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Honorable Anna Caballero, Chair  
Assembly Local Government Committee  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0028

RE: **SUPPORT of AB 419: Change of Organization Elections**

Dear Assembly Member Caballero:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions is pleased to support your amended bill, AB 419. This legislation would specify the number of days a Board of Supervisors or City Council has to place an item on a ballot following a determination by a local agency formation commission (LAFCo).

This legislation adds precision to the process timeline and sets expectations for both LAFCo applicants and the commission itself on when applications that require an election must be completed and forwarded to the board of supervisors or city council to be placed on a ballot. Current law is vague and could lead to a missed deadline for placing an item on the ballot. Your bill also adds clarity to the requirement that the Board or Council must take action and place an item on the ballot once notified by the commission.

Because your bill adds clarity and transparency to the law and helps assure better implementation of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act, CALAFCO is in support. We appreciate your on-going support of the mission of local agency formation commissions. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Yours sincerely,



William Chiat,  
Executive Director

c: Members, Assembly Local Government Committee  
Debbie Michael, Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee  
William Weber, Assembly Republican Caucus