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**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AMERICA (SBCA)
SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 3, 2015) – Effective January 31, 2015, **Gary Kushner, SPHR, CBP**, has been named President of the Small Business Council of America (SBCA). In addition to his wide-ranging experience in Washington, Mr. Kushner is a leading expert on human resource and employee benefits, and is President and CEO of Kushner and Company, based in Portage, MI.

Mr. Kushner will succeed Alson Martin, Esq. who has decided to step down after serving over 30 years as President. Mr. Martin will continue his involvement with the SBCA as Co-Vice President for Membership and Vice President for Health Care. Mr. Martin is a partner at the law firm of Lathrop & Gage, LLP in Overland Park, KS.

“The SBCA has thrived under Al Martin’s exceptional stewardship and we are so grateful for his many years of dedicated service to the SBCA and the small business community” said SBCA Chair Paula Calimafde, Esq. “We are all lucky Al will continue to share his considerable skills and expertise with the SBCA as Co-Vice President for Membership and Vice President for Health Care.”

“The SBCA Board is also excited to welcome Gary Kushner as our new President” said SBCA CEO and Vice President for Legislation Matthew Kadish, Esq. “Gary served the SBCA for many years as Vice President for Employee Benefits and we are confident he will continue Al’s legacy of strong and skilled leadership.”

The Small Business Council of America (SBCA) is a national nonprofit organization which represents the interests of more than 20,000 privately-held and family-owned organizations exclusively on Federal tax, employee benefit and health care matters.