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The Honorable David Hadley  
State Capitol, Room 4102  
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: Senate Bill 1107 – accountable elections – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly member Hadley,

I am writing to ask for your support for Senate Bill 1107, which would restore local control and provide new options to strengthen the accountability of our elections.

As a local elected official, it is important to me that the public have faith in the integrity of our political system. I am troubled by recent polls showing that voters of both parties are increasingly concerned about the influence of money in politics.

It is imperative that government must respond to these concerns by acting to strengthen the public's trust. I believe that all levels of government can take positive steps to help address these concerns.

SB 1107 would restore a crucial election accountability option to local governments by permitting them, if they so choose, to enact citizen-funded election programs. Such programs can amplify the voices of everyday Californians who donate small amounts, encourage more diverse civic participation, and give candidates an alternative to relying on large contributions.

Six charter cities currently offer citizen-funded election programs, using limited public funds to match small campaign donations. However, current state law bans counties, general law cities, districts, or the state from enacting such programs.

Local governments should have options to ensure the accountability of our elections and encourage participation in our democracy. SB 1107 would not enact a citizen-funded election program or raise any taxes or fees, but would simply allow local governments to decide for themselves.

To provide local governments with options to strengthen the accountability of our elections, I respectfully ask for your support for SB 1107. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Goodrich', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Goodrich  
Councilmember, City of Torrance