OPEN SOURCE VOTING SYSTEM
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August 30, 2017

To: Elections Commission

From: Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC)

RE: OSVTAC Report #1 (August 2017) **[DRAFT]**

This report is the first written report of the Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee (OSVTAC, or TAC) to the Elections Commission.

The TAC Bylaws say, "the first report shall be due three months after the TAC is fully constituted." Since the Commission finalized the appointment of the TAC's fifth member on June 2, 2017, this report was due September 2, 2017.

Below is a description of the TAC's activities during the period covered by this report, which is up to and including the TAC's second meeting. Since the Committee approved this report during its second meeting, the report does not fully cover the second meeting. More information on the second meeting can go in the Committee's next report.

The TAC has had two meetings so far: Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.

The approved minutes for the July 26 meeting are attached to this report.

Sunshine Ordinance

At the first meeting, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White presented an overview of the Sunshine Ordinance to the Committee members.

TAC Website

The TAC now has its own website separate from the Commission's website. It is located at: https://osvtac.github.io. The site is hosted on the popular open-source developer website GitHub (https://github.com), which hosts most open source projects in the world.

Using GitHub has a number of advantages. It gives the TAC more freedom to try new things and use modern tools. It makes the TAC (and consequently also San Francisco's open source voting project) more visible to the wider open source community. It is also more transparent as the "code" for the site is public and can be commented on.

A screenshot of the home page is attached to this report.

Email Addresses

Most of the TAC members elected to receive and use an SFGov email address for TAC-related business.

Vice Chair

At its first meeting, the TAC elected Larry Bafundo to be Vice Chair.

"Recommendations" Document

At its second meeting, the TAC approved the first version of its "Open Source Voting System Project Recommendations" document. This is included as an attachment to this report.

This document is a "living" document that the TAC will work on over time and that members of the public will be able to contribute to and provide feedback on. The model that TAC is using to work on the document is similar in certain ways to how open source software projects are conducted.

The document will be written incrementally and in public view. Just as TAC's website is hosted on GitHub, the Recommendations document will also be stored as its own project on GitHub. The TAC will also experiment with using GitHub's project management tools to solicit feedback and contributions from the public, namely its "issues" tracker and "pull request" workflow.

More information about this is included in the introductory sections of the Recommendations document.

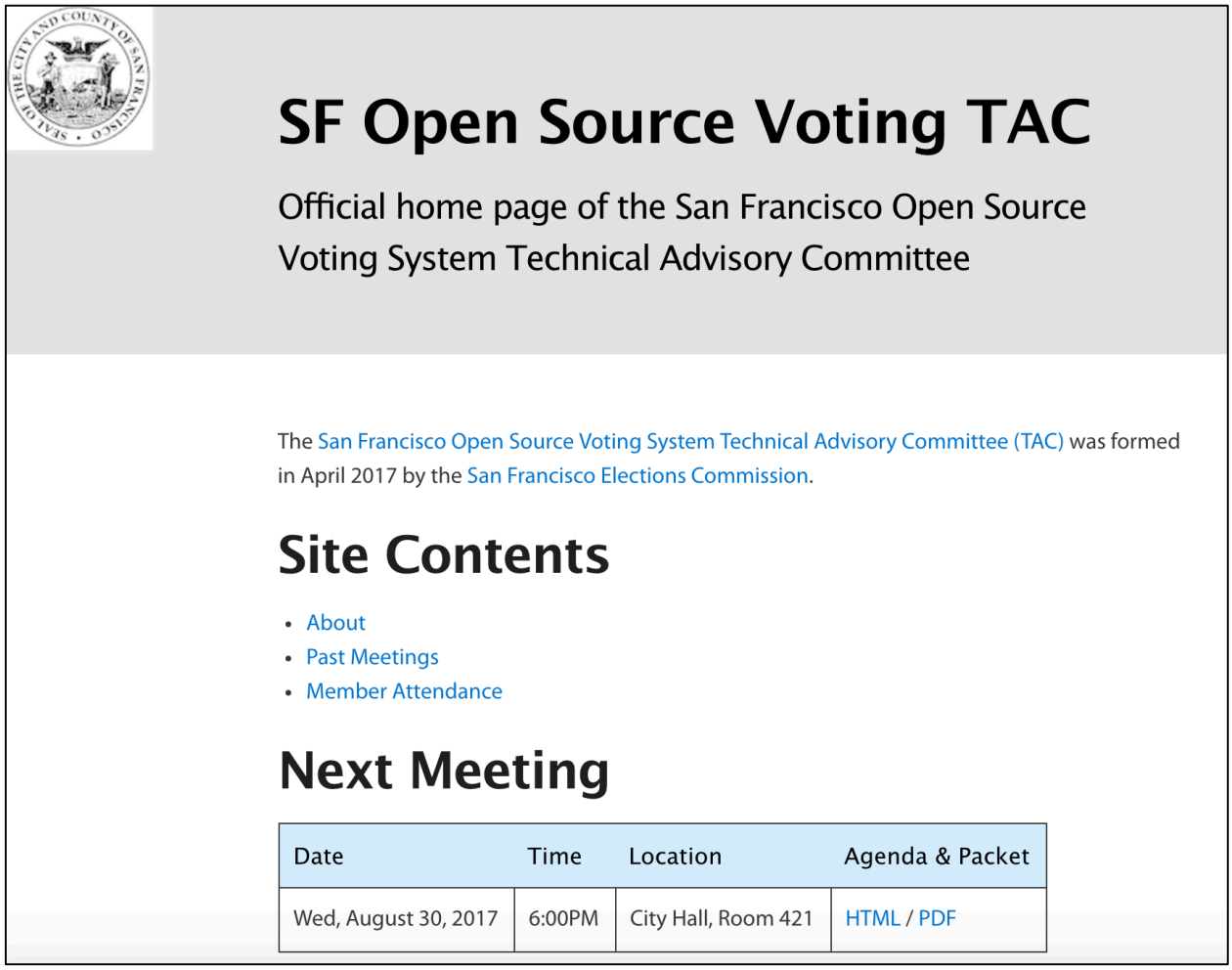
Attachments

1. Screenshot of TAC website home page
2. Approved Minutes for TAC's July 26, 2017 Meeting

3. Approved “Open Source Voting System Project Recommendations” document (first version, August 2017)

Attachment 1

Screenshot of TAC website home page: https://osvtac.github.io



SF Open Source Voting TAC

Official home page of the San Francisco Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee

The San Francisco Open Source Voting System Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed in April 2017 by the San Francisco Elections Commission.

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Next Meeting

Date	Time	Location	Agenda & Packet
Wed, August 30, 2017	6:00PM	City Hall, Room 421	HTML / PDF