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September 16, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Tom Dyer

Re: CACEO Support of SB 589

Dear Governor Brown;

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for SB 589, which specifies that the court investigator is required to determine whether the proposed conservatee is not capable of completing an affidavit of voter registration with or without appropriate assistance. We agree with the spirit of this new legislation that acknowledges that conservatees have multiple facets and types of disabilities. This bill will enfranchise conservatees by discontinuing the practice of disqualifying capable voters simply because they are not able to independently complete a voter registration affidavit.

This bill will assist court investigators to determine whether the proposed conservatee is not capable of voting. A better understanding of this process will help ensure that voters are not disenfranchised due to physical inabilities.

We urge you to sign SB 589. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek
Corresponding Secretary
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Senator Block, Author

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