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## **CSAC Executive Director Paul McIntosh Announces Resignation**

SACRAMENTO – Paul McIntosh has announced that he is resigning as Executive Director of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), effective December 31, 2012. After more than 30 years in public service, including the last five as CSAC’s executive director, Mr. McIntosh said it is time to “step back, take a pause and determine my best course in the twilight years to come.”

Mr. McIntosh led the Association through some of the most difficult fiscal times in the state’s history. During this period, CSAC and California’s 58 counties were able to establish an increasingly productive relationship with the state.

“I leave with a great deal of personal pride in the accomplishments our Association has made over the past five years,” Mr. McIntosh said. “The past two years have seen the implementation of the most significant realignment to state and local services in the history of California. I am convinced that a decade from now, we will look back upon the changes made, particularly in the public safety arena, with great pride and success.”

Mr. McIntosh also points to the success of the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government as a major fete during his leadership tenure. “I have a lifelong passion for continuing education. The Institute has grown into the pre-eminent county official training and education program in the nation. Over a thousand officials, representing all 58 counties, have attended courses through the Institute since it open its doors in 2008. It continues to grow and has boundless opportunity in the future.”

CSAC President and Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan expressed his appreciation to Mr. McIntosh for his years of service to CSAC. “On behalf of California’s 58 counties, I want to thank Paul for his leadership and guidance through these tumultuous times. CSAC and our member counties are well-positioned for the challenges that lay ahead.”

CSAC will now begin a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. Former CSAC Legislative Director Steve Keil has been appointed Interim Executive Director.

*The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is the voice of California's 58 counties at the state and federal level. The Association's long-term objective is to significantly improve the fiscal health of all California counties – from Alpine County with a little more than 1,200 people to Los Angeles County with more than 10 million – so they can adequately meet the demand for vital public programs and services. CSAC also places a strong emphasis on educating the public about the value and need for county programs and services.*

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