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

Dear Governor Brown:

The Elections Legislative Committee of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) urges your approval of **AB 362**, a proposal that would require write-in candidates for any of the offices specified in Elections Code Section 13.5 to submit information along with their Declaration of Write-in Candidacy that proves they meet the qualification for specified offices, in addition to revising the number of signatures required to place an unopposed office on the ballot.

Election Officials have the duty of issuing, receiving, and qualifying candidates for public office. Clarifying the law relating to qualifications for certain offices, whether the candidate has filed during the regular nomination period or have opted to file as a Write-in candidate, would all be required to meet the same provisions relating to proof of qualifications.

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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