



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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## **MICHELLE LIGHT APPOINTED AS OHCD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The NYC Office of Human Capital Development (OHCD) is the new entity created through the merger of the NYC Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Mayor's Office of Adult Education. As Executive Director, Michelle will focus on overseeing and implementing the responsibilities of the WIB; creating a citywide workforce development and adult education strategy and implementation agenda; establishing and maintaining accountability and transparency; developing a customer-focused system with "no wrong door" for entry; building and maintaining strong linkages between the workforce/adult education system and employers; and maximizing the City's return on investments.

Michelle comes with experience in an array of areas including government, advocacy and philanthropy. Most recently, Michelle was New York City's Chief Recovery Officer at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) where she was responsible for managing and coordinating citywide oversight of over \$7 billion in grants and expense relief from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In that role, she spearheaded and managed new City protocols and operational systems across all agencies receiving ARRA funds to ensure accountability and transparency. Under her leadership, the City's administration of ARRA oversight has been considered a national model.

Prior to her position in Mayor Bloomberg's administration, Michelle served in the General Counsel's office at the Community Service Society of New York, providing advice to enhance the organization's legal, policy and programmatic work to promote economic advancement and full civic participation for low-income New Yorkers. Previously, Michelle was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as the first-ever Assistant to the Mayor for Reentry Initiatives, where she spearheaded the development and implementation of strategic initiatives for the City of Chicago to better support people with criminal histories, with a particular emphasis on employment, education and training. She earned a prestigious national fellowship to create and launch a new project at the Children & Family Justice Center focused on zero tolerance policies in the Chicago Public Schools. Michelle also worked at The Abraham Fund, an organization that fosters coexistence between Israel's Arab and Jewish citizens, where she coordinated the education and outreach programs in North America, and then managed all stages of the grants administration process for the foundation. Michelle received a B.A. from Princeton University and a J.D. from the New York University School of Law, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service Scholar.

Robert K. Steel  
Deputy Mayor for Economic Development