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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1998



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB J. NASH, Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Personnel

RE: LINDA CHAVEZ-THOMPSON
MEMBER
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES (PA)

I. BACKGROUND

The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities provides advice and information on the development of maximum employment opportunities for people who are physically disabled, mentally retarded, and mentally ill. The Committee enlists cooperation among organizations and agencies to promote employment opportunities in the disabled community.

II. DISCUSSION

This memorandum addresses the replacement of Lenore Miller, who resigned in December, 1997. Members are appointed by the President and serve at the pleasure of the President.

III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve the following individual:

LINDA CHAVEZ-THOMPSON, Democrat of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Vice: Lenore Miller. Ms. Chavez-Thompson is the Executive Vice-President of the AFL-CIO, a position she has held since 1995. In her thirty years in the labor movement, she rose from the organizing ranks of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) to become the highest ranking woman in the labor movement and the first person of color to elected to an executive office of the AFL-CIO. From 1988-1996, Ms. Chavez-Thompson served as an International Vice President of AFSCME and as a Vice President of the AFL-CIO from 1993-1995. She also served as National Vice-President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement from 1986-1996. She

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serves on many boards, including the United Way's Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, the Executive Committee of the Council on Competitiveness, the Board of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, the President's Initiative on Race, and as Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Sponsors: Tony Coehlo, Chair, President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

Approve

Disapprove

IV. OTHERS CONSIDERED

No other candidates were considered for this position.

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November 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB J. NASH

FROM: Peggy A. Clark, Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director
of Presidential Personnel

**RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES (SES)**

I. BACKGROUND

The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is an independent federal agency. The Committee's mission is to facilitate the communication, coordination and promotion of public and private efforts to enhance the employment of people with disabilities. The Committee provides information, training and technical assistance to America's business leaders, organized labor, rehabilitation and service providers, advocacy organizations, families and individuals with disabilities. Additionally, the Committee reports to the President on the progress and problems of maximizing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

II. DISCUSSION

The Executive Director of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is responsible for promoting employment of people with disabilities through the enlistment and support of the public and private sectors. The Executive Director is also responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the implementation of a wide variety of national programs to stimulate and enhance employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities.

III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individual:

JOHN A. LANCASTER, Democrat of New York, to be the Executive Director of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Mr. Lancaster, a wheel chair user, is currently serving as Acting Executive Director of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Mr. Lancaster first joined the Committee in 1991 as Executive Assistant to the Chair, and served in that capacity until 1994. Previous experience includes service as director of the Governor of Maryland's Office for Individuals with Disabilities from 1981 to 1987; project director of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities from 1979 to 1980; and as legislative and advocacy director of Paralyzed Veterans of America from 1975 to 1978. Mr. Lancaster earned a B.A. degree in 1967 and a J.D. in 1974, both from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Lancaster served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam from 1967 to 1968 and was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Sponsor: Tony Coelho, Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities; Paul Miller, Commissioner, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Approve



Disapprove _____

IV. OTHERS CONSIDERED

This candidate was forwarded to us by Tony Coelho and Paul Miller. According to Paul Miller, Mr. Lancaster has been on the disability priority list for some time. No other candidates were considered.

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WASHINGTON

March 2, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB J. NASH, Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Personnel

RE: PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PA)

I. BACKGROUND

The President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities is an independent federal agency. The Committee's mission is to facilitate the communication, coordination and promotion of public and private efforts to enhance the employment of people with disabilities. The Committee provides information, training and technical assistance to America's business leaders, organized labor, rehabilitation and service providers, advocacy organizations, families and individuals with disabilities. To achieve its goals, the Committee works closely with Governor's Committees in states, Puerto Rico and Guam; with more than 600 Mayor's Committees; with some 300 volunteers who serve on one of the standing subcommittees or on special task forces; and with more than 4000 disability community leaders. The President's Committee reports to the President on the progress and problems of maximizing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

II. DISCUSSION

The Committee was originally composed of one Chair and four Vice Chairs, all of whom are appointed by the President and serve at the pleasure of the President. This memorandum addresses the addition of two Vice Chair positions, established by Executive Order No. 12640.

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III. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individuals:

RONALD W. DRACH, Independent of Maryland, to be a Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, vice new position. Mr. Drach, who lost a leg during combat in Vietnam, has been the National Employment Director for the 1.2-million-member Disabled American Veterans (DAV) since 1975. Working at the DAV Headquarters in Washington, Mr. Drach supervises efforts to influence federal programs and legislation aimed at placing disabled veterans in jobs and job training opportunities. He also encourages private sector hiring and promotion of disabled vets and serves as the DAV's principal contact with the Department of Labor, OPM and several other federal agencies. Mr. Drach serves on the Committee on Disabled Veterans of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, serving two terms as Chairman of the Committee on Disabled Veterans. In addition to serving on numerous boards and committees concerned with veterans' employment and training issues, he volunteers his time as an unpaid consultant to numerous groups of disabled persons and professional associations.

