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March 7, 2011

Senator Sam Blakeslee State Capitol, Room 4070 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Blakeslee:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials' Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to **Support SB 106** (as introduced January 13, 2011), your proposal to reimburse counties for the costs incurred in holding special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature or congress.

In these extraordinarily difficult economic times, all counties are struggling to provide required services. The additional cost of unscheduled, unbudgeted special vacancy elections places an excessive burden on counties' limited budgetary means. Your understanding of and assistance with this issue are greatly appreciated.

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

Correspondence Secretary
California Association of Clerks
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c: Assembly Member Paul Fong, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting

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