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The Honorable Ed Chau State Capitol, Room 2179 Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 1443 (Chau) -SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Chau:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 1443, which directs the Secretary of State to form a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee which would consider the needs of non-English-speaking citizens and ensure that appropriate efforts are made to minimize obstacles to voting by citizens who lack sufficient skill in English to vote without assistance.

We are committed to serve all our voters but recognize the special needs and challenges of nonnative English speakers and see this as a mechanism to make voting more accessible to all.

We urge passage of AB 1443. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

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Scott O. Konopasek

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