Sponsor: Tony Coelho, Chairman, President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

SYLVIA WALKER, Independent of New York, to be a Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, vice new position. Dr. Walker, an African-American who has a visual impairment, is a professor of Special Education in the School of Education and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Howard University. She also serves as the Director of both the Center for Disability and Socioeconomic Policy Studies and the Howard University Research and Training Center. Dr. Walker is the leading national figure on the employment of minorities with disabilities. She has conducted research and training projects in South America and Africa; and has taught at Hunter College in New York and the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, West Africa. Dr. Walker received her Ed.D from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Sponsor: Tony Coelho, Chairman, President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities.

Approve ☒

Disapprove ☐

IV. OTHERS CONSIDERED

These candidates were recommended by Tony Coelho, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, to represent veterans and to provide greater diversity regarding issues relevant to the disability community.

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June 16, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: J. VERONICA BIGGINS, Director of Presidential Personnel

RE: **PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (PA)**

I. **BACKGROUND**

The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities was established for the purpose of facilitating the development of maximum employment opportunities for people who are physically disabled, mentally retarded and mentally ill. The Committee works with disability groups to abolish employment barriers for all disabled Americans and is served by a staff of 35 authorized full-time employees. The budget for Fiscal Year 1994 is \$4.32 million. The Committee was originally established in 1947 under President Truman to facilitate employment opportunities for disabled veterans of World War II.

II. **DISCUSSION**

The President is responsible for appointing a Chairperson and four Vice Chairpersons, all of whom serve at his pleasure. These appointments do not require the advice and consent of the Senate. Currently, there are two Vice Chair vacancies.

III. **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individuals:

I. KING JORDAN, a Democrat from the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice I. King Jordan. In 1990, Dr. Jordan was appointed Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities by President Bush. Since 1988, Dr. Jordan has served as President of Gallaudet University. Previously, Dr. Jordan was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Gallaudet from 1986 to 1988; Chair of the Department of Psychology from 1983 to 1986; and faculty member of the Department of Psychology from 1973 to 1983. Dr. Jordan received his B.A. from Gallaudet University in 1970, his M.A. from the University of Tennessee in 1971 and his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1973.

Sponsor(s): Tony Coelho and Paul Miller.

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LENORE MILLER, a Democrat from New Jersey, to be Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Chad Colley. In 1990, Ms. Miller was appointed Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities by President Bush. Since 1986, Ms. Miller has been President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), and she has been a strong advocate for disability rights within her union. During her thirty-six years with the RWDSU, Ms. Miller has held a variety of posts, including Local Union Secretary-Treasurer, Pension Plan Trustee, Assistant to the President of the International Union, Vice President and Member of the RWDSU Executive Board and International Secretary-Treasurer. Ms. Miller received her B.A. from Rutgers University in 1952.

Sponsor(s): Tony Coelho and the RWDSU.

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union for you.*

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August 24, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:  BRUCE LINDSEY, Director of Presidential Personnel

FROM: THOMAS SHEA, Deputy Associate Director

RE: **PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES**

I. BACKGROUND

The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is an independent federal agency created by Executive Order of the President. Established in 1947 under President Truman, the original aim of the Committee was to facilitate employment opportunities for disabled veterans of World War II. Presently, the Committee works with disability groups to abolish the barriers to employment for all disabled Americans. The Committee provides advice and information concerning the development of maximum employment opportunities for people who are physically disabled, mentally retarded and mentally ill. The Committee is served by a professional staff of 37 authorized full-time employees and has been appropriated the sum of \$4.32 million for Fiscal Year 1994.

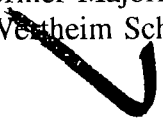
II. DISCUSSION

The President is responsible for appointing a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons, all of whom serve at his pleasure. This memorandum addresses all five of these positions.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that you approve the appointment of the following individuals:

TONY COEHLO, Democrat of New York, to be Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Justin Dart. Mr. Coehlo, the former Majority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives, is President and CEO of Wertheim Schroder Investment Services Inc.

Approve: 

Disapprove: _____

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MAX CLELAND, Democrat of Georgia, to be a Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Chad Colley. Mr. Cleland is Secretary of State for the State of Georgia and former Chief of the Veterans Administration under President Carter.
Sponsor(s): Disabled Veterans of America; former Gov. Richard Celeste (D-OH).

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

CONNIE TARR, Democrat of Pennsylvania, to be a Vice Chairwoman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Irving Jordan. Ms. Tarr is a Board member of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and a consultant on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. She works extensively with state, local, religious and community organizations on disability issues. She is the Founding member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.
Sponsor(s): Senator Harris Wofford (D-PA)

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

NEIL JACOBSON, Democrat of California, to be a Vice Chairman on the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Costa Nicholas. Mr. Jacobson is a Vice President/Corporate Systems Architect for Wells Fargo Bank. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors for Computer Technology Program and a member of the California Governor's Hall of Fame for People with Disabilities.
Sponsor(s): Mike Lux; Paul Miller, Disabilities Outreach

Approve: _____ Disapprove: _____

KAREN MEYER, Democrat of Illinois, to be a Vice Chairman on the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, vice Lenore Miller. Ms. Meyer is an Independent Consultant and a weekly reporter on disability issues for WLS-TV Eyewitness News, Chicago. She is also the former Executive Director of the National Center for Access, a consulting firm that assists corporations in adapting the work place to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Sponsor(s): Senator Paul Simon (D-IL)

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