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The Honorable Connie M. Leyva

State Capitol, Room 4061

Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 946 (LEYVA) -SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Leyva:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for SB 946, which permits student poll workers to be included in the computation of average daily attendance for schools. Presently, schools are penalized in funding formulas for students serving as poll workers on Election Day. This bill will remove impediments to broader participation by schools by offering an incentive for school administrators to encourage higher rates of participation in the Student Poll Worker programs across the state.

Student poll workers have participated and contributed to the elections process for more than a decade and their service to their communities has been invaluable. Students have been a source of energy and enthusiasm and have been able to contribute to the operations at the polls particularly in the use of new voting technologies. There is strong evidence that this experience promotes continued civic engagement throughout the life of the students.

Our members are looking forward to expanding their respective student poll worker programs as a result of the passage of this important bill.

We urge passage of SB 946.

Should 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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