



## Chairwoman Wasserman Schultz's Nominations for the 2016 Convention Standing Committees

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# 2016 Convention Standing Committee Nominations

## Brief Biographical Information\*

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### ***CREENTIALS***

#### CO-CHAIRS

Lorraine Miller served as interim President and CEO of the NAACP and former Clerk of the United States House of Representatives. Miller was the first woman and African American, respectively, to hold both offices. Prior to her role as clerk, Miller served as Senior Adviser and Director of Intergovernmental Relations to then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In addition to working for Rep. Pelosi, Miller has worked for several other Members of Congress, including Rep. Jim Wright, Rep. Tom Foley and Rep. John Lewis. Miller has also worked in the executive branch, serving in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Assistant for the House of Representatives in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. She earned her B.A. from University of North Texas and her M.B.A. from Georgetown.

James Roosevelt, Jr. served as the President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan from 2005 until his retirement in December 2015. He also was a Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Tufts Health Plan prior to becoming President and CEO. Roosevelt was the Associate Commissioner for Retirement Policy for the Social Security Administration before joining Tufts Health Plan in 1999. He also spent 10 years as partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston. He has served as Chief Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Democratic Party and is past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Hospital Association, past President of the American Health Lawyers Association and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Mount Auburn Hospital. Currently, Roosevelt serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Massachusetts Association of Health Plans, and as a member of the boards at America's Health Insurance Plans, Catholic Democrats, Emmanuel College, and the Kenneth B. Schwartz Center. He was called upon in 2008 to oversee hearings on controversies related to seating delegates from Florida and Michigan to the 2008 Democratic National Convention and is a DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee Co-Chair.

#### VICE CHAIRS

Fiona Ma is a member of the California State Board of Equalization, where she has served since 2015. She previously served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 2002-2006 and in the California State Assembly from 2006-2012, where she served as Speaker pro Tempore. While serving in the Assembly, Ma authored legislation to ban toxic chemicals, known as phthalates, in baby products statewide. This was the first such law in the nation and became the model for the federal amendment on the same subject, authored by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, which was signed into law as part of the federal Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008. Ma took a lead in promoting trade and fostering relationships between California and Asia and has led legislative delegations to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan. She received her B.S. from the Rochester Institute of Technology, her M.S. in Taxation from Golden Gate University, and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

Rosie Perez is an American actress, community activist, talk show host, author, dancer, and choreographer. She has been a regular host on *The View* and performed on Broadway. President Barack Obama appointed her to The Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). Perez serves as the chair of the artistic board for Urban Arts Partnership, a New York City arts education nonprofit that uses arts integrated education programs to close the achievement gap. In February 2014, Rosie Perez published an autobiography titled *Handbook for an Unpredictable Life: How I Survived Sister Renata and My Crazy Mother, and Still Came Out Smiling...* a book that analyzes the cause and effects of child abuse. She starred in and directed the Spanish AIDS PSA campaign "Join the Fight" for Cable Positive and Kismet Films, after her mom passed away from aids related complications.

Edward Romero served as U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra from 1998-2001. Romero was particularly critical of the Vietnam War and helped form the activist group "Veterans Against Vietnam." During the Carter administration he served as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and of the U.S. Delegations on the Helsinki Accords. In 1989, the Hispanic Chamber of the Commerce named him the National Hispanic Businessman of the Year. He is one of the founders of "Valor Telecommunications Southwest, LLC." He was the founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Sciences, Inc., an international environmental engineering and waste management corporation. He continued as the President after the company merged with Commodore Applied Technologies, Inc. Romero fought in the Korean War, and studied at Los Angeles State College and Citrus College.

