

Dear IAPB Regional Chair Selection Committee,

I am extremely pleased to second Dr. Sandra Block's nomination of Jeff Todd, President and CEO of Prevent Blindness, as Regional Chair of North America. Jeff stepped in as Interim Regional IAPB Chair of North American stepping in upon the retirement of Suzanne Gilbert. I am seconding Dr. Block's nomination of him to remain in this role in the upcoming election for the Regional Chair Position.

As the leader of Prevent Blindness, Jeff's contributions to the organization have included launching the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health, a resource that promotes a continuum of eye health care for children across the country; fostering an annual national summit as a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to vision and public health; and overseeing the development of leading public health research, which has become widely used to capture the prevalence and cost of vision problems across the United States. He leads a talented staff that has expanded its reach over the past decade and is currently in a growth phase.

In addition to his work at Prevent Blindness, Jeff is Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Health Council, is an advisor to the Prevent Child Injury coalition, is a past chair of the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association and has served on the Board of Directors of Chicago-based Howard Brown Health Center. Jeff is also a member is the District of Columbia (D.C) Bar Association.

Most importantly, Jeff has been an active member of IAPB for more than a decade and was a founding member and former Chair of the Board of Vision 2020 USA, upon which he continues to serve. Jeff is currently working with IAPB staff to outline a 2025 agenda for the IAPB North America Region, and I am very excited to see him continue this work.

Sincerely,



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