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September 10, 2015

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

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of AB 44

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 44 which provides for consistent procedures for a recount of statewide offices if the margin between the presumed winner and loser falls within a certain percentage. The bill clarifies the process for requesting such a recount, for selecting the recount method, prohibits the results of partial recounts from changing an election outcome for statewide office, and authorizes the Secretary of State to order a statewide recount.

Currently recounts, especially those for statewide office and which involve multiple counties, provide opportunities for gamesmanship; are only available to candidates with money; are filled with uncertainty on the part of counties as the scope of the recount is not known in advance; and extended recounts in a primary jeopardize preparation for the general election.

We urge you to sign AB 44. 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  
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Assembly Member Mullin, Author

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