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TOSHA SMITH PROMOTED TO ADULT DIRECTOR FOR TENNIS AT USTA TEXAS

AUSTIN, Texas – USTA Texas is pleased to announce the recent promotion of **Tosha Smith** to Adult Director. In her new position, she will serve as a member of the USTA Texas senior leadership team specifically guiding the adult tennis programs. She will also continue to coordinate the section's popular league program.

The USTA Texas adult programs include adult recreation, leagues, adult and senior tournaments, Tennis On Campus, and high school tennis programs.

Smith has worked in tennis most of her adult life and has been with USTA Texas for the past 14 years. She started as the NTRP coordinator and has managed the adult leagues program for the last seven years.

"Tosha's knowledge and experience in adult tennis has been invaluable to the section for many years and her new role will allow that expertise to further expand our play opportunities throughout the state," said **Van Barry**, USTA Texas executive director.

She is a certified USPTA tennis professional and has over 20 years of coaching experience. She volunteers in the local Austin tennis community and is the past president of the Capital Area Tennis Association. She currently serves on the CATA Board of Directors. In her spare time, she competes in state and national tournaments.

"I feel fortunate to be able to work in tennis and to be surrounded by all of the great people that are involved in the sport," said Smith, who was born in Lubbock, Texas. "I'm looking forward to advancing the growth of adult tennis in Texas."

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Located in Austin, USTA Texas is a not-for-profit volunteer organization with over 52,500 individual members and over 600 organizational members. Since 1895, USTA Texas have been one of the 17 sections of the United States Tennis Association, the governing body of tennis in America. USTA Texas is the third largest of the sections and features a Pathway of tennis programs for beginning, recreational and competitive juniors, adults and seniors. With hundreds of volunteers, USTA Texas is devoted to promoting and developing the growth of tennis in Texas. For more information about USTA Texas go to www.texas.usta.com, "like" the official USTA Texas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ustatexas or follow us on Twitter @USTATexas.

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