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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Jacque Roberts, Deputy Legislative Secretary

Re: AB 1873

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials wishes to advise you that it supports AB 1873. This bill allows San Diego County to test the merit of vote-by-mail elections in the case of vacancy elections. These elections are unanticipated, unbudgeted and pose a heavy fiscal burden on counties.

By signing into legislation Assembly Bill 1873, the County of San Diego will be able to:

- Validate whether conducting elections primarily by-mail will have a positive impact on voter participation across a diverse County.
- Introduce an alternative method to conducting these types (i.e. Congressional & legislative vacancy) of elections.
- In comparison to a traditional polling place environment, confirm the anticipated cost savings to conduct an election.
- Recognize the change in voter behavior across the State where 79% of all ballots cast in the 13 special legislative vacancy elections in 2013 were mail ballots.

We urge you to sign AB 1873 into law. 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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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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