

# MODERN VOTING SYSTEM

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To learn more about the Voting System Replacement Project, visit:  
<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/voting-system>

## NEW VOTING SYSTEM SELECTED!

The proposal by Dominion Voting System Inc. for the Democracy Suite version 5.2 voting system was ranked highest among all proposals using selection criteria including received State certification, which is granted by the CA Secretary of State after rigorous functional, security, and accessibility testing.

Democracy Suite 5.2 is a comprehensive solution that is California-certified, accessible, and possesses features that will modernize voting and election administration.

With Democracy Suite 5.2, voters personally mark a paper ballot or use a Ballot Marking Device (tablet) to mark choices before printing out their ballot.

Voters were invited to share preferences and priorities that were considered before creating the selection criteria. ROV hosted a vendor demonstration for key stakeholders, created a new website and literature, and released an online survey. Voter feedback was incorporated into selection criteria used by ROV; voter preferences are reflected in the system selected.

## VOTER FEEDBACK REFLECTED IN SELECTION

*Sonoma County voters weighed in on their preferences and priorities, which were incorporated into the selection process.*

A Voting System Replacement Survey was conducted March through April, 2018. Voters shared opinions and top concerns:

Support Replacement – 67%

Prefer paper ballots – 75%

Top 4 selection criteria – Security; Accuracy; Able to check ballot before casting; User-friendly.

Top 2 priorities for the new voting system – paper-based system (uses paper ballots); prevent hacking.





# Voting System Brings New Benefits

*Dominion's Democracy Suite version 5.2 offers several modern features. Democracy Suite 5.2 will process ballots more efficiently, and produce election results faster.*

## Democracy Suite 5.2 Benefits for Voters:

- Paper ballots personally cast by voters
- Faster delivery to military and overseas voters
- Single ballot card for most elections
- Audit trails throughout process
- Results updated throughout canvass
- Certify/release results faster

## Democracy Suite 5.2 Benefits for Elections Officials:

- Automate “stuffing” vote by mail ballot envelopes
- Print ballots “on demand”
- Eliminate manual duplication of damaged/defective ballots
- Eliminate procedures, extra-help, and OT costs
- Reduce supply/paper waste
- Adaptable for other models of voting (e.g. Vote Centers)

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