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## **United States Commission on Civil Rights Announces Mauro Albert Morales as New Staff Director**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is pleased to announce that President Obama has designated and a unanimous Commission has confirmed Mauro Albert Morales as Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Staff Director Mauro Albert Morales was sworn in on April 28, 2015 at the Commission.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Morales previously served the Obama Administration as an Assistant Director in the Office of Public Engagement at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), a position he held since 2014. From 2009 to 2014, he served as Attorney Advisor in the Office of the General Counsel at OPM.

Before joining the Administration, Mr. Morales founded The Morales Law Group in 2006, where he served as Managing Partner until 2009. Other previous roles included serving as General Counsel and Director of Public Affairs for Verches Associates from 2004 to 2006, and General Counsel for Lambco Engineering, Inc. from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Morales also possesses Capitol Hill experience, having served from 1997 to 2000 as Legislative Director, and then as District Director, for Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez.

From 1993 to 1997, he was a Senior Associate Attorney at McGuiness & Williams, and an Associate Attorney at Pereyda, Delnick and Ruedaflores from 1992 to 1993. He began his career as a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Esteban Torres from 1983 to 1988, and later served from 1990 to 1992 as a Senior Law Clerk with the Orange County, California District Attorney's Office. Mr. Morales received a B.S. from Georgetown University and a J.D. from the University of Southern California.

Chairman Martin R. Castro said, "I thank President Obama for nominating Mr. Morales as our new Staff Director. He is an outstanding addition to our agency. His experience and passion will serve us well as we work to advise the President and Congress on the pressing civil rights issues of the day."

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