729). However, to this point we have not seen these comments dated 9/29/2005. We will enter these immediately.

Thanks, Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/18/2005 12:02:38 PM >>> Connor -

Can you check on status of entering these comments? I spoke with this person on the phone last week and explained to him about the huge number of emails received and that the information from emails had to be hand--posted to the website - a very time consuming task. But he's back

again. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
----- Forwarded by Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV on 10/18/2005 11:56 AM

Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 10/18/2005 11:41 AM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC cc

Subject
Fw: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments
9.29.05

Carol, I'm sending this message from HAVAinfo mailbox to you first. Please forward if you are not the person to respond. Thanks!

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax) ---- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 10/18/2005 11:41 AM ----

"Eugene Lee" <elee@apalc.org> 10/10/2005 12:53 PM

HAVAinfo@eac.gov CC

Subject FW: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments 9.29.05

### Dear EAC:

On Sept. 29, APALC and NAPALC submitted joint comments on the EAC's proposed voluntary voting system guidelines. I am forwarding the email transmitting these comments. I do not see the comments posted on the EAC's website. Would someone at the EAC be able to check on whether these comments posted and let me know when the comments have been posted?

Thanks very much, Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Phone: 213.977.7500 x 212 Fax: 213.977.7595

Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

----Original Message----

From: Eugene Lee [mailto:elee@apalc.org] Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2005 6:50 PM To: votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov Cc: Terry Ao [tao@napalc.org] Subject: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC

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## "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 10/04/2005 03:19 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: Comments posting problem

Carol,

I have attached the proposed updated message for the web site. The updated text is in bold. I will call in a few minutes to get your feedback.

Thanks, Connor

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/4/2005 1:23:44 PM >>> Merle, Connor -

The Commissioners decided today that they want you to "turn off" the capability for people to continue sending in comments. Please draft a message to the effect that the comment period ended on September 30 and no

comments will be accepted after that date. Also need to say that  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{comments}}$ 

received by that date will be available for public review while the Commission is considering what revisions might be made to the VVSG. For

the period while you're working on getting all the email, etc., comments

posted, might be useful to mention that due to volume of comments received

in the last days of the comment period people might not see their comments

posted for a few days. Make sure that the couple of emails after 9/30 that

I sent by mistake yesterday are not available for viewing. At that time,

you can replace this statement with one that says that all comments are

posted. We will still have to capture all the comments received after the

deadline, they just won't be approved for public view. I'll hold off forwarding any more of the email comments received after the 30th until

you tell me that all the timely comments have been entered. We will also

be shutting down the VVSG email address. Would like to review message text

before it's posted. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
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(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov

"Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu> 10/04/2005 10:10 AM

To
cpaquette@eac.gov
cc
"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>
Subject
Re: Fw: Comments posting problem

Carol - There is a 2000-character limit on inputting text directly into the comments field. What some folks have done is to enter an overview of their comments, then attach a document that contains the entire text.

Our observation has been that people who want to input more than 2000 characters are entering either a) aggregated comments and do not want to invest the time to split them out into individual comments or b) prepared marketing pieces or position papers that wander off topic.

If this person submitted their comments as an attached document, we will place it in the queue for decomposition.

- Merle

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>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/4/2005 9:37:59 AM >>> I didn't think there was a size limitation on comments?

"AlKolwicz" < > 10/04/2005 08:16 AM

To votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov cc

Subject Comments posting problem

There appears to be a problem with the posting to the database of my comment caused by the fact that my comment is greater than 2000 characters. As you can see, my comment is incomplete \* see "GENERAL COMMENTS, Al Kolwicz, three items".

I have attached a folder containing 6 word files, each sized to fit the 2000 character limit.

Will you please correct the recent attempt to record my comment in the database by replacing the three files with the attached six files? As you

can see, the sequence of the files is significant.

Thank you for your assistance.

Al Kolwicz

CAMBER

Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results

www.users.qwest.net/~alkolwicz http://coloradovoter.blogspot.com

CAMBER is a dedicated group of volunteers who are working to ensure that every voter gets to vote once, every vote is counted once, and that every ballot is secure and anonymous.



CommentPeriodClosed-Message.doc

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The Guidelines are provided for a 90 day public comment period which officially began June 29, 2005 upon notice in the Federal Register. All comments must be received by EAC on or before 5:00 p.m. EDT on September 30, 2005. All comments will be posted on the EAC website. Comments may also be sent to <a href="mailto:votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov">votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov</a> or by fax to Voting System Guidelines Comments at (202) 566-3127. Comments may also be mailed to Voting System Guidelines Comments, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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At the conclusion of the public comment period and after the consideration of comments received, EAC commissioners will vote to approve the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The final version will be made available to the public at that time.

