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September 11, 2014

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1873 (Gonzalez) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino supports AB 1873 and respectfully requests your signature. AB 1873 would authorize San Diego County, as a pilot program, to conduct a special election or special consolidated election to fill a legislative or congressional vacancy wholly by mail under specified conditions.

Special elections can cost 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. This dramatically increases the unplanned expense.

AB 1873 would allow San Diego County to serve as the pilot program to take advantage of cost-saving measures by removing the requirement that an all-mail ballot election be conducted only in cities with populations of 100,000 or less. In addition, it would remove the prohibition against conducting all-mail elections for consolidated elections. This legislation would provide important cost savings to San Diego County and taxpayers and establish precedence for expanded savings to taxpayers and counties throughout the State.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 1873 and urges you to sign the measure into law. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

JANICE RUTHERFORD  
Board of Supervisors Chair  
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c: The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, California State Assembly