

**OFFICERS 2012-2014**

CATHY DARLING ALLEN  
PRESIDENT  
Shasta County  
NEAL KELLEY  
VICE PRESIDENT  
Orange County  
DEAN LOGAN  
TREASURER  
Los Angeles County  
SUSAN M.RANOCHAK  
SECRETARY  
Mendocino County

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**APPOINTED:**

GINA ALCOMENDRAS  
Santa Clara County  
SACHI HAMAI  
Los Angeles County  
JOSEPH HOLLAND  
Santa Barbara County  
MARK LUNN  
Ventura County  
KATHIE MORAN  
Colusa County  
KAREN RHEA  
Kern County  
JULIE RODEWALD  
San Luis Obispo County  
BEVERLY ROSS  
Tehama County

LARRY WARD  
Riverside County  
DAWN ABRAHAMSON\*  
Fremont City Clerk  
\* non-voting member

**ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

STEVE WEIR  
Contra Costa County  
REBECCA MARTINEZ  
Madera County  
GAIL L. PELLERIN  
Santa Cruz County

**ELECTED AREA CHAIRS:**

JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Northern Area  
Lassen County  
KAMMI FOOTE  
Southern Area  
Inyo County  
JILL LAVINE  
Mother Lode Area  
Sacramento County  
AUSTIN G. ERDMAN  
Central Area  
San Joaquin County

ELMA ROSAS  
Bay Area  
Santa Clara County

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

**CLERK OF THE BOARD:**

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Los Angeles County  
JOHN MCKIBBEN  
Los Angeles County

**COUNTY CLERK:**

KATHIE MORAN  
Colusa County  
CRAIG KRAMER  
Sacramento County

**ELECTIONS:**

JILL LAVINE  
Sacramento County  
KAREN RHEA  
Kern County



**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS**

**CATHY DARLING ALLEN, PRESIDENT**

Shasta County Clerk  
1643 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001  
Tele 530-225-5730 Fax 530-225-5454  
E-Mail: [cdarling@co.shasta.ca.us](mailto:cdarling@co.shasta.ca.us)  
Website: [www.caceo58.org](http://www.caceo58.org)

April 2, 2013

Assembly Member Melendez, Author  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0067

Dear Assembly Member Melendez:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 813** (as introduced February 21, 2013), requiring the certified statement of the results of the election and the certified statement of the vote to be posted on the internet web sites of each local election official and Secretary of State in a downloadable spreadsheet format. The Committee has not taken a formal position on this bill but would like to share concerns raised during the discussion of this proposal:

- ★ System Certification – Under existing systems specifications, manipulation of election data is prevented, and for good reason. Requiring all systems to produce alternate versions of the certified results and statements of the vote would require changes to certification and permissions to access vote data.
- ★ Cost - While some system vendors have been able to extract and manipulate election results in alternate formats, local election officials spend hours to recreate results for the public in a user friendly format. Alternately, counties may seek a third-party vendor to alter the format of election results, and would have to bear that cost. While the proposal contains language relating to reimbursement through the State Commission on Mandates, the suspension of various existing election mandates puts future reimbursements in question.
- ★ Proposal is too vague – Specifically, subsection (b) of section 15501 is written too vague. Requiring the downloadable file to be “*compatible with a spreadsheet software application that is widely used at the time of the posting.*” is not clear. Changes in technology uses occur too often and what is widely used in one jurisdiction may not be widely used in another.
- ★ Clarifying language – The Committee expressed concerns that election results may be manipulated by the public and presented in an alternate format, putting the integrity of the results in question. The integrity of the voting system and results is a major component of the acceptance of election results by the public. We would like to request clarifying language be added to indicate the results certified by the county and State are the **official** certified results.

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

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

- c: Honorable Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
- Honorable Lou Correa, Chair, Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments
- Jill Lavine, Co-Chair, CACEO Elections Legislative Committee
- Karen Rhea, Co-Chair, CACEO Elections Legislative Committee
- Barry Brokaw, Sacramento Advocates