The public comment period is now closed. No comments will be accepted after September 30, 2005. Comments received by that date will be available for public review while the Election Assistance Commission considers revisions to the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

Due to the volume of comments received in the closing days of the public comment period, it may be several days before all comments received can be posted for viewing.



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/19/2005 04:10 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

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Subject Email from Eugene Lee - Asian Pacific American Legal

Carol,

Merle wanted me to make you aware of this email comment that we received. It has been posted to our database.

Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993

Email: vhoward@kennesaw.edu

Name :

Eugene Lee

Organization : Email Address :

Asian Pacific American Legal Center

elee@apalc.org

Post Date :

9/19/2005

At the bottom of page 2 under the heading "2.2.7.2 Limited English Proficiency," there appears to be some language missing after the sentence, "HAVA Section 301(a)(4) reads in part:"

We respectfully request the EAC make this language available before the September 30, 2005 deadline for submitting comments to the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.



To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

bcc

Subject Fw: Our comments not yet posted

Please respond. Thanks!

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

---- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 12/06/2005 09:20 AM ----



"Matt Bishop" <blshop@cs.ucdavls.edu>

To HAVAinfo@eac.gov

12/05/2005 01:13 PM

Please respond to "Matt Bishop" <br/>
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Subject Our comments not yet posted

Hello,

My name is Matt Bishop. I'm a professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of California, Davis.

My students and I submitted an extensive set of comments on the proposed standards for electronic voting systems. We submitted it on Sept. 28.

As of now, it is not posted on the comments web site. I know your page says it may be some time until comments were posted. I had called in mid-October and was asked to be patient, but that if it was not posted I could get them to you again (just in case they were lost).

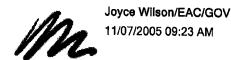
So, my question is: have you posted all the comments you received? If so, can you please post ours? I am attaching them (just in case). If not, do you have a date when you expect to finish?

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Matt Bishop

our-comments.pdf



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To HAVAinfo@eac.gov

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My organization's comments on the EAC voluntary voting system guidelines have not been posted on the EAC's website yet. I submitted the attached PDF file on September 29, 2005. The PDF file is not posted on the website. If the EAC could please post the PDF file, that would be much appreciated.

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12/12/2005 06:16 PM

To mkong@kennesaw.edu, vhoward@kennesaw.edu

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC, bwhitener@eac.gov@EAC, Nicole Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EAC/GOV@EAC

bcc

Subject Fw: VVSG web changes

Merle, Connor -

We would like to have the following changes made to VVSG webpage, ready to post early afternoon tomorrow - after Commissioners have taken a vote. You can coordinate with Jeannie Layson or Bryan Whitener if there are any questions or clarifications needed. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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### Bryan Whitener/EAC/GOV

12/12/2005 04:23 PM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VVSG web changes

# #1

( Changes to words on the home page box; move center column box to the top )

OLD

View the Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Deadline for Comments is Sept 30

NEW

EAC Votes to Adopt 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

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# #2

(Words to insert before introduction on VVSG page)

On December 13, 2005 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission voted to adopt the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The final version of this document will soon be posted. Until that time, the Proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines remains available for viewing.

# #3

Links to three items will be added

- Press Release
- Overview
- Overview of Volume I

### Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

12/12/2005 08:16 PM

To Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Bert A. Benavides/EAC/GOV@EAC, Jeannie
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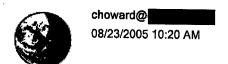
Subject talking points to introduce tomorrow's VVSG discussion

#### Tom -

Here are some remarks for your consideration. There's no pride of authorship or fine wording here - just trying to get a few thoughts down that you might find helpful. Have left a copy of the 4 bar graphs summarizing the numbers of comments by sections of the VVSG on your chair.

- 1. Total number of comments received: 5670
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- 7. There has been a great deal of effort on the part of many dedicated people to reach this milestone beginning in July 2004 with NIST and the TGDC. They have continued their work for the next iteration of the VVSG, which we envision will be an on-going process to keep up with evolving technology and public expectations.

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Attached are some jpg screen shots with the added language. Let me know what you think and if any additional language needs to be added.

