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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 **Support** and urge your approval of **SB 88 (Yee)** which awaits your signature. This proposal will require jurisdictions who provide translations of the candidate's alphabet-based name into character-based languages required under the federal Voting Rights Act, that phonetic transliterations be also provided. When a candidate's name is to appear on the ballot in more than one jurisdiction, the proposal also requires all jurisdictions to use the same phonetic transliteration.

We, as election officials, welcome the opportunity to improve access to the ballot and offer voter's complete and consistent information relating to candidates and ballot measures in the language of their choice.

Please consider our support when determining whether or not to sign SB 88 into law. 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
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