

## Town of SOUTHINGTON, Connecticut

Registrars of Voters

Mr. Kevin Chung President Avante International Technology, Inc. 70 Washington Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550-1012

Dear Kevin:

We would like to thank you, your family and staff for the excellent support your company gave us in preparing and administrating our November 4<sup>th</sup> election as it related to the two districts where we used your electronic voting machines exclusively.

As Registrars of Voters we were nervous introducing new, and for us, untried voting machines in two of our voting districts. Our anxiety was ameliorated by not only the outstanding performance of the machines, but also the great support given to us by your company personnel.

There was not a single reported problem with any of the machines we used. All twenty machines performed flawlessly. Although slightly less than two thousand voters voted on the machines there was a potential for almost 40,000 single hits on the machine due to the number of eligible candidates for whom votes could be cast by each voter.

Demonstrating the machines to voters who had not seen them was very straightforward and did not hold up the voting process. We are having a recount and it is a joy not to have to do anything with the machines as the machine totals are printed out so there can be no errors in the reading or writing of the individual results as can happen on the mechanical machines.

We would hope to be able to use these machines to replace supervised balloting at nursing homes so our elderly voters can continue to vote the same as everyone else. Many of them who find it difficult or impossible to vote on the absentee ballots would be able to vote on your machines.

We want to wish your company the best of luck in the Connecticut competition.

Very truly yours,

GERALD M. GINGRAS REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ROBERT L. SHERMAN REGISTRAR OF VOTERS