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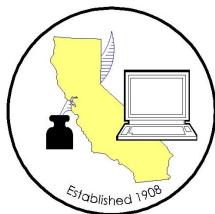
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July 20, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) has re-reviewed **AB 193 (enrolled July 13, 2011)**, and would like to relate to you concerns regarding this proposal to require elections officials to consult the Megan's Law sex offenders' database no more than 60 days prior to establishing a single-family residence as a polling place, verifying the polling place is not the current address of a registered sex offender.

In a March letter to Assembly Member Knight, the Committee expressed the following concerns relating to relocating polling locations and ongoing costs to counties::

- Polling locations would have to be checked prior to each election, as individuals relocate and polling places change. Large counties such as Los Angeles and San Diego would spend significant time and expense to check thousands of polling locations. Relocation must be completed in time to meet state law requiring the polling place is listed on the voter's pamphlet.
- The Department of Justice Registry does not provide a look-up feature by address, nor does it list registrants' addresses. The California Attorney General's list does provide these features.
- Implementation would likely result in decreased access to non-offender voters, as polling locations are relocated based upon the results of the research.

In a May letter, the Committee also offered an amendment that may have provided some relief for election officials who have difficulty locating an alternate polling place within a high residential precinct that has few or no accessible facilities from which to choose. Evaluating polling places under the American's with Disabilities Act often reveals public buildings may not be suitable for voting. Election officials may also find there are no other willing voters and no suitable physically accessible location, such as a church, school or other community facility located within the high residential precinct that can be used for voting. In that case, the election official would be allowed to designate that precinct as an all mail ballot precinct for the scheduled election. Unfortunately, our amendment was not included in the final version of the proposal.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Monterey County Elections Department, at (831) 796-1499.

Very truly yours,

Linda Tulett  
Correspondence Secretary  
California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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