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Subject SB 113 Oppose Unless Amended

The CSAC Board of Directors today voted to adopt an "Oppose Unless Amended" position for SB 113 (Calderon), the February Presidential Primary bill. The bill was approved by the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee today and is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on Monday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. I have attached our letter to the Appropriations Committee -- feel free to crib off of it! Letters should be faxed to the Committee by the end of the day tomorrow (Friday) at 916/319-2181.

Thank you,

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The Honorable Mark Leno, Chairman
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
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RE: SB 113 (Calderon) – As Amended February 9, 2007
Presidential Primary Elections
CSAC Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Assembly Member Leno:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I write to express our continued concerns with SB 113 (Calderon).

SB 113 would move California's presidential primary election from June to Feb. 5 of 2008. The bill further specifies the Legislature's intent to fully reimburse the counties, upon certification of the costs, for this election in an expeditious manner.

While CSAC greatly appreciates this acknowledgment of the financial impact of such an election on local governments, the intent language is not binding, does not carry the force of law and would not ensure reimbursement of county costs. Consequently, CSAC is opposed to SB 113 unless it is amended to include stronger language to ensure reimbursement and provide a mechanism for that to occur. To that end, we encourage the committee to support amending SB 113 to state the following language:

"All expenses authorized and necessarily incurred by counties in preparation for and conduct of a presidential primary election held pursuant to Section 1202 of the Elections Code shall be paid by the state, with an amount included in the state budget for the following fiscal year in which the presidential primary is held. The appropriation shall be sufficient to cover all county costs following final certification of costs by the Secretary of State. If a presidential primary election is consolidated with a local election, only those additional expenses directly related to the presidential primary election shall be paid by the state."

We believe this is a reasonable compromise that ensures a timely and accurate reimbursement for such elections. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916/327-7500 ext. 511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen A. Keene".

Karen A. Keene
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Ron Calderon, California State Senate
Members and Consultant, Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee