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March 22, 2013

Senator Ricardo Lara, Author
State Capitol
Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Dear Senator Lara:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 712** (as introduced January 17, 2013), relating to the vote threshold for write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office.

This proposal establishes a vote threshold that a write-in candidate must reach at a primary election in order to have their name placed upon the general election ballot for a voter-nominated office. This legislation will clarify the administration of California's "Open Primary Act" as it relates to placing candidate names on the general election ballot for voter-nominated offices.

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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