The following is the text that was added: "Once you have saved your comments click END SESSION to be taken to the review screen. From there you will have to click SUBMIT COMMENTS for your comments to be recorded. "

Thanks Anthony Peel

Anthony Peel Senior Project Coordinator, Center for Election Systems Computer Science & Information Systems Department Kennesaw State University 1000 Chastain Road, MB #5700 Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591 voice: 770-423-6900; fax: 770-423-6905 http://elections.kennesaw.edu/ 

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To: cpaquette@eac.gov

Cc: juliet.thompson@eac.gov Subject: Re: VVSG comments

Ms. Paquette, thanks for your response, good morning:

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submission

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Please advice,

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Sent: Monday, August 22, 2005 1:28 PM

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To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: Comments posting problem

Carol - There is a 2000-character limit on inputting text directly into the comments field. What some folks have done is to enter an overview of their comments, then attach a document that contains the entire text.

Our observation has been that people who want to input more than 2000 characters are entering either a) aggregated comments and do not want to invest the time to split them out into individual comments or b) prepared marketing pieces or position papers that wander off topic.

If this person submitted their comments as an attached document, we will place it in the queue for decomposition.

#### - Merle

Merle S. King http://science.kennesaw.edu/csis Chair, CSIS Department Kennesaw State University 1000 Chastain Road, MB #1101 Kennesaw, GA 30144-5591 voice: 770-423-6354; fax: 770-423-6731

>>> <cpaquette@eac.gov> 10/4/2005 9:37:59 AM >>> I didn't think there was a size limitation on comments?

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
----- Forwarded by Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV on 10/04/2005 09:36 AM -----

"AlKolwicz" < 10/04/2005 08:16 AM

To votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov cc

Subject Comments posting problem

There appears to be a problem with the posting to the database of my comment caused by the fact that my comment is greater than 2000 characters. As you can see, my comment is incomplete \* see "GENERAL COMMENTS, Al Kolwicz, three items".

I have attached a folder containing 6 word files, each sized to fit the

2000 character limit.

Will you please correct the recent attempt to record my comment in the database by replacing the three files with the attached six files? As you can see, the sequence of the files is significant.

Thank you for your assistance.

Al Kolwicz

CAMBER

Citizens for Accurate Mail Ballot Election Results

www.users.qwest.net/~alkolwicz http://coloradovoter.blogspot.com

CAMBER is a dedicated group of volunteers who are working to ensure that every voter gets to vote once, every vote is counted once, and that every ballot is secure and anonymous.

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 12/06/2005 06:03 PM

To jwilson@eac.gov@EAC

CC

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: Our comments not yet posted

Joyce -

Will do. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV



Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 12/06/2005 09:20 AM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Fw: Our comments not yet posted

Please respond. Thanks!

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

---- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 12/06/2005 09:20 AM -----



"Matt Bishop" <bishop@cs.ucdavis.edu>

12/05/2005 01:13 PM

Please respond to "Matt Bishop" <bishop@cs.ucdavis.edu> To HAVAinfo@eac.gov

CC

Subject Our comments not yet posted

Hello,

My name is Matt Bishop. I'm a professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of California, Davis.

My students and I submitted an extensive set of comments on the proposed standards for electronic voting systems. We submitted it on Sept. 28.

As of now, it is not posted on the comments web site. I know your page says it may be some time until comments were posted. I had called in mid-October and was asked to be patient, but that if it was not posted I could get them to you again (just in case they were lost).

So, my question is: have you posted all the comments you received? If so, can you please post ours? I am attaching them (just in case). If not, do you have a date when you expect to finish?

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Matt\_Bishop

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our-comments.pdf

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 10/27/2005 04:21 PM

To Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV

CC

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: Election Reform

Joyce -

This is just a general comment, not pertaining to the Guidelines document. Suggest you forward this one to Jeannie.

If you do receive comments on the Voting Ssytem Guidelines, you can forward them to me. We may eventually decide to toss these, but in the meantime we're keeping a file of comments received after the September 30 deadline. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV



Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 10/27/2005 11:09 AM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Fw: Election Reform

Carol, Below is a public comment. What do you want me to do with any comments I get in the future?

