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The Honorable Norma Torres  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 963 (Torres) – As introduced February 6, 2014 – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Torres:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 963, which would require the State to pay 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 on or after January 1, 2013.

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 963 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 is pleased to sponsor SB 963 and thanks you for your support of 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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