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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 10271

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: Jana M. Lean
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RE: November General: Confirmed Judicial Nominees

As you are aware, the California Constitution requires that all nominations to the Supreme and Appellate courts by the Governor be confirmed or rejected by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

For purposes of the November 2, 2010, General Election, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger nominated the following judicial candidates:

- The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court
- The Honorable Brad R. Hill as Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District
- The Honorable Carol D. Codrington as an Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two

Today the Commission on Judicial Appointments held a confirmation hearing and confirmed the above nominees. These justices names will appear on the Certified List of Candidates for the November 2, 2010, General Election to be released on Thursday, August 26, 2010.

The question has arisen as to how the justices should be identified on the ballot. It is our interpretation that the justices' current titles should be included in the ballot question.

Elections Code section 13210(d) provides (in part):

Underneath each heading shall appear the words 'Shall (title and name of Justice) be elected to the office for the term provided by law.' [*emphasis added*]

Based on Section 13210(d), under the following headings, the ballot should read as follows:

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court”:

"Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, Tani Cantil-Sakauye be elected to the office for the term provided by law?"

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District”:

"Shall Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, Brad R. Hill be elected to the office for the term provided by law?"

Under the heading “JUDICIAL, Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two”:

"Shall Judge of the Superior Court of Riverside County Carol D. Codrington be elected to the office for the term provided by law?"

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Jana.Lean@sos.ca.gov or (916) 653-5144.