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July 6, 2015

The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Chairman, Assembly Committee on
Elections and Redistricting
State Capitol, Room 2176
Sacramento, CA 95814

AJR 13 (Ridley-Thomas) –SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials wishes to advise you that it joins with you in recognizing the importance of the Voting Rights Act and that it supports AJR 13.

While celebrating the Act's 50 years of progress in enfranchising voters previously excluded from the political process, the Association acknowledges that there remains more to be done. As the professional association of election officials in California we embrace and see it as our duty to facilitate the resolution's pronouncement:

“To build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American; and, [W]e must continue to educate the next generation about the importance of civic engagement in our communities now.”

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,

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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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