ABSTRACT: This panel will discuss what election officials, testers, academics, and advocates feel should be included in state-of-the-art voting system standards and what items might be safely excluded from future standards to save both time and money in the testing process.

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