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May 6, 2013

The Honorable Bill Emmerson  
State Capitol  
Room 5082  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Dear Senator Emmerson,

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 519** (as amended April 1, 2013), your proposal to require the state reimburse counties for costs associated with conducting special vacancy elections for state and federal offices called by the Governor in 2012 and 2013.

Since 2009, counties have incurred millions of dollars in special election costs to fill well over a dozen state and federal vacancies. This bill only applies to expenses incurred in 2012 and 2013. While the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials support your proposal, we do believe this proposal should include reimbursement for all counties who have incurred expenses for special vacancy elections since 2009.

Every other level of government is required to pay their share of election costs, except the state whose share is paid for by county general funds. The costs of state and federal vacancies come to counties unexpectedly, often well after annual budgets have been determined. Special vacancy elections put additional financial load on already strained county general funds. Reimbursing counties for such costs will go far to restore general fund balances and support county programs.

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 Mike Gatto, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
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