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June 22, 2024

Honorable Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo
1021 O Street, Suite 5620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1795 (Carrillo) Primary elections: dual candidacies - OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo:

We are writing to oppose AB 1795 as introduced on 4 January 2024 unless it is amended. We do not oppose the main substance of the bill, but we are concerned that the language by which it bans dual candidacies may prevent candidates for federal, state and local offices that are voted on in presidential primary elections from also running for their parties' central committees.

Several decades ago, then current language about dual candidacies was interpreted by the Secretary of State's office to allow candidates for federal, state and local offices voted on in statewide primary elections to also run for their parties' central committees. We are worried that any changes to the law around dual candidacies may invalidate that interpretation and prevent candidates from running both for party central committee and another office.

We suggest that you change your language banning dual candidacies to that used in the 4 March 2024 version of AB 1784, which explicitly states that party central committee is not an office for purposes of the ban.

For these reasons we oppose AB 1795 unless it is amended. To discuss our position on AB 1795 further, please contact me at 916-207-4595 (mobile) or reigers@earthlink.net or our Legislative Liaison, C.T. Weber, at ctwebervoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

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