# How to Contribute

We welcome community contributions to the SVT-AV1 Encoder. Thank you for your time! By contributing to the project, you agree to the license and copyright terms in the OSI-approved BSD+Patent license and to the release of your contribution under these terms. See [LICENSE](LICENSE.md) for details.

## Contribution process

- Follow the [coding guidelines](STYLE.md)

- Validate that your changes do not break a build

- either locally or through travis-ci and github actions. Preferably all of them.

- Perform smoke tests and ensure they pass

- Submit a pull request for review to the maintainer

## Pull request process

- Authors should use a valid email account when committing.

- Make clear and concise commits (1 commit per 1 feature or issue)

- Authors are responsible for breaking down the PR into sensible commits (with proper commit messages)

- Avoid using force push when addressing comments and review items.

- Maintainers shall use 'rebase and merge' to make sure all commits can apply cleanly onto the master branch

- Maintainers shall only use 'squash and merge' with the permission of the authors.