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On Thursday, the White House nominated John Andrew Koskinen, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

He would replace Douglas H. Shulman, the last confirmed IRS Commissioner, who served from 2008 through Nov. 9, 2012. Steven T. Miller initially held the post as acting-commissioner, but departed in the wake of the IRS profiling of conservative nonprofit groups. Daniel Werfel has held the post on an interim basis since May. If confirmed by the Senate, Koskinen's term would expire in Nov. 2017.

"John is an expert at turning around institutions in need of reform," said President Barack Obama. "I am confident that John will do whatever it takes to restore the public's trust in the agency."

Koskinen graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in physics from [Duke University](#) in 1961, where he was a Member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa; graduated with an LLB, cum laude, (JD) from [Yale University School of Law](#) in 1964; and did post graduate work in Cambridge University, Cambridge, England from 1964 to 1965.

Koskinen served as President of the U.S. Soccer Foundation from 2004-2008. He previously served as the Deputy Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Deputy Director for Management of the [Office of Management and Budget](#), and Chair of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, the Year 2000 problem. He presently also serves on the boards of AES and American Capital, Ltd. On March 11, 2009, he was announced as the interim CEO at Freddie Mac. On April 23, 2009, he became the Principal Financial Officer after the death of Freddie Mac's acting CFO. In August, 2009, with the hiring of a new CEO, he returned to his position as non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Freddie Mac.

Prior to entering government service, Koskinen worked for 21 years for the Palmieri Company as Vice President, President, CEO and Chairman, working on the

turnaround of large, failed enterprises such as the Penn Central Transportation

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Koskinen also chaired the Washington, D.C. Host Committee for the 1994 World Cup and the Duke University Board of Trustees.

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