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March 7, 2023

The Honorable Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan  
 Chair, Assembly Elections Committee  
 1020 N Street, Room 365  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 545 (Pellerin) Elections: access for voters with disabilities - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support Assembly Bill 545 (Pellerin), which would greatly expand voting access for voters with disabilities.

AB 545 would add handheld magnifying glasses and a signature guide card to the list of required supplies that elections officials must make available at each polling place. This bill would also eliminate the requirement that the voter issue a declaration under oath before receiving assistance. In doing so, this bill would assist election officials in expanding access to voters with disabilities.

Additionally, this bill would allow a voter with a disability to vote by regular ballot outside any polling place, regardless of whether the polling place is inaccessible. Under this bill, elections officials would also be required to post signage indicating that this option is available for a voter with a disability to vote there. The signage would be required to include a method for a voter with a disability to contact a precinct board member in order to vote outside the polling place.

The bill would also require elections officials to include information regarding this option in the county elections internet website and the county voter information guide. The proposed changes under AB 545 will help elections officials provide voters with disabilities with better access to the elections process.

CACEO greatly appreciates Assemblymember Pellerin's support of voters with disabilities. We respectfully request the committee's AYE vote on AB 545.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us) or (831) 454-2409, or my co-chairs James Kus, at [jkus@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:jkus@fresnocountyca.gov) or (559) 600-1730 or Bob Page at [bob.page@ocvote.gov](mailto:bob.page@ocvote.gov) or (714) 567-7620-5690.

Respectfully,

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