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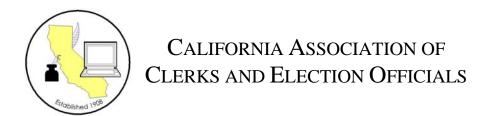
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May 29, 2007

Assembly Member Mark Leno State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0013

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **AB 1046** (as amended April 10, 2007). This bill requires the Secretary of State to not mail a state ballot pamphlet to any voter who has notified the Secretary of State that he or she does not wish to receive the ballot pamphlet by mail.

The Committee voted to take **No Position** on the bill, but we did want to forward comments and concerns that were raised for your consideration. I have noted that the bill has since been amended again on May 17, 2007, delaying the implementation date until January 1, 2010, however, I believe that the comments are relevant to the newly amended version of the bill.

The concerns raised included issues regarding household mailings (e.g. one person in the household indicates he or she does not want the pamphlet mailed, but others do); whether the notification is a permanent request, or must be made prior to each election; what happens when a voter changes his or her mind after the mailing has gone out; what about the supplemental mailing of state ballot pamphlets done by the counties for voters who register after the 60th day prior to the election – counties would not have access to notifications received by the Secretary of State.

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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