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CAHF CEO/PRESIDENT CRAIG CORNETT TO RETIRE IN 2024

The search process is underway to fill the role

SACRAMENTO – The California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) has announced the upcoming retirement of its CEO/President Craig Cornett. Leading the association since December 4, 2017, Cornett is a tireless advocate for CAHF’s 1,300 skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled.

“When I arrived at CAHF as CEO/President in 2017, I never imagined what a rewarding professional experience I was in for,” said Cornett. “Even during the most challenging times over the years, I have loved every minute of the job. I have been humbled by the work our members do every day, and I am eternally grateful for their support for me and for CAHF.”

During his tenure, Cornett guided CAHF through the workforce crisis and various legislative and financial challenges. However, Cornett is most proud of the work CAHF, and the long-term care sector, achieved during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through dedication and collaboration, the monumental feats that were accomplished contributed to California having the lowest COVID-19 mortality rates in skilled nursing facilities of any large state in the nation.

Before arriving at CAHF, Cornett served as the Budget Director and Chief Fiscal Advisor for the California Senate, held a similar position for the California Assembly, and worked in the Legislative Analyst’s Office. He is also a member of the board for Golden 1 Credit Union.

In preparation for his retirement, the CAHF Board of Directors has started its search for the next CEO/President. The association’s leadership agrees that Cornett’s professionalism and poise during the most difficult of circumstances will be greatly missed.

“On behalf of the entire membership at CAHF, I want to extend our heartfelt congratulations as Craig embarks on his well-deserved retirement,” said Julie Butenko, CAHF Board Chair. “I am immensely grateful for his unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership as the CEO of our association.

An official retirement date is not yet available. Details surrounding the transition and timing will be provided at a later date.

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