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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Appoints Chief of the California State Archives

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced the appointment of Nancy Zimmelman as Chief of the California State Archives. The California archives are among the most important and influential state archives in the country. She becomes the first woman to lead the state archives in California's history.

"Nancy is an experienced professional who is respected by her colleagues in California and across the United States," said Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. "She will make certain that California's past is preserved for our citizens today and our present is preserved for our future. She will be an archivist for California's 21st Century."

Zimmelman has served as an archivist with the California State Archives since 1987. During her tenure, Zimmelman directed the California Legislative Archives Program and was responsible for the care of the Los Angeles Police Department's files of the investigation of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination.

A leader in the field of archives, Zimmelman is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, the Society of California Archivists, and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators. In addition, Zimmelman administers the Western Archives Institute, a two-week training program to teach basic archives management theory and practice. She is a participant in the California Indian Heritage Center Advisory Group on Libraries, Research and Archives.

Zimmelman earned a Master of Arts degree in History with a Graduate Certificate in Archival Administration from Wayne State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Zimmelman is a resident of Sacramento.

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