

Governor Newsom Appoints Tom Negrete as Director of California Research Bureau

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[Sacramento, Calif.] This afternoon, Governor Newsom announced the appointment of Tom Negrete as Director of the State Library's California Research Bureau. Negrete joined the State Library as an assistant director at the Research Bureau in 2016 and has served as acting director of the California Research Bureau since February 2021.

"As assistant director of the California Research Bureau for the past five years, Tom has been a steady innovator in improving the services the bureau provides and pushing the State Library to be the world class research institution the fifth largest economy in the world deserves – and demands," said State Librarian Greg Lucas.

Since 1991, the California Research Bureau has provided independent, nonpartisan, timely and confidential public policy research and analysis to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. The Research Bureau's team of librarians and researchers provide 50-state reviews, academic and media summaries, data analysis and visualization, legislative histories, fact checks, access to paywalled articles, and other information services.

Prior to his arrival at the Library, Negrete worked as a newspaper editor, with stops as managing editor at CalMatters, director of innovation and managing editor at the Sacramento Bee, and assistant to the national editor at the New York Times. He was also a consultant to the American Press Institute, where he researched and wrote papers on how the newspaper industry could leverage its online user behavior data to drive online reader engagement and subscribers.

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