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March 14, 2011

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3152
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 362 (Lowenthal), as introduced - Support

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

The Judicial Council supports AB 362, which revises the number of signatures needed for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot for a potential write-in contest from 100 to at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote, with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures and need not contain more than 600 signatures.

AB 1335 updates the process for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot and for qualifying as a write-in candidate in a judicial election.

The process for write-in candidacy in judicial elections was established several decades ago and in recent years has been abused as a means of harassment. In one recent election, the collection of a mere 100 signatures was used against judges on the apparent basis of race and ethnicity.

Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal

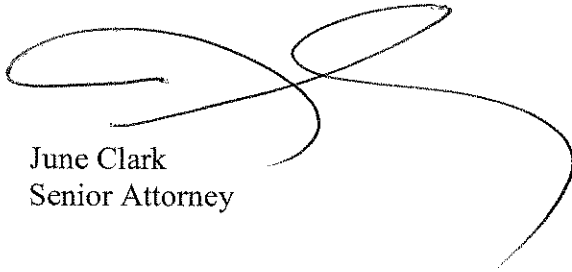
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The council believes AB 1335 modifies the write-in procedures in a way that appropriately balances the interest in access to the process with the need to prevent abuse.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 362.

Sincerely,

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June Clark
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cc: Mr. Aaron Maguire, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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March 23, 2011

Hon. Paul Fong, Chair
Assembly Elections & Redistricting Committee
State Capitol, Room 5135
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 362 (Lowenthal), as amended March 14, 2011 – Support
Hearing Date: Assembly Elections & Redistricting Committee – March 29, 2011

Dear Assembly Member Fong:

The Judicial Council supports AB 362, which revises the number of signatures needed for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot for a potential write-in contest from 100 to at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote, with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures and need not contain more than 600 signatures.

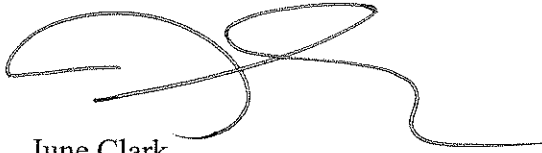
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 362.

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Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Member of the Assembly
Ms. Lori Barber, Committee Secretary, Elections & Redistricting Committee
Mr. Aaron Maguire, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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June 1, 2011

Hon. Lou Correa, Chair
Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendments Committee
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 362 (Lowenthal), as amended May 9, 2011 – Support
Hearing: Senate Elections & Constitutional Amendments Committee – June 7, 2011

Dear Senator Correa:

The Judicial Council supports AB 362, which revises the number of signatures needed for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot for a potential write-in contest from 100 to at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote, with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures and need not contain more than 600 signatures.

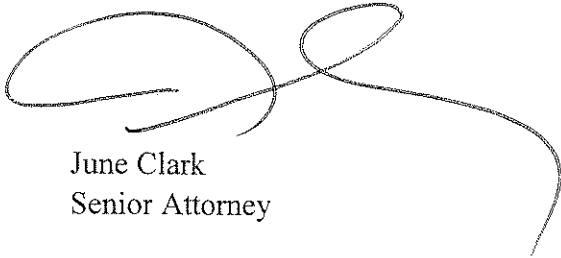
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For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 362.

Sincerely,

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August 17, 2011

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 362 (Lowenthal) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council supports AB 362, which revises the number of signatures needed for placing an uncontested judicial election on the ballot for a potential write-in contest from 100 to at least 0.1 percent of the registered voters qualified to vote, with respect to the office, provided that the petition shall contain at least 100 signatures and need not contain more than 600 signatures.

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For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 362.

Sincerely,

June Clark
Senior Attorney

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