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March 18, 2009

Assembly Member Joe Coto
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Dear Assembly Member Coto:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 467** (as introduced February 12, 2009), your legislation regarding providing voters with notification of the reason no polling place has been established for their precinct, notification to voters of relocation of polling places (time permitting), and when time does not permit notification by mail, a requirement that a relocated polling place must be within the boundaries of the precinct in which the original polling place was located.

There was significant concern raised at our March 13th meeting regarding the requirement that a replacement polling place (after notification of the original polling place has been sent to voters), be located within the original precinct boundaries. While every effort is made to locate the replacement polling place as close as possible to the original polling place, there are instances where it is not possible to locate the replacement polling location within the same precinct. Examples of such instances include precincts in rural areas, emergency situations such as fire and flooding which inundate entire precincts, and the limited availability of polling locations that are accessible to voters with disabilities.

We would appreciate working with you and your staff to draft language that would meet the needs of voters and election officials alike. Please feel free to contact me at the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office (707-565-1876) or either Jill Lavine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters (916-875-6060) or Deborah Seiler, San Diego County Registrar of Voters (858-694-3401), Committee Co-chairs.

Very truly yours,

Janice Atkinson
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