



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

March 12, 2015

The Honorable Ling Ling Chang
California State Assembly
State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 971 – As introduced February 26, 2015 - (SUPPORT)

Dear Assemblywoman Chang:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 971, legislation that would reimburse counties for expenses paid to conduct special elections called by the Governor to fill vacancies in the State Assembly, State Senate, and Congress that are held on or after January 1, 2015.

Unplanned special elections can cost millions of dollars. Counties are often forced to redirect important resources budgeted for critical community services because of these elections. AB 971 removes the financial burden from counties and shifts that burden to the State for the cost of special elections.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 971. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or at jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

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