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September 22, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of AB 363

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 363, which would authorize election officials, on Election Day, the option of processing ballots from the polls during the day and reporting those results immediately after the close of the polls at 8:00 pm. Many large counties' final election night reports are late into the morning of the day after the election due to technological, logistical and geographic limitations. The bill does not require election officials without such challenges to change any current procedures.

The bill permits the sealing and delivery of ballot containers to a central location where the containers will be opened and the ballots will be processed. The complex and time consuming reconciliation of the ballots cast would be performed centrally with greater accuracy. This would have the dual effect of speeding up the return of ballots on Election Night as well as reducing the time required to complete the count and produce a final unofficial report of results. A further benefit would be a reduction in labor and overtime costs.

Large counties face many challenges in counting ballots centrally. This bill represents a viable solution for many until new voting technology, without these constraints and limitations, is authorized and fielded in the state.

We urge you to sign AB 363. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Konopasek".

Scott O. Konopasek
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Cc: Assembly Member Steinorth, Author
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