



**ALEX PADILLA**  
CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

March 13, 2018

The Honorable Anthony Rendon  
Speaker, California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Speaker Rendon:

I am writing to express my concern regarding an incident that occurred in the Secretary of State's office on March 8, 2018.

As I shared with you by phone last Friday, Assemblymember Ed Chau arrived at the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Sacramento office with questions and concerns about the ballot designation of one of his opponents. Members of my candidate filing staff did their best to assist him. While he was here, Assemblymember Chau became alarmingly irate in front of several staff. Despite several attempts by staff to calm him, he lost his composure. Assemblymember Chau raised his voice and spoke to staff in a highly aggressive and demeaning tone, at times leaning over the counter and raising his hands at staff while berating them. His behavior was so egregious, he had to be escorted out of the building by security personnel. This behavior is unacceptable and unbecoming of a legislator.

I appreciate your concern and I ask that you keep me informed regarding any actions you determine to be warranted.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 695-1644. Thank you again for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Padilla".

ALEX PADILLA  
California Secretary of State