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State Assembly Member Jared Huffman, Author
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Dear Assembly Member Huffman:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee has re-reviewed **AB 1805**, amended on April 18, 2012, and continues to **Support** your proposal. We would also like to acknowledge and thank you for accepting our suggested amendments as provided in our March 26, 2012 letter. At the Committee's last meeting and second review of this proposal, the following amendments are requested and necessary to clarify and improve the administration of particular sections under law:

- ★ Amend section 3105(b)(1), replacing "as soon as possible" with "not earlier than 60 nor later than 45 days..". This will set a beginning date for this activity and revert back to existing law and deadlines that election officials can accomplish.
- ★ Amend section 3105(f) to either remove or further clarify the last portion of the last sentence. This appears to be redundant or duplicative.
- ★ Amend section 3117 to delete, "and submitted for mailing" and add language that specifies the voted ballot must be "received by the elections official by the time the polls close."
- ★ Amend section 3121(c) requiring certified candidate information appear on the website from "At least 82 days..." to "No later than 60 days...". While our initial support letter may have implied it could be possible to post information after the 83rd day, this may only be accomplished for local elections. We apologize for any confusion. The 68th day prior to the [primary] election is a key deadline for various candidate related items: political party notification of presidential nominees, withdrawal of candidates or removal of names due to death, and is the county's deadline to certify and submit nomination papers to the Secretary of State and for that office to provide the certified list of candidates to each county. It would not be possible for the county to post a list containing certified candidates until this information is finalized.

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

Very truly yours,

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