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Assembly Member Tim Donnelly, Author
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Dear Assembly Member Donnelly:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 1170** (as amended March 21, 2013), your proposal to require a county elections official to cancel the voter registration of a voter who moves and fails to respond to an address confirmation notice provided by the elections official and who subsequently does not vote for two consecutive federal general elections.

Existing law authorizes a county election official to cancel the registration of a voter who has notified the United States Post Office (USPS) of a change of address only if they also fail to respond to an address confirmation mailer and does not vote for two consecutive general elections containing federal offices. In the 2012, the Governor signed AB 216, a bill authorizing a county election official to work with consumer credit agencies to obtain updated address information and subsequently mail a confirmation notice to the voter, but would be prevented from moving a non-responsive voter to the inactive file or to cancel the voter's record. This bill will allow consumer credit agency data to be used in the same manner as data obtained from the USPS, brining standardization to information received from various authorized sources.

While the Committee favors the incorporation of consumer credit data into the administration of the central database of voters, the Committee has voted a **Support if Amended** position due to the *requirement* that the county election official cancel the record of a voter who fails to respond and who subsequently fails to vote. We request cancellation of the voter's record continue to be discretionary, rather than mandatory. Therefore, we suggest amending the word "shall" to "may" in subsection (b) of Section 226 and subsection (f)(3) of Section 227.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

- c: Honorable Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
- Honorable Lou Correa, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments
- Jill Lavine, Co-Chair, CACEO Elections Legislative Committee
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