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Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2540 (MULLIN) as amended April 18, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:


Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities, **supports AB 2540**. This bill is scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 23, 2018.

AB 2540 authorizes school buildings or other public buildings to be used as vote centers beginning up to ten days before the election and continuing through election day. AB 2540 requires that any public building, including, but not limited to, a building operated by a school district, that is used as a polling place or a vote center, must comply with the accessibility requirements in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.), and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10101 et seq.).

In its current form, AB 2540 ensures that access requirements are met so that individuals with disabilities can fully, equally, and independently participate in elections.

For these reasons, DRC supports this bill. Please contact me if you have any questions about our position on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn M. Abouhassan".

Evelyn Abouhassan
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