CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – STUDY SESSION

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER
             ANTHONY SUBER, CITY CLERK

DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2019

SUBJECT: SAN MATEO COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION VOTING SYSTEM
             DEMONSTRATION

RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation from the San Mateo County Elections Division regarding the County's newly acquired Democracy Suites 5.2 Voting System.

BACKGROUND

The San Mateo County Elections Division issued a Request for Information to which they received three (3) responses. The responses were from Dominion Voting Systems, Hart InterCivic and Elections Systems & Software. Each vender was required to undergo rigorous testing at the State level before being verified as a certified vendor within California by the Secretary of State. The San Mateo County Elections Division ultimately chose the Dominion Voting System and will deploy the system in the November 5, 2019 Election.

There is no formal action associated with this item. It is informational only.

In light of the State of California's shift to a Voting Center Model as a result of Senate Bill No. 450, it is important for jurisdictions making the transition to educate voters. Although Atherton will not have an election in November 2019, these systems will be deployed in other communities and there will be a Primary and General Election in 2020. The Town will be evaluating collaborative methods to continue to educate Atherton Voters on any changes that have an impact to their voting experience.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town's electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town's electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service provides (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL

This item _____ has or _X_ has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

_____ Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
_____ Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
_____ Civic Center Advisory Committee (meets as needed)
_____ Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
_____ Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
_____ Planning Commission (meets each month)
_____ Rail Committee (meets every other month)
_____ Transportation Committee (meets every other month)
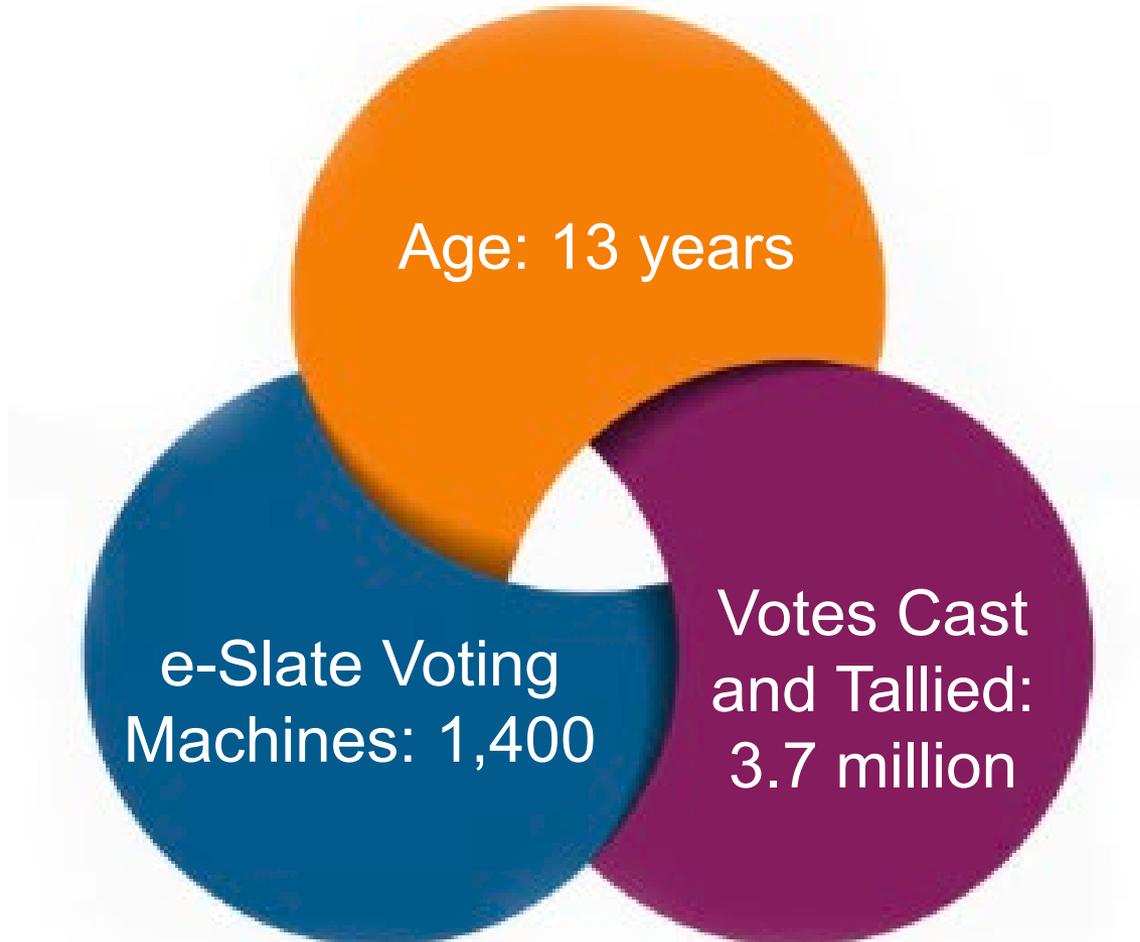
ATTACHMENTS

1. San Mateo County Presentation

San Mateo County

Dominion Voting Systems

"Democracy Suite"

**Office of Mark Church
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
& Chief Elections Officer**

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Age: 13 years

e-Slate Voting Machines: 1,400

Votes Cast and Tallied: 3.7 million

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**RFI
issued in January,
three vendor
responses**

Dominion Voting Systems

Hart InterCivic

Election Systems & Software

Dominion Voting Systems "Democracy Suite"

Certified by CA SOS; highly secure

Paper ballot with complete digital audit log

State-of-the-art Vote Center technology

Proven track record, used in 40 CA counties, excellent references

Dominion "Democracy Suite" Key Benefits

Voting Security

- Certified by CA SOS
- Voter's Choice Act Requirements
- Paper Ballots
- Detailed Audit Trail

