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The Honorable Ronald Calderon, Chairman  
Senate Elections, Reapportionment &  
Constitutional Amendments Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2203  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2959 (Brownley) – Support**

Dear Chairman Calderon:

I am pleased to support AB 2959 (Brownley), to require elections officials to provide any voter requesting a recount with an itemized estimate of the costs associated with conducting a recount.

The recent amendments to AB 2959 specifically require that the costs of the recount include only the actual costs of the recount and not any other costs that would have been incurred absent a recount. While I assume this is the current practice of most, if not all, elections officials, I believe it is important to codify this practice.

This measure provides additional transparency so voters are better informed about the costs associated with a recount.

If you have any further questions, please contact me, or you may reach my Deputy for Legislative and Constituent Affairs, Ronda Paschal, at (916) 653-6774.

Sincerely,

  
Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State

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cc: The Honorable Julia Brownley  
Members, Senate Elections, Reapportionment & Constitutional  
Amendments Committee