

## **Commisioner Kristen McCosh**

Boston's Disability Commissioner

Kristen McCosh is the Disability Commissioner and ADA Title II Coordinator for the City of Boston. In this role, she leads the City's collaborative efforts to ensure accessibility and inclusion in all programs, policies, public rights of way, and municipal buildings in Boston. She is responsible for overseeing non-discrimination on the basis of disability so that all Boston residents and visitors with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate fully in everything the city has to offer.

Commissioner McCosh is a well-respected leader in the disability community, where she has been a local and national advocate for over 25 years. She served as Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts 2007 and Ms. Wheelchair America 2008, promoting disability rights, equal access, empowerment, and independent living.

Commissioner McCosh graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Boston with a B.A. in English and Political Science, and she holds an M.A. in Disability Studies from the City University of New York. She is a lifelong resident of South Boston.

## Becoming a Civic Leader - Training the Next Generation of Leaders

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Join us at "Becoming a Civic Leader" an interactive panel discussion moderated by Chief Brianna Millor of the Community Engagement Cabinet. Gain essential skills for effective community leadership from M. Lee Pelton, president and CEO of The Boston Foundation, Matthew Broude, Co-found-

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er of The Queer Neighborhood Council, Commissioner Kristen McCosh, the city's Disability Commissioner and President of BU SOCA and youth leader Brianna Bourne. This session will delve into understanding civic roles, developing key leadership traits, mastering community engagement, and navigating ethical dilemmas. This panel promises to inspire and transform your approach to civic leadership.