Voting Systems in the US 2016

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Aging Voting Systems = Crisis

President’s Commission on Election Administration (PCEA) Report

Brennan Center Report

Sec. Padilla, RoV Kelley Op–ed: “A threat to California elections is on the horizon. CA voting equipment is near its life expectancy.”
What Drives (election tech) Costs?

- Voting & counting devices: scanner/tabulator; ballot marking system; DRE; printer
- Other equipment: electronic pollbooks; ballot on demand printers; election night reporting systems; mail sorters
- Licensing fees/hardware, software, firmware; Consumables
- Voting booths; storage racks; transport devices; etc.
How much $? “It depends.”

- Volume
- Laws
- Voting mode
- Other factors
Managing costs

- Lease/Lease to own/Financing
- Shared costs; bulk buying discounts
- Better contracting
- Different modes, technologies
- Unintended consequences…
Recommendations & Caveats

- Support county needs, especially those with fewer resources

- Look to new models: Los Angeles; San Francisco; Travis County TX
  - Flexibility; COTS; common data format; better accessibility

- Different kind of funding stream
Fund smart:
Data driven + voter-driven