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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Receives Award from Black Chamber of Commerce

Award recognizes McPherson's "commitment to small and emerging business"

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson has been honored with the California Black Chamber of Commerce "Special Recognition Award."

The award was presented to Secretary McPherson for his "outstanding achievement in the realm of public service." The California Black Chamber of Commerce commended the Secretary's "commitment to small and emerging business throughout the state."

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award from a group that is so committed to economic empowerment and business development for California," said Secretary McPherson. "I commend the California Black Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to issues that affect business and the quality of life for every Californian, as well as their commitment to ensuring the survivability of small businesses."

The award was presented to Secretary McPherson last night at the California Black Chamber of Commerce's Seventh Annual "Welcome Back" legislative reception at the Sheraton Grand hotel in Sacramento.

Other recipients of the award last night are former PUC Commissioner and current Chief of Staff to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Susan Kennedy, and California Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez.

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