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President Obama Names Public Allies CEO Paul Schmitz to White House Council for Community Solutions

Milwaukee, Wis. (Dec. 15, 2010) – In a ceremony at the Oval Office yesterday, Public Allies CEO Paul Schmitz was named to the White House Council for Community Solutions. The Council, newly created by executive order yesterday, will advise the President on ways to mobilize citizens, nonprofits, businesses and government to work together in meeting community needs.

Schmitz is one of 25 people named to the Council, along with representatives of major foundations, civic organizations, and corporations that have demonstrated their commitment to community service and solutions.

President Obama said, “These impressive men and women have dedicated their lives and careers to civic engagement and social innovation. I commend them for their outstanding contributions to their communities, and I am confident that they will serve the American people well in their new roles on the White House Council for Community Solutions. I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.”

“I’m incredibly proud to be named to this Council,” said Schmitz. “It is a great honor. I look forward to representing Public Allies and our belief that the leadership we need is in our communities and that collaborative, inclusive, asset-based efforts are the solution.”

Schmitz founded Public Allies Milwaukee in 1993, was promoted to Vice President and Chief Strategist in 1997, and was appointed national CEO in 2000. He currently serves as Co-chair of Voices for National Service, co-founder/chair of the Nonprofit Workforce Coalition, and is a board member of Our Good Works and Independent Sector. He is also a faculty member of The Asset-Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University. He was recognized by *The Nonprofit Times* this year as one of the 50 most powerful and influential nonprofit leaders in the country, and honored by *Fast Company Magazine* with a Social Capitalist Award for innovation. Schmitz was also

a Next Generation Leadership Fellow with the Rockefeller Foundation. A Milwaukee native, he holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

To learn more about the Council, see the White House press release here:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/12/14/president-obama-announces-members-white-house-council-community-solution>

Complete list of Council appointees

Chair: Patty Stonesifer, Chair, Board of Regents, Smithsonian Institution

Byron Auguste, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

Diana Aviv, President and CEO, Independent Sector

Paula Boggs, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Starbucks Coffee Company

Jon Bon Jovi, Chairman, Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation

John Bridgeland, CEO, Civic Enterprises

Jim Canales, President and CEO, The James Irvine Foundation

Scott Cowen, President, Tulane University

John Donahoe, President and CEO, eBay Inc.

Michael Fleming, Executive Director, David Bohnett Foundation

David Friedman, Lead Director and Chair, Edison Properties/HNB Private Trust

Jim Gibbons, President and CEO, Goodwill Industries International

Michele Jolin, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

Michael Kempner, Founder, President and CEO, MWW Group

Steven Lerner, Founder and Managing Partner, Blue Hill Group

Maurice Lim Miller, Founder, CEO and President, Family Independence Initiative

Laurene Powell Jobs, Founder and Chair, Emerson Collective

Norman Rice, CEO, The Seattle Foundation

Kristin Richmond, Co-founder and CEO, Revolution Foods

Judith Rodin, President, Rockefeller Foundation

Nancy H. Rubin, Co-chair, Amnesty International's 50th Anniversary Year

Paul Schmitz, CEO, Public Allies

Jill Schumann, President and CEO, Lutheran Services in America

Bobbi Silten, Chief Foundation Officer, Gap Inc.

Bill Strickland, President and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation

About Public Allies

Public Allies' mission is to advance new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits, and civic participation. We are motivated by our conviction that everyone can lead, and that lasting social change results when citizens of all backgrounds step up, take responsibility, and work together. Public Allies is based in Milwaukee, Wis., supporting 21 sites across the country. Since its inception in 1992, it has graduated more than 3,100 Allies from community-based programs designed to expand the capacity of local nonprofits and teach young adults leadership skills. For information about our Allies Program, alumni activities, training programs, and Turning the Tide fellowships, please visit www.publicallies.org or contact our National Office.

Public Allies communities: Chicago; Cincinnati; Connecticut; Delaware; Estes Park, Colo.; Indianapolis; Los Angeles; Maryland; Miami; Milwaukee, Wis.; New Mexico; New York; Minneapolis/St. Paul; North Carolina; Orlando; Phoenix, Ariz.; Pittsburgh; San Antonio; San Francisco; Silicon Valley; Washington, D.C.

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