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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson to Serve as Honorary Chair of National Notary Association's California eNotarization Task Force**

*First-in-the-nation task force to develop cutting-edge "best practices" for secure electronic notarization*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson will serve as Honorary Chair of the National Notary Association's (NNA) California eNotarization Task Force, a group of leaders in industry, government, and law enforcement that will develop a set of "best practices" for an emerging industry - electronic notary public services.

"As society relies more and more on e-commerce, both businesses and governmental agencies are embracing the concept of eNotarization," said Secretary McPherson. "The notary public section is an important part of this agency, and eNotarization is an emerging trend that merits our attention so that we embrace the conveniences of technology, while ensuring security and accountability in electronic notarization."

The task force will examine the issues of eNotarization as they apply to California - the largest economy in the nation and the sixth largest economy in the world. They will also identify necessary state rules or laws to ensure convenient, legally enforceable and secure electronic transactions.

"The National Notary Association is honored to have Secretary McPherson serve as Honorary Chair of this important task force," added Timothy Reiniger, Executive Director of the NNA. "We commend the Secretary for his leadership in this critical area and we look forward to working with him and the other task force members to provide clear guidelines for California Notaries who wish to perform electronic notarizations."

Members of the NNA California eNotarization Task Force include clerk recorders, legislators, business leaders from title, escrow and banking, and members of district attorney offices from throughout the state.

The number of notaries public in California has increased 116,619 in just five years.

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