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The Honorable Jerry Brown
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RE: **AB 1413 (Fong)** Top Two Primary Clean Up

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee urges your approval of **AB 1413 (Fong)**, which addresses essential technical changes to the new Top Two Primary election system. Our Committee supports the adoption of these technical amendments to the California Elections Code.

More specifically, AB 1413 focuses on critical challenges associated with the implementation language for Proposition 14 provided in Senate Bill 6 (SB 6, Chapter 1, 2009). Mandates in SB 6 require additional text and formatting associated with listing of candidates that, unless amended, will stress – and in some cases exceed – the capability of certain voting systems currently used in California. AB 1413 reduces the risk of exceeding system capacity and provides necessary technical changes to allow for a more practical implementation of the new Top Two Primary election system.

California election officials are tasked with implementing newly adopted policies, educating voters and poll workers, and providing quality election services. Adoption of the significant technical amendments listed in AB 1413 addresses the limitations of California's existing voting systems and will result in a more efficient implementation of Proposition 14 and assist in maintaining the integrity and transparency of California's elections. Signing AB 1413 into law will help to ensure that counties have the capacity to conduct the 2012 State Primary Election and future state primaries using today's voting systems and in a manner consistent with the adoption of Proposition 14.

Please consider our support upon your review and consideration of signing AB 1413 into law. If you or your staff have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

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