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 10/27/2005 11:09 AM -----



"Robert Rutkowski"

10/25/2005 12:26 PM

To HAVAinfo@eac.gov

cc comments@whitehouse.gov

Subject Election Reform

Gracia M. Hillman

Chair

United States Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue N.W., Suite - 1100

Washington, DC 20005

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Fax: (202) 566-3127

E-mail Address: HAVAinfo@eac.gov

Ref: Election Reform: The Time Is Now/The Urgent Need To Improve Our Election Infrastructure

Dear Chair:

Five years after the unprecedented crisis of the 2000 presidential election—and one year after an election that barely escaped the same fate—our election system remains imperiled. Unless urgent reforms are adopted at the state level, the problems in our election infrastructure could very well lead to significant national consequences in the 2006 midterm elections.

Unfortunately, national attention to the issue of election reform has been sorely lacking. Despite the passage of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in 2002, public opinion polls show that Americans' confidence in our election system is at an historic low. Policymakers and the media often focus on the issue only in the days preceding major elections—months after state and county election administrators have made the critical decisions that will determine how the system will perform on Election Day.

A analysis of recent electoral research finds that one year before the 2006 midterm elections, more than 90 million registered voters are exposed to serious electoral deficiencies, including low-quality voter registration databases, inadequate safeguards for purging voters from the rolls, and insufficiently tested voting machines.

I commend to you the following report:

Election Reform: The Time Is Now/The Urgent Need To Improve Our Election Infrastructure

http://www.americanprogress.org/atf/cf/{E9245FE4-9A2B-43C7-A521-5D6FF2E06E03}/ELECTORAL%20REFORM.PDF

I hope you will take the time to review these important findings and give this report the weight it deserves.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this report to your attention.

Mindful of the enormous responsibilities which stand before you, I am,

Yours sincerely, Robert E. Rutkowski

cc:

House Democratic Leadership President George W. Bush



Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

10/18/2005 11:56 AM

To Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV

CC

bcc

Subject Re: Fw: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments 9.29.05

Joyce -

I'll handle this one. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
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(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV



Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV 10/18/2005 11:41 AM

To Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV@EAC

CC

Subject Fw: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments 9.29.05

Carol, I'm sending this message from HAVAinfo mailbox to you first. Please forward if you are not the person to respond. Thanks!

Joyce H. Wilson Staff Assistant US Election Assistance Commission 202-566-3100 (office) 202-566-3128 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Joyce Wilson/EAC/GOV on 10/18/2005 11:41 AM -----



"Eugene Lee" <elee@apalc.org> 10/10/2005 12:53 PM

To HAVAinfo@eac.gov

CC

Subject FW: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments 9.29.05

Dear EAC:

On Sept. 29, APALC and NAPALC submitted joint comments on the EAC's proposed voluntary voting system guidelines. I am forwarding the email transmitting these comments. I do not see the comments posted on the EAC's website. Would someone at the EAC be able to check on whether these comments were posted and let me know when the comments have been posted?

Thanks very much, Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Phone: 213.977.7500 x 212

Fax: 213,977,7595 Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

----Original Message----

From: Eugene Lee [mailto:elee@apalc.org] Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2005 6:50 PM

To: votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov

Cc: Terry Ao [tao@napalc.org]

Subject: EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines -- NAPALC-APALC Comments

9.29.05

### Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), I submit the joint comments of NAPALC and APALC on the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The comments are attached to this email as a PDF file.

Yours truly, Eugene Lee

Eugene Lee Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Second Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Phone: 213.977.7500 x 212 Fax: 213.977.7595

Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

cc: Terry M. Ao, Esq.

Attachment

NAPALC-APALC Comments on EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 9.29.05.pdf

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 09/04/2005 07:53 PM

To cc

bcc

Subject Fw: format for VVSG comments

Had a typo in your address.

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov

Forwarded by Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV on 09/04/2005 07:52 PM -----

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

09/04/2005 01:12 PM

То

CC

Subject format for VVSG comments

Joe -

Apologize for not responding sooner. There has been a lot of travel in the past two months and I've overlooked some emails. The VVSG comment section on the EAC webpage provides information on how to provide comments. We prefer that you use the electronic form on the website, but you can also respond by email or snail mail or FAX. All the information is there. The deadline is 9/30.

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 08/22/2005 01:28 PM

To cc juliet.thompson@eac.gov@EAC

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# Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 08/23/2005 11:42 AM

To "Fernando Morales" < "Juliet E. Thompson" <juliet.thompson@eac.gov>

bcc

Subject Re: VVSG comments

Be sure that you click on the Submit button when your ready to send them. We noted that there is no warning given that if you don't click on Submitn your comments will not be recorded. We are going to add this warning so it is more clear what you need to do. Thank you

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message ----

From: "Fernando Morales" [

Sent: 08/23/2005 10:42 AM

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To: Carol Paquette

Cc: Juliet E. Thompson" <juliet.thompson@eac.gov>

Subject: Re: VVSG comments

Ms. Paquette, thanks for your response, I will re-submitted today.

