

eComment
Ordinance 2020-19-24

Leif Hagen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:09pm 04-20-21

I implore the assembly to VOTE NO on ordinance 2020-19-24. Whether you believe there was foul play or it was a mess of conspiracy theories, there is too much controversy around Dominion after the 2020 election debacle. Our voters need to feel confident that our elections are conducted fairly and honestly without feeling like they are second-guessing election results. The January 6th riot is a great reminder of what it can look like when people don't trust their election process.

Controversy isn't new to Dominion. In August of 2019, NBC News did several reports on the vulnerabilities of Dominion voting machines as well as other brands and it was shocking to see how easily the voting machines could be tampered with or hacked to affect different outcomes - this was especially easy with the Dominion voting machine models that have internet capabilities. It was also notable that out of the handful of voting machine companies that NBC reached out to for responses to their scathing report, Dominion was the only company that would not make a comment. I insist the assembly watch some of NBC's reports. Here's a link to one of their reports: <https://youtu.be/QtWVP0KDx2hA>

Now I'm not here to spread conspiracy theories - Democrats and Republicans alike were waving red flags on Dominion well before the 2020 Election. I'm only here as a concerned voter who believes that election integrity and confidence in these elections is of the utmost importance to a democratic society. If our assembly also shares these beliefs, it would be counterintuitive with the controversy that swirls around Dominion for our assembly to purchase these machines. Considering two-thirds of the Kenai Peninsula voted Republican in 2020, many of which already have distrust for Dominion software and hardware, I believe we absolutely need to keep this controversial company out of our state's elections to maintain voter confidence in our election process. Please VOTE NO. Thank you.

Sabrina Harden

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 04-20-21

I urge the assembly members to vote "no" on Ordinance 2020-19-24 for two reasons. First, we already have absentee ballots that can be used by anyone that is not able to make it to the polls. I do not want to use tax payer's money for a new voting system when one is not needed. Second, the reliability of the Dominion voting machines and software are still in question. Please do not move forward until concrete information is available.

Thank you,
Sabrina Harden
Kenai

Susanne Ratcliffe Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 04-20-21

On behalf of my husband, Roy Wilson and myself I am writing in support of Ordinance 2020-19-24. I note that the Election Stakeholder Group recommended the purchase of Dominion machines. I see no reason why this recommendation should not be followed. Please pass Ordinance 2020-19-24 today. Thank you.

Susanne Ratcliffe Wilson

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Kathryn Carssow

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10am 04-20-21

Dear Assembly Members and Mayor,

Thank you in advance for addressing the issues of the voting access lawsuit by appointing The Election Stakeholder Group and respecting their recommendation that the borough purchase the Dominion machines. Please do not waste tax payers money and delay solving the issues of the suit by starting a new search for voting machines. I respect that the borough IT staff and election officials believe that Dominion machines are the best choice. The fact that the state of Alaska uses Dominion and there are no reports of voter fraud in the past election is good evidence that Dominion is a smart choice for our local elections.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Carssow
Homer.

Kelly Cooper

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06am 04-20-21

I urge the assembly when voting on this ordinance to make your decision based on fact, not disinformation and fear. Claims about Dominion Systems being linked to widespread fraud in the 2020 presidential election are completely false. Elections are conducted by bipartisan public officials and each state runs their own elections. There simply was not a coordinated effort to change votes or outcomes and quite frankly, it just isn't possible. Dominion is an American company with no ties to China or Venezuela. Government agencies and election officials across 28 battleground states conclusively affirmed no voting system deleted, lost, or changed votes in the 2020 election. Lawsuit after lawsuit has been thrown out with no basis for claims of election fraud or the performance of Dominion systems. Dominion machines produce paper ballots and paper records as well as digital ballots for 100% reliable audits and recounts. This also allows the voter to view their ballot for accuracy prior to submitting it at the polling station. Our Lt. Governor audited Alaska's election and also found no discrepancies or voter fraud. Thank you for serving the Kenai Peninsula Borough and I appreciate your diligence and research when voting on this ordinance.

