

OFFICERS 2022-2024

- RYAN RONCO
PRESIDENT
Placer County
- REBECCA SPENCER
VICE PRESIDENT
Riverside County
- JESSE SALINAS
TREASURER
Yolo County
- TRICIA WEBBER
SECRETARY
Santa Cruz County



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

RYAN RONCO, PRESIDENT
 Placer County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters
 PO Box 5278, Auburn, CA 95604
 (530) 886-5690
 E-Mail: rronco@placer.ca.gov
 CACEO website: www.caceo58.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- APPOINTED:**
- SHANNON BUSHEY
Santa Clara County
 - JOHN GARDNER
Solano County
 - REBECCA TURNER
Calaveras County
 - JOHN TUTEUR
Napa County

ADVISORY COUNCIL:

- CATHY DARLING ALLEN
Shasta County
- JOE HOLLAND
Santa Barbara County
- DONNA JOHNSTON
Sutter County
- DEAN LOGAN
Los Angeles County
- REBECCA MARTINEZ
Madera County

ELECTED AREA CHAIRS:

- NATALIE ADONA
Mother Lode Area
Nevada County
- KATRINA BARTOLOME
Northern Area
Mendocino County
- BOB PAGE
Southern Area
Orange County
- DEVA PROTO
Bay Area
Sonoma County
- LUPE VILLA
Central Area
Kings County

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

**voting member

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

EDDIE YEN**
Los Angeles County

COUNTY CLERK:

DONNA ALLRED**
Sacramento County

VAL HANDFIELD
San Diego County

ELECTIONS:

JAMES KUS**
Fresno County

BOB PAGE
Orange County

TRICIA WEBBER
Santa Cruz County

April 12, 2023

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

SUBJECT: AB 292 (Pellerin) Primary Elections: ballots – SUPPORT if Amended

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support Assembly Bill 292 (Pellerin) if amended to provide voters who have declined to disclose a political party preference, with a non-partisan Presidential Primary Election ballot that contains the names of all candidates of parties that permit crossover voting.

Existing law authorizes no party preference voters to cast a crossover ballot for a party that allows no party preference voters to vote for the party's Presidential candidate nominees without changing their party preference in their registration file. Before the Presidential Primary Election, county elections officials are required to mail no party preference voters a notice and application for a crossover ballot.

AB 292 would require county elections officials to provide voters who have declined to disclose a political party preference with additional information on the application about their choice. It also would allow county elections officials to accept a completed application from the voter via text. CACEO supports these changes to the notice and application process.

The bill would also require county elections officials to provide no party preference voters that do not apply for a crossover ballot with a non-partisan ballot that contains the Presidential contest with a space for the voter to write in the name of their preferred candidate. However, processing votes for write in candidates requires county elections officials to review each ballot individually and manually enter the write-in votes into the tally system. This would add cost, time, and risk to the processing of these non-partisan ballots.

In the alternative, CACEO suggests that AB 292 is amended to read the non-partisan ballot include the Presidential contest with the names of candidates of all parties that have authorized no party preference voters to vote to nominate the party's candidate for President.

CACEO greatly appreciates Assemblymember Pellerin's desire to improve the administration of the complicated Presidential Primary Election and the services provided to no party preference voters. We respectfully request the author and committee consider CACEO's suggested amendment to the non-partisan ballot requirements.

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

Respectfully,

Bob Page
 Co-Chair, CACEO Elections Legislative Committee

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

cc: Assemblymember Pellerin (Author)

Rob Grossglauser, Pinnacle Advocacy LLC

James Kus and Tricia Webber, Co-Chairs, CACEO Elections Legislative Committee