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September 12, 2007

Assembly Member Todd Spitzer State Capitol, Room 5126 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Spitzer:

On June 8, 2007, the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **AB 1090** (as amended April 30, 2007). At that time the Committee voted to support the bill if it were amended to apply only to those candidates certified by the Secretary of State, as set forth in California Elections Code §8100(a), and that the forms were to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with the original nomination documents and retained by the Secretary of State.

In reviewing the bill on September 3, 2007, it was noted that our requested amendments had not been incorporated. There are thousands of candidates statewide who will be affected by this requirement if it is not restricted to state-certified candidates. In light of this, our Committee must remove its support of this proposal.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707) 565-1877.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson, Correspondence Secretary Elections Legislative Committee California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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