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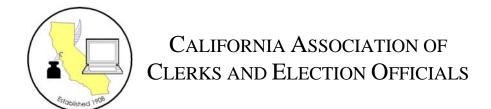
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June 14, 2007

Senator Ron Calderon State Capitol, Room 5080 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Calderon:

On June 8, 2007, the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **SB 439** (as amended May 15, 2007).

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the amendment to clarify that the liberal construction, to ensure that write-in votes will be counted if voter intent can be determined, is specific to a *manual* recount. Please record CACEO's position as **Support.** This seemingly simple clarification is critical to the correct interpretation of the bill. Thank you for addressing our concerns.

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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