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Charles Bell, Co-Chair Robert M. Stern, Co-Chair Chairman's Advisory Task Force on the Political Reform Act Fair Political Practices Commission 428 J Street, Suite 800 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommendations of the Chairman's Advisory Task Force on the Political Reform Act – By Mail and Facsimile Transmission 916-322-6440

Dear Co-Chairs Bell and Stern:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials (CACEO) Elections Legislative Committee would like to extend its gratitude to the Task Force for taking on the exhaustive task of reviewing and analyzing the Poltical Reform Act in an effort to simplify and standardize processes, increase disclosure, and promote transparency. Your ultimate stated goal, to achieve an increased public confidence in public officials, is one that will benefit government on all levels.

CACEO Elections Legislative Committee met on Friday, January 14, 2011, and received a summary overview of the Task Force's recommendations. Although concerns were voiced, particularly in light of the quarterly filing requirement, which would greatly increase workload and costs for county filing officers, members of the CACEO Elections Legislative Committee have adopted a position of general support for the remaining recommendations.

Again, thank you for having taken on this difficult process. If you have any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me at 707-565-1876.

Janice Atkinson

Very trály yours

Correspondence Secretary

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