---- Original Message ----From: cpaquette@eac.gov To: Fernando Morales

Cc: Juliet E. Thompson

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 9:12 AM

Subject: Re: VVSG comments

Mr. Morales -

There is no filtering or blocking being done on comments. However, I reviewed all the comments we have received yesterday afternoon and there were no comments from you in the on-line database. I am out of office in meetings for the next 3 days but willcheck to see if there is a problem with that application. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

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Carol A. Paquette U.S. Election Assistance Commission (202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV

To elee@apalc.org

09/27/2005 06:08 PM

CC

bcc

Subject missing text in Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

Mr. Lee -

Have received your email concerning missing text under the heading of "2.2.7.2 Limited English Proficiency" after the sentence "HAVA SEction 301(a)(4) reads in part".

I have reviewed the Guidelines text on our webpage and it is all there. Is there anything I can do to clarify this topic?

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 09/27/2005 06:01 PM

To "Connor Howard"
<vhoward@kennesaw.edu>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Email from Eugene Lee - Asian Pacific American Legal Center

#### Connor -

I looked at the VVSG on the webpage and all the text seems to be there. I'll respond to this person to see where the disconnect is. Good to meet you today. Glad you were able to make the trip!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/19/2005 04:10 PM

To cpaquette@eac.gov

cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

Subject Email from Eugene Lee - Asian Pacific American Legal

Center

Carol,

Merle wanted me to make you aware of this email comment that we received. It has been posted to our database.

Thanks,

Connor Howard Project Manager

Center for Election Systems

Phone: 678-797-2993

Email: vhoward@kennesaw.edu

Name : Eugene Lee

Organization: Asian Pacific American Legal Center

Email Address: elee@apalc.org

Post Date: 9/19/2005

At the bottom of page 2 under the heading "2.2.7.2 Limited English Proficiency," there appears to be some language missing after the sentence, "HAVA Section 301(a)(4) reads in part:"

We respectfully request the EAC make this language available before the September 30, 2005 deadline for submitting comments to the proposed Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 09/19/2005 04:52 PM

To "Connor Howard"
<vhoward@kennesaw.edu>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc "Merle King" <mking@kennesaw.edu>

bcc

Subject Re: Email from Eugene Lee - Asian Pacific American Legal Center

Connor -

Will check this out. Thanks!

Carol A. Paquette
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
(202)566-3125 cpaquette@eac.gov
"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu>



"Connor Howard" <vhoward@kennesaw.edu> 09/19/2005 04:10 PM

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Carol A. Paquette/EAC/GOV 08/24/2005 04:08 PM

To "choward" <choward@

CC

bcc

Subject Re: Fernando Morales email submitted

Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message ----

From: choward

Sent: 08/24/2005 03:58 PM To: mking@kennesaw.edu

Cc: Carol Paquette; apeel@kennesaw.edu; khonea@kennesaw.edu

Subject: Fernando Morales email submitted

Merle,

The email submission from Fernando Morales has been posted to the web site.

Connor



To nmortellito@eac.gov

cc cpaquette@eac.gov

bcc

Subject RE: My org.'s comments on EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines have not been posted yet

Dear Ms. Mortellito,

Thank you much for letting me know.

Regards, Eugene Lee

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Fax: 213.977.7595 Email: elee@apalc.org Web: www.apalc.org

----Original Message-----

From: nmortellito@eac.gov [mailto:nmortellito@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 6:07 AM

To: elee@apalc.org Cc: cpaquette@eac.gov

Subject: Re: My org.'s comments on EAC Voluntary Voting System Guidelines have not been

posted yet

Dear Mr. Lee:

Please sort by the name field and look for the name Eugene Lee. The comments were entered using this name. You will be able to find them easily this way.

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito Special Projects U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100 Washington, DC 202.566.2209 phone 202.566.3128 fax

### "Eugene Lee" <elee@apalc.org>

11/06/2005 03:31 PM

Dear EAC:

My organization's comments on the EAC voluntary voting system guidelines have not been posted on the EAC's website yet. I submitted the attached PDF file on September 29, 2005. The PDF file is not posted on the website. If the EAC could please post the PDF file, that would be much appreciated.

Please call me if there are any questions.

Thank you, Eugene Lee

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