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**The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces the Appointment of Stephen Gilchrist, South Carolina, by President Trump**

On May 7, 2020, President Trump appointed Stephen Gilchrist as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He was sworn in on May 13, 2020, and will serve until the expiration of his term on November 29, 2025.

Stephen Gilchrist is the Chairman and CEO of the South Carolina African American Chamber of Commerce where he leads a membership of over 15,000 businesses in the Carolinas focusing on the needs of both large and small minority- and African American-owned businesses. He also serves as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission in South Carolina and as a member of the Mastercard Master Your Card Advisory Board which seeks to address concerns of unbanked and underbanked communities in the United States.

Chair Catherine E. Lhamon stated, “We welcome Commissioner Gilchrist to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and look forward to his contributions to the Commission’s ongoing critical work in evaluating civil rights issues around the country to advise the President, Congress, and the American public about the state of civil rights.”

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