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RE: **AB 2452** Political Reform Act of 1974: online disclosure

Dear Assembly Member Ammiano:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 2452** (as introduced February 24, 2012), your bill to authorize a local government agency to require online or electronic filing of paper statements and reports under the Political Reform Act. While the Committee has taken no position on this bill, the Committee would like to suggest points of clarification or amendment:

- 1) Amend section 8461(b) to permit the use of a standardized record format that is acceptable to the local agency. Currently, this proposal requires the Secretary of State to develop and implement a local format compatible with the State's system.
- 2) Amend the word "*date*" to "*data*" contained in subsection (c). The date contained in the online or electronic file would be incorporated within the "data".
- 3) Clarify this bill intends that an electronic signature is acceptable under Government Code section 81004. Subsections (f) and (i) of 84615 do not make this clear.

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

Very truly yours,

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