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The Honorable Tony Mendoza  
State Capitol, Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 505 (MENDOZA) -SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Mendoza:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for SB 505, which recognizes the need and permits the Secretary of State to clarify and revise the California Voters' Bill of Rights. An understanding of these rights by all citizens is fundamental to a working and healthy democracy. The legalese in which they are currently written makes it difficult for many to understand and does little to promote participation.

We thank you for this Plain Language initiative as we are very supportive of any efforts to move towards Plain Language in election materials generally and for its use in clarifying the Voters' Bill of Rights specifically.

We urge passage of SB 505. If you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at [scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us) or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

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