

January 18, 2021

Dear President Atkins and Speaker Rendon:

I have previously announced my intention to appoint Secretary of State Alejandro "Alex" Padilla to the United States Senate, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kamala D. Harris to become Vice President of the United States. Earlier today, January 18, 2021, Senator-designate Padilla accordingly resigned as Secretary of State.

This resignation creates an immediate vacancy in the office of Secretary of State. (Gov. Code, § 1770, subd. (c)(1).) Pursuant to Article V, section 5, subdivision (b) of the California Constitution and section 1775 of the Government Code, I hereby nominate the following person to fill that vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term:

Dr. Shirley Nash Weber  
Member of the California State Assembly  
79th Assembly District

Pursuant to section 1775 of the Government Code, the chief deputy to the Secretary of State shall discharge the duties of that office until the vacancy is filled.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom  
Governor