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March 20, 2010

State Senator Curren Price State Capitol Rm. 2052 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Price:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to **Support SB 994** (as introduced February 9, 2010), your proposal to reimburse counties for the costs incurred in holding special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature or congress.

In these unprecedented economic times, all counties are struggling to provide required services. The additional cost of unscheduled, unbudgeted special vacancy elections places an excessive burden on counties' limited budgetary means. Your understanding of and assistance with this issue is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at 707-565-1876.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson

Correspondence Secretary
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