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Senator Lou Correa, Chair
Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments
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Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: **SB 1188** Elections: Petition Circulators - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Correa:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey continued **Support** of **SB 1188**, as amended April 9, 2012. This legislation will not only correct an erroneous cross reference within the California Water Code relating to mail ballot election dates, but will also amend the California Elections Code relating to petition circulator information.

Existing law requires a petition circulator to provide their written name, address, and signature at length, including given and middle name or initial, when completing the affidavit of circulator attached to the petition. SB 1188 would repeal the requirement for the circulator to include their middle name or initial as a part of their signature appearing on the affidavit of circulation. This middle initial or name is not necessary for the election official to determine if the circulator is qualified to circulate the petition or to verify the content of the affidavit of the circulator.

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

Respectfully yours,

Linda Tulett
Correspondence Secretary
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