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March 24, 2014

The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
California Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3149
Sacramento, CA 94249-0054

RE: AB 2273 (Ridley-Thomas) - Support

Dear Assemblyman Ridley-Thomas:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 2273, which would require the State to pay the cost of special elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Assembly, State Senate, U.S. Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives that occurred on or after January 1, 2013.

Special elections can costs millions of dollars and cannot be planned for. Counties are often forced to redirect important resources budgeted for critical community services because of special elections. In some cases, special elections are held as stand-alone elections rather than being consolidated into one. AB 2273 would ensure counties receive the needed resources to implement special elections called by the Governor's office.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to sponsor AB 2273 and thanks you for your support of this important issue. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Board of Supervisors Chair
Second District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

cc: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation
Members and Consultants, Elections and Redistricting Committee