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The Honorable Paul Fong, Chairman Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee State Capitol, Room 5016 Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 2219 (FONG) -SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 2219, which would require counties to provide interim reports the Secretary of State on the status of the examination of state petitions. This reporting will permit counties and the state to save time and resources by authorizing election officials to stop the examination process once the requisite number of signatures has been verified.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of issues important to our association and your support of efforts to streamline and make election processes more efficient. This bill represents a significant effort to relieve counties of unnecessary costs verifying petitions while adding an additional level of transparency and accountability to the process.

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.

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Corresponding Secretary

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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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