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Assembly Member Mariko Yamada State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0008

Dear Assembly Member Yamada:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee previously conveyed their support of **AB 1228**, if amended to require the local elections conducted by mail in the Yolo County pilot program be held on an established mailed ballot election date, pursuant to Elections Code Section 1500.

Inasmuch as you feel you are unable to accommodate this request, the Committee has no option but to withdraw our position of support, if amended. Please record the CACEO Elections Legislative Committee as taking **No Position** on this proposal. As we explained, holding an all mail election on the same date that any jurisdiction may call a polling place election is a disaster waiting to happen. Voters in overlapping districts could be voting by mail and at the polls on the same day. While we continue to support mailed ballot elections, and look for opportunities to expand this option, we feel it is imperative that any efforts to do so be organized in a manner that does not confuse or inconvenience voters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707-565-1876).

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson
Correspondence Secretary

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