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White House honors 2 City of Boston workers as local innovators

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Thirteen "Local Innovation Champions of Change" were highlighted at a White House event on Sept. 25.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Two City of Boston employees were honored by the White House this week alongside 11 others from across the country for working to build "a more open and innovative government through entrepreneurship," officials said.

Nigel Jacob and Chris Osgood, co-chairs for the city's [Office of New Urban Mechanics](#), were recognized Tuesday at the White House as "Local Innovation Champions of Change."

Mayor Thomas M. Menino created the office in 2010 to be "Boston's civic innovation incubator," according to the White House's intergovernmental affairs office.

Jacob also serves as Menino's advisor on emerging technologies. In his two roles, he works to develop new models of innovation for cities, according to the White House. He has an extensive background in collaborative, citizen-facing technology projects, including working for and launching a series of technology start-ups in the Boston area before he began working for the city in 2006.

Osgood has spent a decade working in city government, including a focus on designing and implementing new programs and policies that aim to increase and improve collaboration between the public and the public sector, the White House said. He also worked previously for five years in New York City's parks department.

"Whether making local government information and public data more accessible; creating local environments to encourage and support entrepreneurs; or developing workforce programs to provide residents with skills for the high-tech economy, these Champions of Change have worked tirelessly to build a better future for the citizens they serve, create jobs in their community, and ensure more efficient and effective government," the White House said in a statement congratulating the [13 people](#) it recognized this week.

"As a result of their efforts, citizens across the country have access to a more transparent government, more opportunities for participation in the activities of their city or county, and tools that catalyze new types of collaboration between

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the public, private, non-profit, and citizen sectors of the local community,” the statement continued.

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