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March 13, 2013

Senator Lou Correa, Author
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Dear Senator Correa:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 29** (as amended March 6, 2013). This proposal would extend the timeframe for the receipt of voted ballots and the canvass of the vote.

California's Election law stipulates that a valid ballot, including a ballot cast by mail, is timely cast if done so by 8:00 PM at the close of polls on Election Night. This legislation would extend the timeframe of the receipt of the voted vote by mail ballot for no more than three-days, and if it meets certain criteria. With the closure of USPS processing centers and pending lack of Saturday delivery of mail, this proposal may enfranchise those who vote by mail when outside their county or state. While the Committee is conveying support, we may return to you with suggestions for technical amendments, such as inclusion of a definition for "timely cast" and consideration of the Secretary of State's timeframe and duties when certifying a statewide election.

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

- c: Honorable Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
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