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Committee on Elections and Redistricting Assembly Member Curren Price, Chair 1020 N St. #152 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Price and Members of the Committee:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials would like to thank you for introducing **AB 1732**, on March 14, 2007.

The Committee is in **Support** of this proposal which amends various sections of the Election Code to specify the definition of an elections official, clarify provisions concerning city elections, and limit all candidates' statements of qualifications to recitations of their own background and qualifications and prohibiting reference to another candidate, or his or her qualifications, character or activities. While this limitation on candidates' statements has applied to judicial candidates for some time, it can only lead to cleaner campaign practices to expand the provisions to all candidates.

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

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson Correspondence Secretary California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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