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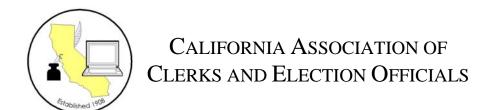
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June 14, 2007

Assembly Member Mike Eng State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0049

Dear Assembly Member Eng:

On June 8, 2007, the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **AB 614** (as amended April 25, 2007). This bill would revise the requirements for the recruitment of poll workers who are fluent in a language used by citizens who lack sufficient skill in English to vote without assistance.

California's election officials want to provide the highest level of service to all voters. The Committee voted to **Support** this proposal and asks that the bill provide a specific number, percentage, or formula, in order that we may have accurate data on which to base our recruitment efforts. Currently the Secretary of State does not provide data to all counties, and there are concerns that the data the Secretary of State has provided, is based on a flawed formula which includes individuals who have indicated on their census form that their level of English proficiency would fall into the categories of "speak well" or "speak very well." This incorrect data has caused difficulties for counties when responding to inquiries from community groups, as well as from the Department of Justice.

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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