April 7, 2010

The Honorable Noreen Evans

State Capitol, Room

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1883 (Evans); Related to Certified copies of Vital Records; Fees

 California Association of Clerks and Election Officials…**Request to Amend**

Dear Assemblymember Evans:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) respectfully requests an amendment to your Assembly Bill 1883, which would authorize a county board of supervisors to authorize an increase of fees of up to $4 for certified copies of vital records for purposes relating to domestic violence prevention, intervention and prosecution. The measure is currently awaiting action on the Assembly Floor.

CACEO has historically worked with the Legislature on bills similar to your AB 1883, and has administered successful programs in four pilot counties thus far. However, each of the programs in the pilot counties has provided a small percentage of the increased funding to cover oversight and local administrative costs. The boilerplate language included in the measures establishing each pilot program reads:

***“The county may retain up to 4 percent of the fund for administrative costs associated with the collection and segregation of the additional fees and the deposit of these fees into the special fund."*** *Welfare and Institutions Code 18308,(Contra Costa), 18309 (Alameda), 18309.5 (Solano), and 18309.6 (Sonoma).*

Adding this language to AB 1883 will provide a reliable and necessary funding source for program administration and cause additional programs to be identical to existing pilot programs.

CACEO respectfully requests your consideration of this amendment.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Advocate

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