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## PRESIDENT OBAMA ANNOUNCES NEW MORE KEY ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS

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**USPA NEWS** - "I am honoured that these talented individuals have decided to serve our country. They bring their years of experience and expertise to this Administration, and I look forward to working with them." President Obama said who announced the appointment of the following individuals to key Administration

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### ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE

☞ Regina Blye "" Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

☞ Christopher Stephen Hart "" Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

☞ Mathew McCollough "" Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

☞ Victor Santiago Pineda "" Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

☞ Karen Tamley "" Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

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Regina Blye, Appointee for Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

Regina Blye is the Executive Director of the Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC). Ms. Blye is a member of several national and statewide boards, including SILC Congress, National Council on Independent Living, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, Access Empowerment, and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities. She has been a member of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board since 2011. Ms. Blye received an M.P.A. from the University of Texas and a B.S. from West Texas A&M University.

Christopher Stephen Hart, Appointee for Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

Christopher Stephen Hart is a consultant specialising in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Universal Design whose principal work is serving as the Technical Advisor for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and Boston's disability community. Previously, he was the Director of Urban and Transportation Projects for the Institute for Human Centered Design. Mr. Hart formerly served as an appointed member of the Governor's Transportation Advisory Reform Committee in Massachusetts and the National Steering Committee for Project ACTION, a national organisation dedicated to promoting universal access to transportation for people with disabilities. Mr. Hart currently serves as a board member for LivableStreets Alliance, Disability Law Center, and Agassiz Village. He has been a member of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board since 2011. Mr. Hart received a B.A. from the College of Public and Community Service at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Mathew McCollough, Appointee for Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

Mathew McCollough is the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC), which promotes independence and equal opportunity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Prior to assuming the current position as the DDC Executive Director, he served as the Communications Manager for the D.C. Office of Disability Rights, the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance office for the District Government. Previously, he served as a grants manager and trainer with the Association of University Centres on Disabilities and for the National Service Inclusion Project - a training and technical assistance provider that advocates on the behalf of individuals with disabilities to fully participate in service and civic-minded programs within their communities. He has been a member of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board since 2011.

Mr. McCollough received his M.P.A. in Public Administration from American University and his B.A. from James Madison University.

Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda, Appointee for Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda is President of the World Enabled and the Pineda Foundation, positions he has held since founding the

organisations in 2003. Dr. Pineda was the University of California, Berkeley Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Academic Diversity and an Adjunct Professor in City & Regional Planning at University of California, Berkeley, positions he held in 2012. He was a Senior Research Fellow at the World Institute on Disability in 2011. Dr. Pineda was a Summer Associate at the Department of the Treasury in 2006, a Researcher at the Institute for Urban and Regional Development in 2005, a Researcher at the University of California, Berkeley Kujacic Endowment in 2004, a member of the Youth Advisory Committee of the National Council on Disability in 2003, and a Principal Investigator with Energengz do Brasil in 2002. He has received numerous grants and awards, including a National Science Foundation Innovation research grant, a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship, and the AAPD Paul G. Hearne Leadership Award. Dr. Pineda received a B.A., B.S. and M.C.P. from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles

Karen Tamley, Appointee for Member, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board

Karen Tamley is Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities for the City of Chicago, a position she has held since 2005. Ms. Tamley co-founded the Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing, where she served as a National Organizer from 1994 to 2004. She was Director of Programs at Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago from 1996 to 2005. Previously, Ms. Tamley was Housing Director at Atlantis Community, Inc. from 1992 to 1996 and an Executive Assistant at the National Disability Action Center from 1990 to 1992. She is a member of the Executive Committee of Meals on Wheels Chicago, the Board of Directors of Pace Suburban Bus, the National Advisory Panel of the Institute for Human Centered Design, and the Transit Access Advisory Committee of the Regional Transportation Authority. Ms. Tamley received a B.A. from University of California, Berkeley. Official of the Press SecretaryThe White House

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