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On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the California Historical Society (CHS), we heartily congratulate executive director and CEO Dr. Anthea Hartig on her appointment as the Elizabeth MacMillan Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

In her over seven years at the helm of CHS, Dr. Hartig has been the architect of an organizational transformation. She has secured and significantly increased major financial support and built a team of professionals who have expanded our thought-provoking and award-winning public history programming. Under her guidance, CHS has opened a Los Angeles office with our partners LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes and entered into significant and lasting partnerships with the City and County of San Francisco to plan for the rehabilitation of the 1874 Old U.S. Mint and the State of California to create *Teaching California*, a free, online curriculum for K-12 teachers and students throughout the state.

The Board of Trustees is very proud of Dr. Hartig and her team's efforts across the Golden State in making history relevant and accessible—efforts that are now receiving national attention. Anthea's leadership, tenacity, and mission-driven focus have resulted in lasting achievements that position CHS to continue its trajectory of growth, expansion, and cultural currency.

Dr. Hartig's last day at CHS shall be February 8, 2019. In the coming months, the Board of Trustees will embark on an exacting search process to secure the next strong, visionary leader who will sustain the organization's current momentum and expanding mission.

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