March 22, 2010

The Honorable Paul Fong, Chair Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting State Capitol, Room 5135 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1921 (Davis), Related to the Political Reform Act of 1974, electronic filing

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials… Co-SPONSOR

Dear Assemblymember Fong:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) is co-sponsoring Assembly Bill 1921 (Davis), which is scheduled to be heard in your Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting. The measure will add entities to an existing pilot program that allows filing officers to accept electronically filed Form 700 statements of economic interest. The potential additions to the pilot project are fully prepared to launch an electronic filing program immediately; and are eager to benefit from the efficiency and financial savings the program has provided the counties in the existing program.

Current law allows Los Angeles, Orange, Stanislaus and Merced Counties to operate a pilot program to provide local filers of the Form 700 with the option of completing and submitting the document electronically.

AB 1921 would add Santa Clara and Ventura Counties, as well as the City of Long Beach to the existing pilot project. The added Counties and City would be subject to the same program security requirements as the existing Counties, and would be required to utilize a system that would include appropriate firewalls, data encryption, secure authentication, all and necessary hardware and software and industry best practices to ensure that the security and integrity of the data contained in the statement is not jeopardized or compromised.

The program would continue to sunset on January 1, 2012. The Counties and City in the pilot program would report to the Legislature on July 1, 2011 detailing the safety, security and effectiveness of the pilot.

CACEO respectfully requests your support for AB 1921.

Sincerely,

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CC: Each Member and Consultant, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting

 The Honorable Mike Davis