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### **CPC NAMES ANDREA MARTIN AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON, DC--Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chairs Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) and Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) are pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea Martin as CPC executive director.

A Capitol Hill veteran and progressive activist, Martin becomes the chief staffer for the 82-member caucus, the largest in Congress. She will coordinate CPC activities, hone its message and help develop strategies to increase its influence. She begins her new job on Nov. 2.

"Andrea's broad experience on Capitol Hill and her commitment to progressive causes make her an excellent choice for our caucus," said Woolsey. "She will be the kind of innovative and energetic executive director we need to help advance our progressive agenda."

"I look forward to working with someone of Andrea's caliber to promote effective legislation and advance progressive values," said Grijalva. "Bringing someone on board with her rich and deep experience is a reflection of our commitment to stand firm on behalf of progressive policies and work effectively to enact those policies."

Martin has been the legislative director and senior counsel to Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) for more than two years. Before that, she served as legislative director to Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-Mo.).

This will be Martin's second post with a congressional caucus. She served as policy director for the Congressional Black Caucus from 1999-2000, and later helped launch the CBC Political Education & Leadership Institute, a non-profit that provides training to the next generation of African American leaders.

Following her tenure at CBC, Martin became senior policy advisor for Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.). Martin's nearly 17-year tenure in the House also includes stints as chief of staff to California Democrat Juanita Millender-McDonald and senior legislative assistant to Rep. Corrine Brown (D-Fla.).

Outside of Congress, Martin has worked for the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign; the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and HALT, a non-profit that advocates for greater access to the legal system.

An attorney with a law degree from Howard University and an undergraduate degree from Duke University, Martin also worked early in her career as a lobbyist representing corporate, trade association and non-profit clients.

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