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Assembly Member Kevin Mullin  
State Capitol Building, Room 3160  
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Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to support **AB 467**, your proposal relating to voter materials for proposed local transportation tax. AB 467 will offer the option to use online postings instead of printing in the voter information guide, yet still maintaining the option for voters to obtain a hard copy at no cost if requested.

Current law requires that transportation authorities make specific materials available to voters when a transportation tax is on the ballot. Under Public Utilities Code Section 180203(c), this included the full language of the ballot measure be printed in the sample ballot and the entire adopted transportation tax expenditure plan be printed in the county voter information guide. These plans are publicly available documents that are formally adopted by the transportation authority prior to the election.

In 2016, twelve counties had a local transportation tax on their ballot. Printing the transportation tax expenditure plan added as many as 30 pages to the county voter information guide resulting in costs ranging from \$18,000 to \$1.6 million dollars. For counties where the voters approved the tax, the printing costs can be deducted from the new revenue collected from the tax. For counties where the voters did not approve the tax, the cost was borne by the county general fund.

AB 467 offers an optional alternative that mirrors existing election laws allowing local measures to be posted online instead of printing in the voter information guide. AB 467 would provide voters complete access to the tax expenditure plans through an electronic means but also allow for the traditional method of a hardcopy being mailed.

If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.org](mailto:tricia.webber@santacruzcounty.org) or (831) 454-2409, or Jill LaVine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters at [lavinej@saccounty.net](mailto:lavinej@saccounty.net) or (916) 875-6060.

Respectfully,

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