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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum # 20069

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters and Statewide Initiative and Recall Proponents

FROM: /s/ Jordan Kaku
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RE: Petitions: County Elections Office Public Counter Closures

With the ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), several county elections offices have closed public counters in order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. The California Secretary of State's office has issued [CCROV #20066](#) regarding in-person initiative petition filing, suggesting county elections officials offer alternative opportunities to file these petitions.

Pursuant to Elections Code sections 9030 and 11102, petitions must be filed with the county elections official. Even though county elections offices might not be open to the public, they may accept petitions by appointment, by mail, or other various methods such as overnight delivery.

If you need to contact a county elections office to find out what types of alternative filing options are available, all California county elections officials' contact information is available on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices/>.

Additionally, at this time there have not been any changes to the petition signature gathering process in California. The Elections Code does not permit electronic signature gathering for petitions; however, it does allow for a voter to sign a petition as the signer and as the circulator. (Elections Code § 106(b))

If you have additional questions regarding the above information, please contact Jordan Kaku at petitions@sos.ca.gov or at (916) 657-2166.

Thank you.