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The Honorable Marty Block State Capitol, Room 4072 Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 589 (BLOCK) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Block:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for SB 589, which specifies that the court investigator is required to determine whether the proposed conservatee is not capable of completing an affidavit of voter registration with or without appropriate assistance. We agree with the spirit of this new legislation, that acknowledges that conservatees have multiple facets and types of disabilities. This new legislation will enfranchise conservatees by discontinuing the practice of disqualifying capable voters simply because they are not able to independently complete a voter registration affidavit.

This bill will assist court investigators to determine whether the proposed conservatee is not capable of voting. A better understanding of this process will help ensure that voters are not disenfranchised due to physical inabilities.

We urge passage of SB 589. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek

Corresponding Secretary

California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

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