April 15, 2010

The Honorable Lois Wolk, Chair, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

State Capitol, Room 4032

Re: Senate Bill 1494 (Committee on Revenue and Taxation); Property Taxation

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials…Support

Dear Senator Wolk:

The California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) supports a Section of Senate Bill 1494, which is one of the bipartisan Committee bills authored by your Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. The measure contains statutory clean-up language that is non-controversial in nature.

Last year, CACEO sponsored Assembly Bill 824 (Harkey, 2009) which, among several other provisions, prohibited several additional classes of employees from participating in the normal assessment appeals process in counties in which they are employed. The bill specified that individuals who had a conflict of interest due to their employment in the county were required to have their appeal heard by a special assessment appeals board in their county, or by a neighboring county’s board. The bill also consolidated all of the relevant employee titles under one Code Section.

SB 1494 would clean up the Revenue and Taxation Code by deleting the unnecessary Sections. Each of the Sections related to individual job titles were rendered outdated and duplicative by the passage of AB 824 and the creation of a single, inclusive Section.

CACEO appreciates the efforts of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee and will assist to advocate the passage of the measure.

Sincerely,

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CC: Each Member and Consultant, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee