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

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of AB 547

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB547. This bill fine tunes last year's AB1873 which was San Diego's pilot to conduct special vacancy congressional or state legislative contests by mail/"vote centers". These elections are unanticipated, unbudgeted, pose a heavy fiscal burden on counties and voter participation is low.

By allowing all congressional and State legislative districts to be conducted under this alternative election format and adding other eligible entities, the County of San Diego will be able to provide a more comprehensive report to determine the impact on voter participation and the cost of elections.

We feel that the inclusion of cities, school districts and special districts in the pilot will provide better data in analyzing the impact of alternative voting options in California.

We urge you to sign AB 547. 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,

Scott O. Konopasek
Corresponding Secretary
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Assembly Member Gonzalez, Author

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