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March 13, 2014

The Honorable Andy Vidak
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 942 (Vidak) – As introduced February 4, 2014 - Support

Dear Senator Vidak:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 942, which would require the State to pay for 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 between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2014.

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. SB 942 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 supports SB 942 and thanks you for addressing 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

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation
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