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The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Author Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3149 Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 2273 (RIDLEY-THOMAS) -SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 2273, which would authorize reimbursement to counties for the expenses incurred in the preparation and conduct of elections to fill vacancies for state and federal offices since January 2013 and which provides for the state to bear the costs of these elections in the future.

We appreciate your recognition of the fiscal burden these elections have placed upon the already strained resources of local governments. This bill represents a significant on-going effort to relieve counties of the costs of electing state and federal officeholders to vacant positions.

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-Ol. Konopasek

Corresponding Secretary

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