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## **Secretary Bruce McPherson Appoints 33 Year Veteran Of Secretary of State's Office to Run Elections Division**

Sacramento – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today the appointment of Caren Daniels-Meade to Chief of the Elections Division, effective immediately. Ms. Daniels-Meade will be responsible for the oversight and management of the activities within the Elections Division.

"Caren is a consummate professional and I value her expertise," said Secretary Bruce McPherson. "With her experience and solid accomplishment in the Secretary of State's Office, Caren is the ideal person to head the Elections Division. There are numerous election issue challenges ahead and she is eminently able to meet them."

In her tenure, Daniels-Meade has served as Chief of Public Affairs, Chief of Political Reform, Chief of Elections, Candidates and Elections Program Manager, and Media Director. Daniels-Meade will work closely with Brad Clark, Assistant Secretary of Secretary for Elections, to provide coordination with counties and advise the Secretary on elections issues.

Daniels-Meade's new responsibilities will include the production and distribution of state ballot pamphlets, the administration of the November 8 special statewide election; the review, testing and recommendations for certification of voting systems; the coordination of the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) as part of the HAVA steering committee; the certification of candidates and ballot measures for state elections; and voter education and participation programs.

"It is an honor to be asked to serve Secretary Bruce McPherson and the people of California," said Daniels-Meade. "I look forward to using my experience in 38 statewide elections to ensure that California voters can vote with confidence, security, and independence."

Daniels-Meade is a graduate of the University of California, Davis with a degree in political science.

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