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The Honorable Paul Fong, Chairman
Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee
State Capitol, Room 5016
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AB 1768 (FONG) -SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 1768, which would add an additional common sense protection to voters who are protected by confidential voter status and who file to run for office. Candidates for office are required to provide a residence address on a Declaration of Candidacy which is used to determine the candidate's eligibility to run for the office. As the Declaration is a public document, the provision of the address undermines the voter-candidate confidential status. By permitting an election official to verify the address of the candidate and replace the address on the form with "verified", the purpose of proving the address is satisfied and the status of the voter-candidate is protected.

We appreciate your willingness to sponsor and support bills proposed by the Association and your thoughtful consideration of election related issues.

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
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Cc: Senator Norma Torres, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments, Attention Darren Chesin, Chief Consultant
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