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The Honorable Ling Ling Chang, Author  
State Capitol, Room 3149  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**AB 971 (CHANG) -SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Chang:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 971, 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 2015 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.

We urge passage of AB 971. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at [scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us) or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek  
Corresponding Secretary  
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Cc: Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting  
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