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The Honorable Sam Blakeslee  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 106 (Blakeslee)** – As Introduced January 13, 2011 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakeslee:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 106, legislation providing state financial responsibility for expenses incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator, Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in Congress for the period between January 1, 2009 and April 19, 2011.

In recent years, there have been an increasing number of vacancies in Congress and the legislature. Under existing law, counties are responsible for the cost to fill these vacancies. Fiscal uncertainty is a reality for government agencies and these unplanned and unfunded elections are an immense burden on the budgeting process. SB 106 will ensure that counties will not have to expend critical resources for elections that should be paid for by the State.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 106. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The County thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

**JOSIE GONZALES**  
Chair, Board of Supervisors