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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Completes 58 County Tour on Eve of One-Year Anniversary

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today completed his 58 county tour and met with each of the county Registrars of Voters and visited each of their offices in all of their counties. Secretary McPherson concluded his tour today with a visit to Los Angeles County Clerk Conny McCormack where he met with her and her staff and took a tour of the office.

"I am pleased to have been able to meet with every registrar of voter/county clerk, and to have visited all 58 counties in the state. The counties work hard to ensure that our elections run smoothly and it was an honor to be able to meet with each of these hard working professionals in their home county," said Secretary of State McPherson.

Secretary McPherson at times visited 2-3 counties per day and traveled over 2000 miles to make these visits possible. He met with many of the Registrars in their offices and was able to tour the office and meet with staff.

"We were honored and impressed that Secretary McPherson took the time to visit with my staff and me. He made it a point to meet each member of the staff, shake their hand and thank them for all their hard work," said Mendocino County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder Marsha Wharff. "I look forward to meeting with him again in the future."

During the visits, Secretary McPherson was able to see first hand how the counties were run and in Contra Costa County, he was able to observe the testing of the Automark voting system by members of the disabled community.

"This is unprecedented for the Secretary of State to visit every county. In the past 20 years, I have never seen a tour like this, and I am pleased that the Secretary visited Contra Costa County and was able to witness the testing of our new voting system," said Contra Costa County Registrar Stephen Weir.

Former Secretary of State March Fong Eu was the last Secretary of State to visit each Registrar of Voters in their county. Secretary McPherson made it a priority to visit the counties and to meet with each Registrar of Voter/County Clerk before his one-year anniversary in office.

"It was nice to have Secretary McPherson show a genuine interest in the counties. We appreciated the personal contact with him and his staff and we are pleased that we had a chance to meet with him and talk with him," said Riverside County Clerk Barbara Dunmore.

After a private meeting with Los Angeles County Clerk-Recorder Conny McCormack, Secretary McPherson spent some time meeting with and talking to staff members as he toured the large seven-story office.

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