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The Honorable Gail Pellerin
Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections
1020 N Street, Room 365
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2691 (Addis) Elections: elective office: felony conviction – Notice of Support

Dear Chair Pellerin,

The County of Monterey writes in support of AB 2691 (Addis) regarding elective office felony convictions. AB 2691 would expand the list of felony convictions that disqualify someone from running for, or holding state or local elected office, to include sexual assault and human trafficking.

In California, certain felony convictions preclude a person from running for or holding state or local elected office. These crimes, often referred to as “public trust” crimes, involve the breach of a public official’s obligation to exercise their responsibility in a manner that prioritizes the public interest over private gain.

The County of Monterey agrees with the author that public trust requires elected officials to have a basic level of integrity so that the public can have confidence in their government and their leaders and that people with a history of serious sexual misconduct should not be permitted to hold elected office. This bill ensures that individuals that have committed the most serious crimes that jeopardize public safety will not be afforded positions of public trust.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey is pleased to support AB 2691. Should you have any questions regarding our position please contact Senior Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker at 916-930-7780.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Root Askew, Chair
Board of Supervisors

