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March 14, 2023

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

SUBJECT: AB 622 (Lackey) Residency: displacement by natural disaster - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support Assembly Bill 622 (Lackey), relating to ensuring voters impacted by natural disasters are not disenfranchised.

Existing law states that a person who leaves their home to go temporarily into another state or another California precinct, with the intention of returning, does not lose their domicile for voter registration purposes. Existing law also provides that a person does not gain a domicile in any precinct they go into for temporary purposes if the person does not intend to make that precinct their home.

AB 622 would expand current law to provide that a person who leaves their home temporarily because of a natural disaster, and who intends to return to their home, does not lose their domicile for voter registration purposes. Additionally, AB 622 would authorize the person to provide a temporary address for mailing purposes without changing their domicile registration.

CACEO greatly appreciates Assemblymember Lackey's desire to ensure no eligible voters are not disenfranchised during an election due to a natural disaster. We respectfully request the committee's AYE vote on AB 622.

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 Tricia Webber at tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.us or (831) 454-2409 or James Kus, at jkus@fresnocountyca.gov or (559) 600-1730.

Respectfully,

Bob Page

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