Therese Lewandowski

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 04-20-21

Hello,

I support the Borough purchasing these machines. I worked the elections this past year and the new Dominion machines the state used were great. At the end of a very long day submitting data digitally went very fast. That data is also saved on two discs. The borough machines require phone line transmission. That took a long time, choked at one point and we had to start over. The disinformation over these machines is unfortunate. Like all states, Alaska boroughs and munis use different machines. Republicans won this state whether the muni used Dominion or the older machines. No one called fraud here. I hope you vote this ordinance and help the election workers do their jobs more efficiently. Thank you, Therese Lewandowski

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Bradley Cross

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 04-19-21

I am writing to request a NO vote on finance committee decision to fund the Dominion Voting system purchase agreement. Also known as 2020-19-24, this agreement has many flaws. The fact that Dominion software updates "from time to time" as stated in Sec 3.1 of the agreement and that it uses 3rd party software as stated in sec 3.8 should give you pause. Also disturbing is Sec 6.4 that grants Dominions "access and entry into borough property", with no specific limits defined. Sections 8.2 and 10.2 go on to describe how Dominion will use its "best efforts" to ensure the software works, not exactly reassuring to me. If you are still not concerned, sections 12.1 and 12.2 describe how confidential information between the borough and Dominion will be on a "need to know basis" unless it is COURT ORDERED! My final and significant concern of this contract is Sec 13 where limits of liability for Dominion are the cost of the contract for any breach, negligence, liability or any other duty. To vote yes to this contract I believe you put the finances of the borough at risk of significant monetary damage from litigation. You may also want to review with the borough attorney whether each individual member of the assembly may be joined in the potential lawsuit.

I oppose installation of a voting system that has been found to have modem connectivity to the cloud or internet. Dominion has been proven to have such hardware and software capabilities. Please do not argue that the borough has no intention of using that feature. As stated in the memorandum, the desire of proceeding with a new system is to use "intergovernmental administration" and collaboration with other cities. If you are not convinced that Dominion voting systems have internet capability and therefore vulnerability, please look up this link from NBC news.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/elections/online-vulnerable-experts-find-nearly-three-dozen-u-s-votingn1112436>

As to the argument of ADA compliance, as an Eye Care Professional ,I can assure you this is not the best way to ensure a visually impaired citizen can cast a vote while maintaining the insurance of election integrity. Please do not offer that as an excuse to support such a reckless policy for the borough.

Thank you,
Bradley Cross

Katherine George

Location:

Submitted At: 9:11pm 04-19-21

I support Ordinance 2020-19-24. Our State uses Dominion and we had no reports of voter fraud this past election. Please vote to pass this ordinance.

Katherine George
Homer

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Ron Keffer

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39pm 04-19-21

I urge the assembly to pass 2020-19-24 and purchase the Dominion voting machines. There simply is no reason to begin this process again. Public comment, official governmental statements, court decisions, and even the statements of those who denigrated these machines originally make it clear that they are effective, economical, and generally the best buy for any governmental agency. Here in the borough, there is strong support for this measure, especially from those who have done the research. Please pass 2020-19-24. It's the right thing to do.

Lynn Takeoka Spence

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43pm 04-19-21

Please approve the purchase and lease of the Dominion voting machines. These machines are used throughout the United States with no evidence of voter fraud or misuse. We need a reliable voting machine to ensure fair elections and the research done by the borough indicated these machines are the most reliable machines available. I hope the assembly will not spend more money to research this issue. At some point you have to make a decision and it seems reasonable to use the info you have already received to make this purchase. Please do not be swayed by people who are unhappy with the results of the national election. No evidence has been produced to show the Dominion machines or the voting process was fraudulent. Be sensible and make sure we are ready for the next election.

Lynn Takeoka Spence
331 Mountain View Drive
Homer, AK 99603
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Lynda Raymond

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20pm 04-19-21

These Dominion machines were recommended by the Election Stakeholder's Group. We need to have ADA compliant machines! Our Borough has used Dominion machines for many years with no reports of fraud or other problems.

These were what was recommended and I encourage you to vote to purchase these machines.

Thank you.
Lynda (Lani) Raymond
Homer

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Nina Faust

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 04-19-21

Dear Borough Assembly Members:

I support Ordinance 2020-19-24. Based on my research into the Dominion voting machines, they are secure and will do the job just fine. We do not have money to redo the search based on misinformation from the last election. The last election was certified and there was no proof of any fraud. As far as I am concerned these machines will do a reliable job for us and we should go forward with the plan to purchase them! Vote yes on this ordinance.

Respectfully,
Nina Faust
P.O. Box 2994
Homer, AK 99603

Harold Spence

Location:

Submitted At: 3:57pm 04-19-21

Dear Assembly Members,

Regarding 2020-19-24, I fully support this measure. There is nothing wrong with Dominion voting machines, and the basis for claims that there are are without merit.

Beginning a new search would be a waste of money and time.

Please vote to pass this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Harold Spence
Homer