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Diana Aviv is president and CEO of Independent Sector, the national leadership network for America's nonprofits, foundations, and corporate giving programs. Through its members and their tens of thousands of affiliated organizations across the US and around the globe, Independent Sector advances the common good by leading, strengthening, and mobilizing the charitable community.

Diana is a frequent speaker on trends in and key issues for the charitable and philanthropic sector. She has testified before Congress and has been featured in media outlets such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall

Street Journal, NPR, and MSNBC.com.

Diana also served as executive director of the Panel on the Nonprofit Sector, convened by Independent Sector at the encouragement of the leadership of the Senate Finance Committee. This independent panel recommended actions to strengthen the governance, transparency, and accountability of public charities and private foundations, many of which were enacted into law.

Diana came to Independent Sector in 2003 after spending nine years with Jewish Federations of North America as their vice president for public policy and director of its Washington Action Office. Diana focused on federal legislation and regulations, particularly policies affecting health and human service organizations.

Diana was formerly associate executive vice chair at the Jewish Council of Public Affairs, director of programs for the National Council of Jewish Women, and executive director of a comprehensive program to serve battered women and their families. She had a private psychotherapy practice in New York and New Jersey and has served as an expert witness in capital cases in New Jersey.

In December 2010, President Obama appointed Diana to the White House Council for Community Solutions. She serves on the board of directors for the Southern Africa Legal Services Foundation and is a member of the advisory boards of the Comptroller General's at the Government Accountability Office, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, the Centers on the Public Service of George Mason University, and Urban Institute's Outcomes and Effective Practices Portal among others.

Diana previously has served on numerous boards and advisory committees including the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents' Committee on Governance, GuideStar, the National Council on Aging, and the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law. A native of South Africa, Diana graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and received a master's degree at Columbia University.