

STATEMENT
MAYOR JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.
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“I am so proud of and happy for David Agnew being selected by President Obama to be the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. I had the great pleasure of working with David when he was Senior Advisor to me and watched his extraordinary ability and energy help move this city forward. David is brilliant, full of energy, wise beyond his years and dedicated to public service. For the past three years David has served as the Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs with the responsibility of working directly with local governments and with the mayors of our country. I then had the pleasure of watching David’s work with America’s mayors and how quickly he gained their great respect and friendship.

“President Obama has made an extraordinarily wise choice. I know that the Obama Administration and the citizens of our country will benefit greatly from having David Agnew in this very important position. And we in Charleston are so proud of him.”

Note: David Agnew served as Senior Advisor to Mayor Riley February 1996 – February 2001.

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President Obama Announces New White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs David Agnew

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the White House announced that current Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs David Agnew will now serve as the Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Mr. Agnew will oversee the Obama Administration’s relationship with state, county, local, and tribal officials across the country.

“I’m pleased to announce David Agnew as the new Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. A strong nation requires strong partnerships with our state, local, and tribal officials and I am confident that David will bring their voices and the voices of the people they represent into the White House,” said President Obama.

Since January 2009, Mr. Agnew served as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, working to strengthen the partnership with our nation’s mayors, county leaders, and other local officials.

Prior to joining the White House, Agnew was a businessman and community leader in Charleston, South Carolina. He has served as a top deputy to Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., a Special Assistant in the Office of U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, and a management consultant at Price Waterhouse. Mr. Agnew has been active in public affairs and urban policy throughout his career, and has served in leadership roles for numerous non-profit organizations, including the South Carolina Trust for Public Land, the Charleston Parks Conservancy, and the College of Charleston Riley Center. Mr. Agnew received his Master’s Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He is a Harry S. Truman Scholar, a European Union Visiting Fellow, and a Liberty Fellow.

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