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RE: **AB 1200** Elections: Central Committees - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ma:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey **Support** of **AB 1200** (as Amended February 6, 2012). This urgent legislation contains essential technical amendments to the California Elections Code relating to the conduct of county central committee elections for the 2012 Presidential Primary Election, taking place in approximately 110-days.

AB 1200 specifically addresses central committee issues in the City and County of San Francisco, and the Counties of Sacramento and Alameda following the 2011 redistricting process. The bill also reduces the administrative and costs associated with the current duties of local county election officials. More specifically, AB 1200:

- Eliminates the requirement to administer the oath of office
- Eliminates the requirement to provide certificates of election to each member
- Eliminates the role of election officials in calling and providing space for the American Independent Party's county central committee meetings
- Eliminates the requirement for election officials to notify the Secretary of State's Office when new party chairs are elected
- Eliminates the 20-day waiting period and the filing of a petition, signed by at least 25 voters, indicating that a write-in campaign for central committee will occur where there are insufficient nominees.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

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