

# The Election Transparency Scorecard

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The Election Transparency Scorecard (ETS) is an instrument under development by a growing coalition of organizations that endorse transparent and accountable elections. The hope is to build a large coalition representing the leaders of government, commerce and the non-profit sector to endorse transparency and accountability in our county's elections. Specifically the ETS seeks to support our county's mission to provide transparent and accountable elections in a manner that increases voter confidence and voter participation. The goal of the ETS is the fulfillment of voter's rights and the celebration of robust election integrity.

We hope the growing coalition will, in effect, stand as a proxy for the growing public consensus, supporting our county government leaders to implement verified paper records and routine audits without delay.

Secure, accountable, transparent, private and fair elections are essential for our republic. We invite, encourage and applaud our county government. Please collaborate with us in the development of the election transparency scorecard.

## **The proposed range of ETS items: -3 to +3 on a Transparency Scale**

+ 3 transparency supported in policy and behavior

+ 2 transparency supported in policy

+ 1 transparency supported in referenced opinion of official

0 Neutral = No Data

-1 transparency opposed by referenced opinion of official

-2 transparency opposed in policy

-3 transparency opposed in policy and behavior

*Multiple events of various scores can be summed for an item score.*

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Do voters have VVPRs of their vote?

Are Routine Random Audits used to verify the accuracy of the electronic tally?

Is there adequate opportunity for dialogue with public on elections issues?

Adequate responsiveness (openness) to public inquiry

Timely response to public inquiry

Adequate announcement of meetings, etc

Openness in the rationale provided for election procedures

Detailed and accurate reporting regarding events

Detailed and accurate reporting regarding legal issues

Detailed and accurate reporting of rationale in decision making

Detailed and accurate reporting of the county's voting machine options

Public witness of all aspects of machine preparation

Public witness to software verification

Public witness of voting machine hardware verification

Openness/appropriateness in hosting public observers to L&A testing

Public witness of parallel testing

Public witness of the central count process

Referral to County Attorney when placing public observation request

Adequate collection and recording of election complaint data

Availability of meaningful data (e.g., graphical representation of poll openings)

Access to logs of election day complaints

Openness to collaboration with public advocates in preparation for election day

Openness to collaboration with public advocates in data collection methods

Instructions on how to become a poll worker on the Division of Elections website.