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The Honorable Curren Price
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 141 (Price)** – As Introduced January 31, 2011 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Price:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 141, legislation providing state financial responsibility for expenses incurred for elections when proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy for the office of State Senator, Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in Congress.

Currently, all state elections are paid for with County general funds and the costs associated with these elections, scheduled or special, are not reimbursable by the State. Fiscal uncertainty is a reality for government agencies and these unplanned and unfunded elections are an immense burden on the budgeting process. SB 141 is an important tool to ensure counties receive the resources for conducting elections called by the Governor to fill vacancies in the Legislature or Congress, thereby providing significant general fund relief.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino Supervisors is pleased to support SB 141. 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