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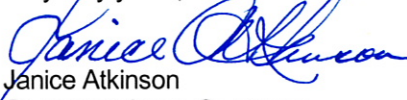
Dear Assembly Member Fong:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials' Elections Legislative Committee has reviewed **AB 80 (as amended March 3, 2011)**, changing the date of the Presidential Primary Election to coincide with and be consolidated with the Direct Primary Election, in even-numbered years divisible by four.

While some counties have voiced increased cost concerns, particularly in light of California's new "Top-Two Primary" election rules, the Committee has taken a position of **Support**. At least one country has raised concerns regarding the limitations of its voting system and the challenges posed by mixing party-restricted offices with those offices that will no longer be restricted to voters affiliated with a given political party. However, moving the Presidential Primary will definitely help with the compacted time frames which always occur as a result of redistricting and will save costs for many counties, eliminating an entire statewide election.

If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Sonoma County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's Office at (707) 565-1876.

Very truly yours,


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