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May 5, 2009

Assembly Member Jim Silva State Capitol Room 2170 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Silva:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 269** (as amended April 13, 2009) making it a misdemeanor for a member of the public to attempt to find out how a voter marked his/her ballot.

This type of behavior is most inappropriate and calls into question the integrity of the election process. We appreciate your help in protecting the right to a secret ballot. The Committee has taken a position of **Support** in regard to this bill.

If you have any questions or concerns, 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 California Association of Clerks

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