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April 11, 2013

State Senator Leland Yee, Author  
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Dear Senator Yee:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **SB 553**, your proposal relating to the local agency assessment elections. While the Committee has not taken a position, we would like to express our concerns relating to the vagueness of your proposal.

During the discussion of your proposal, the following issues were raised:

- ★ There is no definition of "electorate". The county election official maintains a list of registered voters, not property owners. These two are often not the same, and there can be multiple registered voters for each property and there may be multiple properties per parcel. The complexities are too numerous.
- ★ Under the California Constitution, "local government" can mean a county, city, city and county, any special district, or any other local or regional governmental entity. Further, "special district" means an agency of the State, formed for local performance that may include school districts or redevelopment agencies. The county election official will have boundaries for cities and counties but will not have electoral boundaries or precincts for such governmental entities or redevelopment agencies. Creation of boundaries within an election management system can take months. California's pre-clearance counties, such as Monterey, Kings and Yuba will require additional time for each new boundary and related election procedure to be reviewed by the US Department of Justice.
- ★ The proposal is too vague and does not clarify if the election shall be administered per the rules contained within the California Elections Code or the California Government Code, or even if it must occur on an established election date. The county election official has no system or procedures in place to conduct an election under Articles XIII C and D of the California Constitution and Title 5 of the Government Code.

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,

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