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June 14, 2007

Assembly Member Todd Spitzer State Capitol, Room 5126 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Spitzer:

On June 8, 2007, the Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) reviewed **AB 1090** (as amended April 30, 2007). This bill mandates the use and retention of a ballot designation worksheet for all candidates.

In reviewing the proposal, Committee members voted to **Support** the bill **if** it is **amended** to apply only to those candidates certified by the Secretary of State, as set forth in California Elections Code §8100(a), and that the forms are to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with the original nomination documents and retained by the Secretary of State.

This form is currently optional, and provided by the Secretary of State, with a request that it be used for state-certified candidates. Some counties and cities choose to use this form for local candidates, however, others do not. The form requests redundant information, which may be of assistance to the Secretary of State, but not needed by the local election official. The form also requires documentation from elected officials, such as copies of certificates of election or appointment to be attached, for which the local elections official has documented records and no need.

There are thousands of candidates statewide who will be affected by this requirement if it is not restricted to state-certified candidates. This bill would require an additional form to be distributed, explained, filed, retained for a period of 6 - 8 years, and purged on a regular basis.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707) 565-1877.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson, Correspondence Secretary Elections Legislative Committee California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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