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Governor Brown Appoints Gabriel Sandoval to the California Voting Modernization Board

Cerritos, Calif.—Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) is pleased to announce that Gabriel Sandoval, a partner in AALRR's statewide education law practice group, has been appointed to the California Voting Modernization Board by Governor Edmund G. Brown.

In March of 2002, California voters passed Proposition 41, allocating \$200 million to upgrade voting systems and establishing a Voting Modernization Board to carry out this task. The Board is responsible for considering applications and awarding bond monies to counties for the purchase of new voting equipment that meets the required specifications. Mr. Sandoval joins other gubernatorial appointees, June Lagmay and Teri Holoman, on the Board. His term runs indefinitely.

Mr. Sandoval remarked that he is "honored to serve as a gubernatorial appointee on a board established to invest in our democracy's infrastructure through the modernization of California's voting systems."

The board consists of five members, three selected by the Governor, and two selected by the Secretary of State. The board has the authority to reject any application for fund money it deems inappropriate, excessive, or that does not comply with the intent of the initiative. A county whose application is rejected shall be allowed to submit an amended application.

James C. Romo, AALRR's Managing Partner commented, "We are delighted to have Gabriel appointed to such a prominent and important position by the Governor."

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