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President Obama Announces More Key Administration Posts

WASHINGTON - Today, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Sara Manzano-Diaz, Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor

Sara Manzano-Diaz has spent her career in public service advocating on behalf of working class families, women, and girls. She has more than 25 years of federal, state, and judicial experience including 16 years in senior management. Most recently, she was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell as Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs at the Pennsylvania Department of State. As Deputy Secretary, and the highest-ranking Latina in Pennsylvania state government, Ms. Manzano-Diaz is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public by overseeing the licensure of approximately 1 million professionals. Ms. Manzano-Diaz is also a member of Gov. Rendell's STEM Initiative Team that supports the development of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and workforce development programs. Previously, she served as Deputy General Counsel for Civil Rights and Litigation at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she enforced fair housing, civil rights, and anti-discrimination laws. While at HUD, she implemented a compliance agreement against the largest public housing authority in the country that resulted in the creation of 9,000 disabled housing units in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. She also previously served as an Assistant Attorney General in New York and a Pro Se Attorney in the New York State Judiciary. She has served as Co-Chair of The Forum of Executive Women's Mentoring Committee, which mentors young professional women as they begin their careers, and also participated in Madrinas, a program that provides mentors for at-risk Latina girls to encourage them to finish high school and attend college. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and Communications from Boston University and a Law Degree from Rutgers University School of Law.