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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Norma Torres, Chair Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments State Capitol, Room 2203 Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 1043 (TORRES) -SUPPORT

Dear Ms. Chairwoman:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for SB 1043, which adds the category of "political party qualification petition" to the existing provisions regarding criminal or fraudulent activities involving petitions signed by voters. The category includes signature petitions submitted in lieu of filing fees in its definition. These changes close a significant loophole in the Election Code and increase the integrity of the petition process by adding enforcement and penal provisions for deliberate and fraudulent activities relating to submission of nomination papers.

We appreciate your leadership and thoughtful consideration of issues important to our association and your support of efforts to streamline and make election processes more secure and efficient.

Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek Corresponding Secretary

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Assembly Member Paul Fong, Chairman, Elections and Redistricting Committee,

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