



March 26, 2025
Assembly Elections Committee
Gail Pellerin, Chair

SB 398
SUPPORT

Members of the Committee,

Election Integrity Project® *California*, Inc. (EIPCa) **supports SB 398** as written and amended as of the date of this letter.

Coerced or remunerated voting is an abomination to each free citizen of a Republic. Elections must not be marred by any kind of fraud.

EIPCa suggests considering amending the bill to include the rampant situation happening in colleges and universities, where professors often connect a students' grades to their ability to prove they have voted, even sometimes insisting on seeing their voted ballot (or photo thereof) or requiring ballots be directly surrendered to the professor for submission, a form of coerced ballot harvesting.

EIPCa Observers have filed many Incident Reports (signed under penalty of perjury) attesting to students in campus voting locations becoming distraught when told the supply of "I voted" stickers has been exhausted. These students have been very forthcoming in explaining the consequences to their academic grade of being unable to produce such a "proof" to certain professors.

Imposing the strong penalties for payment **of any kind** (including grades) in exchange for a vote suggested in SB 398 sends a clear and honorable message.

EIPCa urges a YES vote on SB 398, and hopes the author will consider our suggestion for further amendment.

Sincerely,

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