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April 27, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor's Office
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Special Election to fill Senate District 15 Seat

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the constituents we represent I write to respectfully ask your consideration of the five counties, including Monterey, who will now be charged with mounting the expense and effort of a special election to fill the seat vacated by Senator Abel Maldonado.

Waiting until Thursday, May 6 to proclaim the special vacancy election allows the counties to consolidate one of the two vacancy elections with the regularly scheduled statewide election slated for November 2, 2010. If you call the special vacancy election any time sooner than May 6, the counties will have to conduct two, very costly stand-alone elections in addition to the June and November elections; it will also mean that after the June 8 election, voters would have to go to the polls two more times before November.

In addition to voter confusion there is the issue of cost. Currently we can barely afford to have the June and November elections and of course, we continue to await reimbursement for the May 19, 2009, special election. Respecting your requirement to call a special election, we ask that you respect our concerns for the timing and administration of it. Should you have any questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Ms. Linda Tulett, Monterey County Registrar of Voters, (831) 796-1480.

Sincerely,

Simón Salinas, Chair

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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