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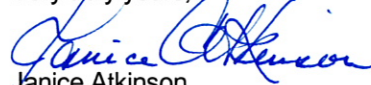
Dear Assembly Member Williams:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials' Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support of AB 985 (as introduced February 18, 2011)**.

Existing law requires a random selection and manual tally of ballots cast at one percent of the voting precincts, including vote by mail ballots. This proposal authorizes local election officials to conduct the public manual tally of votes cast by mail using an alternate "batch" process. By allowing counties to conduct separate manual tallies for polling place and vote by mail ballots, election officials will reduce the cost of conducting the manual tally through a reduction of labor-intensive sorting processes requiring staff and time, while continuing to provide transparency and confidence in the final election results.

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,


Janice Atkinson
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