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Honorable Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this statement in response to some of the concerns raised regarding the implementation and use of online voting in support of EmpowerLA's neighborhood council elections.

Everyone Counts' online voting system, eLect, is the most secure and mature platform available today. Since its original inception as an academic research project over twenty years ago, our technology has led the adoption of remote digital voting around the world. In that time, no election run using the eLect platform has been successfully challenged or otherwise compromised.

As a registered manufacturer with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Everyone Counts' products and platforms are subject to rigorous quality management requirements. Our technology is regularly audited by third party organizations – both government and private – and in every instance both the application and election results have been successfully certified. Additionally, as a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State Election Cyber Security Taskforce, Everyone Counts regularly consults and works with state government and federal agencies, including Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation on security and integrity topics.

Everyone Counts is committed to working with the Office of the City Clerk and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to improve election processes and procedures.



We applaud your commitment to innovation, inclusion, and accessibility, and look forward to continuing our work together on this critical initiative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James M. Simmons', written in a cursive style.

James M. Simmons
Vice President, Technology & Operations
Everyone Counts, Inc.