

# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



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March 1, 2018

The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair  
Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1886 (Carrillo): Payment of Expenses  
Awaiting hearing: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee  
County of Riverside: SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Berman:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1886, Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo's measure to provide reimbursement for costs associated with special legislative or congressional election after January 1, 2017. Such reimbursement was provided to counties from 1993-2007; since then, a growing number of special elections to fill vacancies have been called, creating a fiscal burden on California counties.

Special elections are, by their very nature, unanticipated and require additional preparation, materials, and outreach, making them expensive when compared with regularly timed elections. The County carefully budgets its resources and unforeseen costs associated with special elections necessarily divert resources from other local programs and services.

The state calls special elections to fill vacancies; the state should then fund such elections. AB 1886 provides much-needed certainty and fiscal relief for county budgets by providing reimbursement for these election costs.

If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or [bnestande@rivco.org](mailto:bnestande@rivco.org).

Sincerely,

Chuck Washington  
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee  
The Honorable Wendy Carrillo, California State Assembly  
Riverside County Legislative Delegation