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To: Elections Commission  
From: Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC)  
RE: Slalom's "Open Source Voting System Feasibility Assessment"

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The Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC) voted unanimously at its June 14, 2018 meeting to adopt the following statement regarding Slalom's "Open Source Voting System Feasibility Assessment."

**OSVTAC Statement on Slalom Report**

Certain inaccuracies and basic omissions in Slalom's Report lead us to seriously question the report as a whole. We recommend not relying on it for determining the future direction of the project.

A few of the more glaring examples include—

1. None of the costs are realistically substantiated. They are based on generic cloud-based applications and not specific to a voting system application.
2. \$1 million for cloud hosting is an absurdly high figure, orders of magnitude greater than what it would actually cost. The estimate shows a fundamental lack of understanding of what a voting system entails.
3. No consideration was given to open source election software recently developed or used by other states, including Prime III used in New Hampshire and Colorado RLA used in Colorado.

The development process that they described is not in line with open source development processes.

We are happy to substantiate these points further if needed. We encourage the Commission to assert its previous resolution to follow our recommendations.