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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
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RE: Recommended Veto of AB 681 (Gonzalez)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of AB 681, which requires county elections officials to send two additional notices to voters before the presidential primary election informing them of specified information (information already provided in multiple notices), including, among other things, which political parties allow NPP voters to vote in their presidential primaries. The bill also permits an unvoted nonpartisan ballot to be returned in exchange for a live ballot of a political party at any time before the close of the polls on election day, and it allows voters to change party affiliation and residence address without reregistering to vote. Lastly, the bill requires that a person making such a change within 14 days of an election be allowed to cast a live ballot instead of a provisional ballot.

Voters already receive multiple notices concerning their ability to vote in presidential primary elections of parties with which they are not registered, via their voter registration card, their vote by mail ballot application, the state and county voter information guides, the internet websites of the Secretary of State (SOS) and the county elections officials, and the nonpartisan vote by mail ballot that is sent to NPP voters. Accordingly, this bill is overkill and completely unnecessary.

Additionally, this bill would allow for someone changing their party and/or address up to 14 days before an election to do so without filling out a new voter registration affidavit. It would also allow them to cast a live ballot at a polling place. The voter registration affidavit process and the requirement that someone wishing to reregister up to 14 days before an election vote provisionally are intended to protect the integrity of the voting process by allowing for additional verification that the persons reregistering to vote and

voting are who they say they are. While this may be inconvenient for some, it is a necessary to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

Finally, the requirement that poll workers update voter registration and provide a live ballot at the polling place for those reregistering to vote puts even more unnecessary stress and pressure on poll workers. This is particularly problematic in high turnout elections like the presidential primary election.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Shannon Grove  
Senate Republican Leader