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September 23, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee **Supports AB 1574** (Committee on Elections and Redistricting). This proposal eliminates the requirement that a member of the Board of Supervisors would need permission from the Board to submit an argument in favor or against a county measure, corrects a conflicting time frame for the submission of arguments for municipal elections when such elections are consolidated, rectifies a time certain nomination provision to adhere to the close of regular business hours. Election administration has many complex and ambiguous requirements. We appreciate the efforts of the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting to identify and resolve these issues. By proactively correcting these sections, many issues will be avoided in future elections.

Please consider our request that you sign AB 1574 into law. Thank you for your consideration of our request. 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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