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### **President Obama Appoints Thomas Gallas to the National Capital Planning Commission**

*Gallas would serve as Maryland representative*

**Washington, DC** –President Barack Obama appointed Thomas M. Gallas to the National Capital Planning Commission as the presidential appointee representing the state of Maryland. He is scheduled to attend his first Commission meeting on March 3, 2016.

Thomas M. Gallas is chief executive officer of Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc., a position he has held since 2010. Mr. Gallas has held several positions since joining the Silver Spring, Maryland-based architectural firm in 1985, including executive vice president from 1995 to 2010 and chief financial officer from 1985 to 1995. He was a consulting manager at Price Waterhouse from 1980 to 1985.

“It is a great honor to have President Obama appoint me to serve on the National Capital Planning Commission,” said Mr. Gallas. “As a long-time resident of the region, I know how important the Commission’s role is as stewards of the vision of Washington. I am eager to contribute to NCPC’s work in protecting and evolving the unique treasures that make America’s capital the finest city in the world.”

“We look forward to Mr. Gallas’ joining the Commission,” said NCPC Chairman L. Preston Bryant, Jr. “He brings a wealth of national and local development expertise that will enhance our efforts to have the federal government be a leader in sustainable, innovative projects and activities that complement the capital’s communities.”

Mr. Gallas also serves on the Board of Visitors of the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. He became a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional in 2004. Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc. received a Greengov Presidential Award in 2010 and has received a number of international and national design awards from various entities, including the American Institute of Architects, Congress for the New Urbanism, American Planning Association, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Gallas received a B.S. from the University of Maryland.

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*The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia. The twelve person Commission includes three Presidential appointees, five federal members, two Mayoral appointees, and two District of Columbia members. It provides overall guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies. Additional information is available at [www.ncpc.gov](http://www.ncpc.gov).*

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