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Senator Alex Padilla, Author
State Capitol
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Dear Senator Padilla:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 360** (as introduced February 20, 2013). This proposal will specify that a county may develop, or contract with a vendor to develop a direct recording electronic voting system for that county as long as it receives federal qualification prior to any election at which it will first be used.

We are greatly encouraged by this bill that signals the potential for significant advancement of voting technology in the State. The bill creates a tool for counties to proactively address significant deficiencies/problems in upgrading aging voting systems. We are very interested in working in any way we can to further address the many problems associated with a dearth of viable replacement options for voting technology that is, or will quickly become obsolete.

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
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- c: Honorable Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
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