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Ms. Heather Halsey
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Halsey:

The Department of Finance (Finance) has reviewed the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) draft staff analysis of the proposed statewide cost estimate (SCE) for the Modified Primary Election (01-TC-13) test claim submitted by the County of Orange.

Finance has no concerns with the Commission's recommendation to adopt the SCE of \$1,077,719 for January 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001, and fiscal years 2001-02 through 2010-11. We also agree that the total costs for this period may be higher or lower based on the actual number of eligible claimants, amended or late claims, and/or audit findings.

Finance notes, however, that due to the passage of Proposition 14 in 2010, the Commission found that the reimbursable activities will only apply to the primary elections for the President and party committee offices, and will no longer apply to primary elections for state elected offices or congressional offices. As a result, the total cost of the program may be lower based on this finding.

Pursuant to section 1181.2, subdivision (c)(1)(E) of the California Code of Regulations, "documents that are e-filed with the Commission on State Mandates need not be otherwise served on persons that have provided an e-mail address for the mailing list."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Carla Shelton, Associate Finance Budget Analyst at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,

TOM DYER
Assistant Program Budget Manager

Enclosure

Enclosure A

DECLARATION OF CARLA SHELTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CLAIM NO. CSM-01-TC-13

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

June 15, 2012
at Sacramento, CA

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