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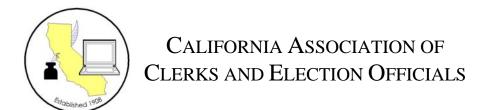
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March 24, 2008

Assembly Member Curren Price , Chairman Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting State Capitol, Room 2179 P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0051

Re: AB 1819

Dear Chairman Price:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed AB 1819 (as introduced January 18, 2008), allowing 16 year olds to complete affidavits of voter registration, and requiring Election Officials to process and maintain such forms until the election in which the registrant will be 18 years of age.

California Election Officials are supportive of programs to encourage young electors to register and vote; however, none of the information management systems currently utilized are designed to allow for a separate file of underage or otherwise ineligible voters. It is anticipated that there would be a level of maintenance required for these underage registrations, including updating with new addresses or political party information, and cancellations for not only death, but also for those who move out of the county. In order to maintain this data it would be necessary to upgrade the current information management systems used throughout the State. The Committee is not taking a position on the bill at this time, but wanted to alert you to the concerns that were discussed.

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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