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Title 3—The President
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Facilitation of a Presidential Transition

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 7301 of title 5, United States Code, and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108—458) (IRTPA), and in order to further the purposes of the Presidential Transition Act of 1963, as amended, and to assist the presidential transition, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I. PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION COORDINATION
   a. To assist and support the transition efforts of the transition teams for the “major party” “candidates,” as those terms are used in the IRTPA and defined in section 9002(2) and (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9002(2),(6)), and the President-elect, there is established a Presidential Transition Coordinating Council (Council).
   b. The Council shall be composed of the following officials or their designees:
      i. Chief of Staff to the President, who shall serve as Chair;
      ii. Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, who shall serve as Vice Chair;
      iii. Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy;
      iv. Counsel to the President;
      v. Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel;
      vi. Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs;
      vii. Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism;
      viii. Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council;
      ix. Attorney General;
      x. Director of National Intelligence;
      xi. Director of the Office of Management and Budget;
      xii. Director of the Office of Personnel Management;
      xiii. Administrator of General Services;
      xiv. Archivist of the United States;
      xv. Director of the Office of Government Ethics; and
      xvi. Such others as the President or the Chair of the Council may select.
   c. (c) The Council shall assist the major party candidates and the President-elect by making every reasonable effort to facilitate the transition between administrations. This assistance may include, among other things, providing information relevant to facilitating the personnel aspects of a presidential transition and such other information that, in the Council’s judgment, is useful and appropriate, as long as providing such information is not otherwise prohibited by law.
   d.
   e. In order to obtain a wide range of facts and information on prior transitions and best practices, the Council, its members, or their designees may, from time to time, seek information from private individuals, including individuals within outside organizations, who have significant experience or expertise in presidential transitions. The Council, its members, or their designees shall endeavor to obtain such facts and information from individuals representing a range of bipartisan or nonpartisan viewpoints.
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