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April 14, 2020

Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the state of California will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #CA20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is #360741904 and the signed certifications are enclosed.

In California, my office has convened a working group with over 100 local elections officials and stakeholders to brainstorm, collaborate, and plan how we can deliver safe and accessible elections in the face of the coronavirus. Citizens should not have to choose between their right to vote and their health and safety.

Timely, easy access to no-excuse vote-by-mail ballots is the standard in California and we will be working to increase the ability of Californian's to vote by mail and improving the safety of voting in-person as we prepare for November 2020 elections. We must maintain as much in-person voting opportunities as possible, while protecting the health of voters, poll workers, and elections personnel. In-person voting is essential, especially for voters with disabilities, voters who need language assistance, and those without a history or experience of voting-by-mail.

We are requesting the full \$36,485,465 awarded to California. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus in the 2020 Federal election cycle. Those funds will be used throughout California for the additional costs associated with coronavirus including expanding vote by mail, expanding early voting in-person opportunities, maximizing curbside access, increasing ballot drop boxes, encouraging every voter to verify their registration status through our My Voter Status site, encouraging online registration and re-registration, expanding the use of vote by mail tracking through our *where's my ballot?* tool, and providing voter assistance while maintaining social distancing. The additional costs include but are not limited to

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increases in costs for: mailing, printing, postage, staffing, equipment, outreach, connectivity, and facilities.

Our end goal is to provide safe, healthy, inclusive elections for all Californian's in the 2020 election cycle.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Susan Lapsley at (916) 695-1662 or slapsley@sos.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Alex Padilla
California Secretary of State

Enclosure

cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager