



# County of Greenville

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## *Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Board*

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July 11, 2019

To: Greenville County Council

From: Conway Belangia, Director

Subject: State Election Commission Agreement for new voting system

The South Carolina State Election Commission ("SEC"), through the State Procurement Office, has purchased a new Statewide voting system. The delivery of the new voting system is to take place within the next 30 days to all counties in the Upstate. The State Election Commission will be moving ownership of this voting system to the counties. As part of the process, the SEC is requesting signature of the County in receipt of the voting system affirming that the County will properly upkeep and protect the system, including licensing, maintenance and security. There is no change in what the County has been doing for the past 15 years with the current electronic voting system. The SEC is assuring that the State of South Carolina's investment to Greenville County (approximately \$5.7 million) will be properly protected and maintained through the life of the new voting system.

With the recent developments concerning the designation of all voting systems to be covered under "critical infrastructure" by Homeland Security and the Federal government, we are being asked that the County assure the protection of the voting systems. In protecting it from "undue" influence, all counties, including Greenville, have been diligent in meeting the requirements of Homeland Security and South Carolina. The agreement reflects the continuance of this protection for the future along with the upkeep of the system through proper maintenance.

On behalf of the Voter Registration and Election Board, I am requesting County Council authorize the County Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Election Commission. This is the next step to complete the delivery of the voting system and move Greenville County to the new "voter verified paper trail" voting system.