



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

April 21, 2016

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

Re: SB 967 – (Vidak) — **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Vidak:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 967, 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, 2016.

The Legislature and Governor have called a number of special elections at times in the election cycle that require standalone elections which are far more expensive to conduct. 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 967 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 support SB 967. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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