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### **California Real Estate Commissioner Doug McCauley Rounds Out 24-Year State Service Career**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Real Estate (DRE) reports that Doug McCauley, California’s 24th Real Estate Commissioner, is retiring from state service at the end of the year. He has been at the helm of DRE since May of 2020.

“I’ve enjoyed my work at DRE tremendously. We have an incredible leadership team and I know they will carry on DRE’s tradition as a high-performance organization,” notes Commissioner McCauley.

Commissioner McCauley led DRE through the pandemic and demonstrated a firm commitment to ensuring the safety of DRE’s almost 400 employees while continuing to provide quality services. His work focused on establishing DRE as “more than just a licensing agency” and centering its strategic mission on consumer protection through prevention and education.

A few notable accomplishments are:

- Rebuilding the DRE-funded University of California - Real Estate Education Endowment, which had been dormant for more than 20 years. This investment will improve student access to real estate education and facilitate academic research into key housing, economic, and consumer protection issues.
- Early and strong advocacy for “adaptive reuse” (converting office/retail space into housing), which Governor Newsom prioritized and invested \$450 million in via the 2022-23 State Budget.
- Establishing a first-time buyer education program (First Home - California), which features DRE’s first-ever podcast to provide information to consumers on a convenient platform.
- Expanding DRE’s policy portfolio to include landlord/tenant issues, including launching the initial Housing is Key initiative to provide renters and homeowners with crucial information on their rights and responsibilities pursuant to urgent new protections during the pandemic.

“It has truly been an honor to serve under Governor Gavin Newsom. His Administration has taken bold and meaningful strides toward his vision of a California for All, and I have been proud to be part of his team,” Commissioner McCauley said.

Previously in his state service career, Commissioner McCauley served as Chief Deputy and Acting Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (2018-2020) and Executive Officer of the California Architects Board (2001-2017).

He shared his retirement plans with DRE staff in August. Commissioner McCauley’s last day at the helm of DRE will be Friday, December 29, 2023.

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