

Twitter chief picked as Obama telecom advisor

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Twitter chief executive Dick Costolo, pictured at a conference in 2010, is among the technology veterans named as telecommunications security advisors to President Barack Obama.

US President Barack Obama named Twitter's chief and a high-ranking Microsoft executive among a handful of technology veterans to be appointed as telecommunications security advisors.

"I am proud to appoint such impressive men and women to these important roles, and I am grateful they have agreed to lend their considerable talents to this administration," Obama said in a White House press release available online Friday.

"I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead," he continued in reference to those he picked to join his National Security

Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

The list of appointees included Twitter chief executive Dick Costolo; Microsoft vice president of trustworthy computing Scott Charney; McAfee computer security company president David DeWalt, and Lisa Hook, head of global communications [technology firm](#) Neustar.

The final appointee to the committee was Jamie Dos Santos, chief of the group that handles federal government information technology at Terremark Worldwide.

Costolo replaced Twitter co-founder [Evan Williams](#) as chief executive in October in a move that gave the San Francisco-based firm's helm to a [Google](#) veteran with a mandate to help the microblogging sensation make money.

Microsoft's trustworthy computing unit specializes in identifying [Internet threats](#) and protecting systems operated by the Redmond, Washington-based technology firm's widely used software.

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