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Senator Henry Stern State Capitol Building, Room 3070 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Stern:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support **SB 286**, your proposal relating to vote by mail voters voting at polling places.

Current law indicates that a voter who is unable to surrender their vote by mail ballot at the polling place must vote a provisional ballot. This results in a large number of provisional ballots that must be researched during the canvass period to determine if the voter had already returned their ballot. SB 286 will offer the option for counties to allow these voters to vote non-provisional ballots at the polls if the precinct officers are able to determine a ballot has not already been returned.

By allowing counties to provide this service will reduce the number of provisional ballots being issued and reviewed, which will allow counties to re-allocate their resources to other canvass activities.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.org</u> or (831) 454-2409, or Jill LaVine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at <u>lavinej@saccounty.net</u> or (916) 875-6060.

Respectfully,

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Tricia Webber

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