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May 4, 2017

The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
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State Capitol Building, Room 6011
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Berman and Members of the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support **AB 1730**, your proposed legislation which would amend Elections Codes 2153, 11020, and 12262 dealing with contacting affiants, district arguments, Recall Notices of Intention, and district boundary changes.

- Elections Code 2153 - Current law states that election officials are to telephone an affiant if the voter registration card is missing information, causing the affiant to not be registered. Your proposal to strike the telephone requirement allowing the election official to use other means, such as email, to obtain the missing information will allow more opportunities for election officials to complete registrations prior to elections so voters are not disenfranchised or needing to vote provisionally due to an incomplete registration.
- Elections Code 11020 – Current law details what information must be printed on the notice of intention for a recall election. One of the requirements in subsection (c) is the residence address. Your proposal is to clarify that the entire residence address, including street address, city and zip code, be listed. This clarification will assist the elections official and proponent to have the correct information on the notice of intention.
- Elections Code 12262 – Current law states that jurisdictions have until 88 days prior to an election to make and submit boundary changes to the elections official, and any changes made less than 88 days will not go into effect until after the election. For elections officials, E-88 is a very pivotal day in the election calendar, and adjusting boundaries on that day would hinder the official's capacity to proceed with the election in a timely fashion to ensure that all voters are in their appropriate districts, that signers to nomination petitions are indeed valid signatures, and that candidates are indeed in the district that they are running for. Your proposal sets a 125 day requirement for districts to submit their boundary changes to ensure that the elections officials have made the necessary changes and verifications that all voters are properly districted before the 88th day.

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If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us or (831) 454-2409, or Jill LaVine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at lavinej@saccounty.net or (916) 875-6060.

Respectfully,



Tricia Webber

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