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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Appoints Chief Assistant Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary of State for Elections

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced the appointments of Charles Hahn as Chief Assistant Secretary of State and Susan Lapsley as Assistant Secretary of State for Elections.

"I am proud to have Chuck and Susan on my team," said Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. "They each bring tremendous skills and experience to this office. Susan's experience in the field of elections will serve California well and Chuck's management and leadership background will be a great addition to our team."

Charles Hahn will serve as Chief Assistant Secretary of State. Most recently, Hahn served as Assistant Secretary of State for Policy and Planning for Secretary McPherson. Previously, he served as Chief of Staff to Assemblymember Dave Cogdill, Senior Consultant to the State Senate, and as Staff Director to Assemblyman Rod Pacheco.

Hahn's duties will include coordinating programs and projects for the Secretary of State's Office, serving as a liaison to the Legislature and aiding in the development of the Secretary of State's legislative packages.

Hahn received his bachelor's degree in Government and Economics from California State University, Sacramento.

Susan Lapsley will serve as Assistant Secretary of State for Elections, taking over the position from Brad Clark who will be retiring in August. Lapsley will be overseeing the office's elections operations. Her duties include advising the Secretary of State on a variety of election issues and representing the Secretary of State before county and state legislative hearings. She will also serve as representative to the Federal Election Assistance Commission and the United States Department of Justice. She will manage the Elections Division and the Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment.

Prior to working for the Secretary of State, Lapsley served as Deputy for Elections to Nevada Secretary of State Dean Heller.

Lapsley received her bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from Santa Clara University. Lapsley is a licensed attorney in California and Nevada.