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March 13, 2013

Senator Cathleen Galgiani, Author  
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Room 4082  
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Dear Senator Galgiani:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 213** (as introduced February 11, 2013). This proposal will clarify the qualification of a person who wishes to circulate a petition and gather signatures in the State of California.

Existing California Election law states that any person who is, or who meets the criteria and qualifies to be a registered voter in this State may circulate an initiative, referendum or recall petition. This proposal will clarify procedures as it relates to individuals who do not live in and who are not qualified to be a registered voter in the State, by allowing them to circulate a petition only if, prior to circulation, the individual files with the Secretary of State an irrevocable consent to comply with the laws of this State. Many California County Clerks and Registrars are now subject to a lawsuit filed by an individual residing outside of the State who wished to circulate petitions in California who, under existing law, could not. This proposal will provide clarity to election officials with regard to the qualification of circulators when validating signatures on a petition.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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