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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Visits Bay Area Iraqi Polling Location**

*State's Top Elections Official Visits Pleasanton Location For Historic Parliamentary Vote*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Today Secretary of State Bruce McPherson visited one of three Iraqi Election polling places in California, as Iraqis living in America cast their vote for a new, permanent parliament. Secretary McPherson met with poll workers and voters during his visit.

"As California's chief elections official, I am so pleased to have the opportunity to visit this polling place and wish the Iraqi people well, during this historic election," said McPherson.

California is hosting three election centers in the state, including Los Angeles, San Diego and the Bay Area. Secretary of State McPherson visited the Bay Area location at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Polling locations are also available in 15 countries, including: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States.

Polling places in California will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Voters may obtain information by calling toll free to 1-877-IRAQ-YES (877-472-7937) or by visiting [www.iraqvote.org](http://www.iraqvote.org).

Additional information regarding the Iraqi Election is also available at:  
[www.imie.ca](http://www.imie.ca) and [www.ieciraq.org](http://www.ieciraq.org)