Improved Services

- AuditMark – digital ballot audit trail
- Marginal Mark – digital evaluation of ballot marks
- ImageCast Adjudication

Key Benefits

Improved Voter Experience

- State-of-the-Art Touch Screens & Ballot Printers
- Increased Accessibility

Faster Processing and Scanning

- High Speed Tower Scanner 18k ballots/hour
- Medium Volume Canon Scanners 4k ballots/hour

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Dominion "Democracy Suite"

VOTING

Image Cast X (ICX)
Ballot Marking Devices (500)
Accessible Touchscreen Technology

Vote Center Ballot Printers (160)

Dominion "Democracy Suite"

CENTRAL SCANNING & ADJUDICATION

ICX Adjudication Station
Including Medium Volume Scanner

High Speed Tower Scanner

InterScan

Fully integrated with ImageCast Central

18,000 ballots per hour

One button to start

Dual feeder trays ensure only 5 seconds for continued scanning

Each feeder tray can hold 500 ballots
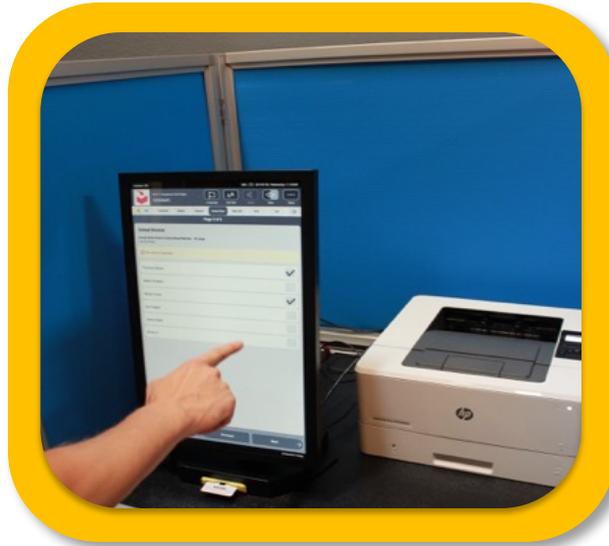
Approximately 16 square feet in size

Each feeder tray drops ballot into separate exit tray

Vote Center Ballot Marking Device & Printer

Process at Vote Center

1. Check-in

3. Deposit Ballot in Ballot Box

2. Vote

Dominion "Democracy Suite" Key Benefits

Dominion Voting System Safety & Security

Closed system

Never connected to the internet or the County network

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2005 certified by the US Elections Assistance Commission

Certified by the California Secretary of State

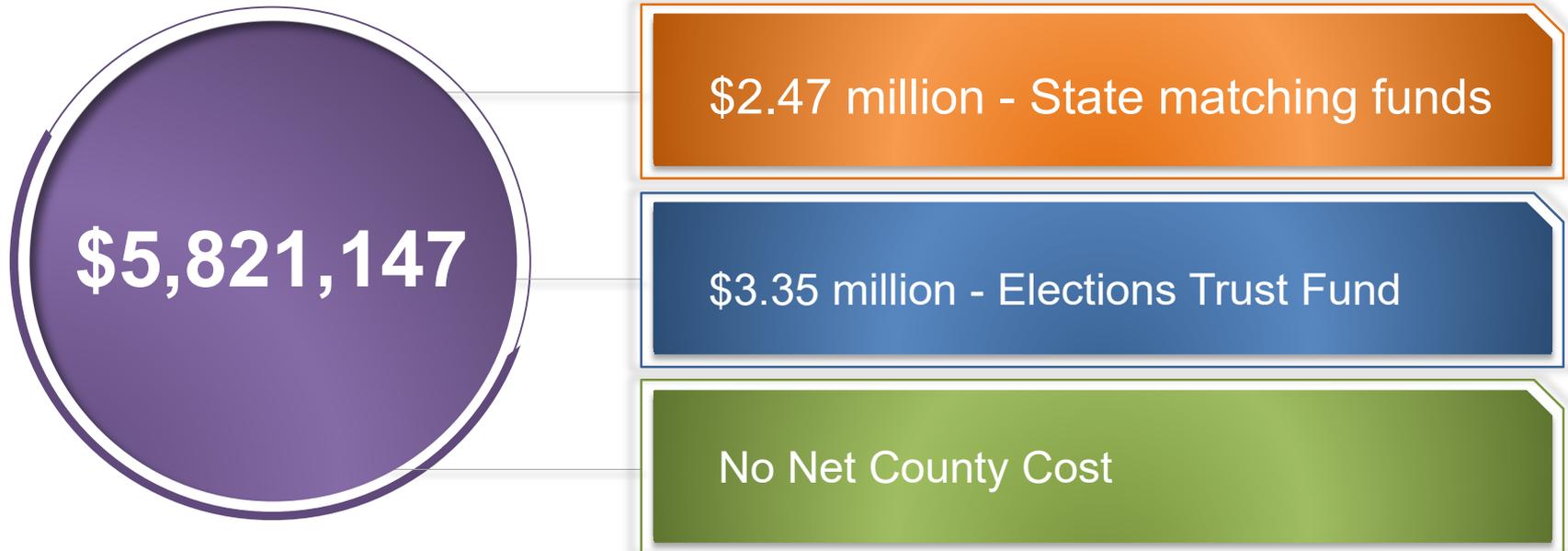Digital Encryption to protect data

Physical Hardware Access Controls

Strict Chain of Custody security processes

Best practices and rigorous staff training to mitigate risks and cyber security breaches

THANK YOU