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January 19, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
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Attention: Michael Prozio, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

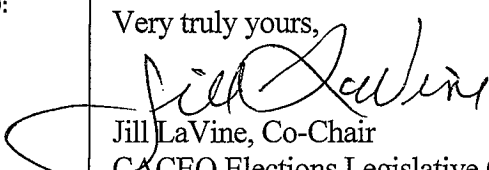
It is the understanding of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) that agreement has been reached in regard to the State Budget legislation, and that you will be signing the bills, which include a provision calling a Special Statewide Election for May 19, 2009. It is also our understanding that the legislation does not include a specific provision for reimbursing the counties for the costs of conducting the election. As you are certainly aware, counties are facing challenging financial situations and do not have the funds to cover the costs of an unbudgeted Special Statewide Election.

In recognition of these facts, we hereby request that you include in your signing message your intention that the Legislature reimburse counties for the costs of conducting the May 19, 2009 Special Statewide Election, as you did when you called for the February 5, Presidential Primary Election (see below).

“In addition, a separate presidential primary election does not come without cost to California counties. As such, I am signing this measure with the understanding that the Legislature will reimburse counties for the costs of the presidential primary as soon as possible.”

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request. Should you or your staff have any questions in this regard, please contact Rebecca Martinez, President CACEO at 559-675-7722 or me, Jill LaVine, Co-Chair CACEO Elections Legislative Committee at 916-875-6060.

Very truly yours,


Jill LaVine, Co-Chair
CACEO Elections Legislative Committee
(Registrar of Voters, Sacramento County)