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Test Claim 24-TC-01, Elections: Ballot Label

Dear Director Gmur:

The Department of Finance (Finance) has completed its review of test claim 24-TC-01 submitted to the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) by the County of Los Angeles (Claimant), in which the Claimant alleges it incurred reimbursable, state-mandated costs associated with Chapter 751, Statutes of 2022 (Assembly Bill 1416).

Prior to 2023, the Elections Code required that a ballot contain the title of each office, the names of all qualified candidates, ballot designations, titles and summaries of measures submitted to voters, and instructions to voters, among other things.

Effective January 1, 2023, AB 1416 added section 9170 to the Elections Code to require ballot labels, where supporters or opponents are listed on the ballot, to include a listing of specified associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals taken from the signers or the text of the arguments in support of and in opposition to the measure printed in the voter information guide. However, AB 1416 does not require the inclusion of a list of supporters or opponents on county ballots.

The Claimant alleges it incurred \$62,092 in state-mandated, reimbursable costs in fiscal year 2023-24 to comply with Elections Code section 9170(a)(1) and (2) and estimates \$383,842 in such costs in 2024-25. Finance notes, however, that Elections Code section 9170(a)(1) and (2) pertain to county, city, special district, or school district measures. Elections Code section 9051(c), meanwhile, applies to statewide ballot measures.

Finance asserts any costs incurred by the Claimant to carry out the requirements of Elections Code section 9170(a)(1) and (2), as they pertain to county, city, special district, and school district measures on the county ballot are not state-reimbursable. Per subdivision (d) of Elections Code section 9170, excerpted below, local jurisdictions have discretion to exclude the lists of supporters and opponents from ballot labels for county, city, special district, and school district measures.

“(d) At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters

and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Chris Hill, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Calvert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

TERESA CALVERT
Program Budget Manager

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

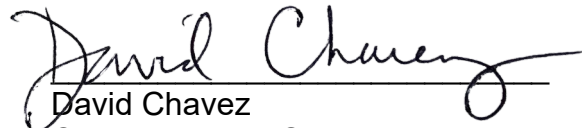
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- **Finance's Comments on the Test Claim filed December 27, 2024**

Elections: Ballot Label, 24-TC-01
Statutes 2022, Chapter 751, Section 1 (AB 1416);
Elections Code Section 9170, Effective January 1, 2023
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on December 27, 2024 at Sacramento, California.



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**Claim
Number:** 24-TC-01

Matter: Elections: Ballot Label

Claimant: County of Los Angeles

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