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September 3, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Brown Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Elections Legislative Committee is pleased to convey its **Support** for **SB 213 (Galgiani)**. This proposal will clarify the qualification of a person who is not a resident of the State and who wishes to circulate a petition and gather signatures in the State of California.

Existing California Election law states that any person who is, or who meets the criteria and qualifies to be a registered voter in this State may circulate an initiative, referendum or recall petition. This proposal will clarify procedures as it relates to individuals who do not live in and who are not qualified to be a registered voter in the State, by allowing them to circulate a petition within the State.

Many California County Clerks and Registrars are now subject to a lawsuit filed by an individual residing outside of the State who wished to circulate petitions in California who, under existing law, could not. This proposal will provide clarity to election officials with regard to the qualification of circulators when validating signatures on a petition.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 858-694-3402.

Very truly yours,

L. Michael Vu

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