



**TO:** The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:**

Kevin G. Smith

**SUBJECT:**

Appointments to the New York State  
Independent Living Council, Inc.

**DATE:**

November 18, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

**SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Consent Agenda**

Vacancies have occurred on the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc. (NYSILC). Should the Regents approve the proposed appointments and reappointments of members to NYSILC?

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

The 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act require the Board of Regents to appoint members to the New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.

### **Proposed Handling**

This item will come before the Full Board at its December 2012 meeting.

### **Procedural History**

Each year, as vacancies occur, the Board of Regents approves recommendations to fill such vacancies.

### **Background Information**

Information on the proposed appointees is noted in Attachment 1 and a list of the entire NYSILC is noted in Attachment 2.

## **Recommendation**

**VOTED:** that Nicole David be appointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

**VOTED:** that Robert Gumson be appointed for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014.

**VOTED:** that Lynn Drucker, Susan Gray, Carla Lewis-Irizarry, and David Whalen be reappointed for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2015.

## **Timetable for Implementation**

Upon approval by the Regents of the recommended candidates, appointments will go into effect January 1, 2013.

Attachments

**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.  
(New Appointments)**

ACCES is recommending two new appointments and four reappointments resulting from expiring terms of existing members.

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- Completed emergency preparedness work for the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

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**New York State Independent Living Council, Inc.  
(Term Expirations)**

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