Levar Stoney was sworn in as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 2014. Stoney is the first African American to hold this post and is the youngest member of Governor McAuliffe's Cabinet. Prior to serving as Secretary of the Commonwealth, Stoney served as the Deputy Director of the McAuliffe Gubernatorial Transition. He was the Deputy

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Campaign Manager of McAuliffe's 2013 campaign for Governor. In 2008, he served as Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Virginia. At the time he was one of the youngest state Democratic Party executive directors in the United States. Stoney has worked in various public and private sector capacities, including for Virginia State Senator R. Creigh Deeds and former Delegate C. Richard Cranwell. He is a member of VCU Massey Cancer Center Advisory Board, member of LEAD Virginia Board of Directors, member of the Virginia State Bar's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, member of the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation 2019 Commemoration Steering Committee and member of the Ujima Legacy Fund. Stoney received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University in 2004.

### MEMBERS

Hareth Andrade is an immigrant rights leader from Arlington, Virginia. Since her teenage years, Andrade has been traveling across the nation to speak on the countless challenges of growing up without her parents, and as an American living without papers. In 2012, faced with her father's deportation, Andrade organized a national campaign that came to the attention of policy leaders, community organizers, and pro-migrant organizations. Her efforts led to an invitation to introduce the President of the United States, Barack Obama, at the National AFL-CIO convention. Andrade's passion for justice has also been reflected in the work that she does for immigrant students in the state of Virginia. She is the founder of the student organization, Dreamers of Virginia, and co-founder of The Dream Project, through which she has pioneered the fight for in-state tuition to further post-secondary educational access for undocumented students. Andrade has a degree from Northern Virginia Community College.

Keith Boykin is a New York Times best-selling author, assistant adjunct professor of political science at Columbia University, TV commentator, journalist, actor and public speaker. Each of Boykin's four books has been nominated for a Lambda Literary Award, including his most recent book, *For Colored Boys Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Still Not Enough*, which won the American Library Association Stonewall Award for Nonfiction in 2013. Educated at Dartmouth and Harvard, Boykin served in the White House as a special assistant to President Bill Clinton, where he was once the highest ranking openly gay person in the Clinton White House. He also helped organize and participated in the nation's first ever meeting between a sitting president and leaders of the LGBT community. Boykin is a veteran of six political campaigns, including two presidential campaigns, and he was named one of the top instructors when he taught political science at American University in Washington. He starred on the 2004 Showtime television series *American Candidate*, and then became a co-host of the BET J TV series *My Two Cents*, where he interviewed celebrities, politicians, and public figures. Currently a CNBC contributor, MSNBC commentator and BET columnist, Boykin is also the former editor of the online news site, *The Daily Voice*.

Sister Simone Campbell has served as Executive Director of NETWORK since 2004. She is a religious leader, attorney and poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocacy for systemic change. In Washington, she lobbies on issues of peace-building, immigration reform, healthcare and economic justice. Around the country, she is a noted speaker and educator on these public policy issues. In 2012, she was also instrumental in organizing the "Nuns on the Bus" tour of nine states to oppose the "Ryan Budget" approved by the House of Representatives. This budget would decimate programs meant to help people in need. "Nuns on the Bus" received an avalanche of attention across the nation from religious communities, elected officials and the media.

Patrick J. Eiding is currently serving his 5th term as President of the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO representing over 100 local unions in the Philadelphia area. Prior to first being elected President of the Council in January 2002, Eiding served for over 25 years as Business Manager and Financial Secretary of the Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local 14 covering Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey where he has been a member since 1963. Eiding has risen through the ranks of leadership throughout his career and currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Philadelphia Building Trades Council, as a member of the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, and on the General Board of the National AFL-CIO representing Central Labor Councils in the Northeast.

Fritz Friedman worked as Senior Vice President of Worldwide at Sony Pictures Entertainment. Friedman oversaw all media related to the divisions including product publicity, corporate communications and special events as well as the overall publicity outreach for select theatrical releases. Friedman has overseen the worldwide publicity, corporate communications and media initiatives for the corporation's multibillion-dollar-a-year home entertainment company including some of its most successful campaigns from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the *Spider-Man* and *Men in Black* franchises to the TV-to-DVD sector which includes "Seinfeld" and "Breaking Bad." He also helped create and execute the strategic publicity campaigns for the launch of several new technologies such as DVD and Blu-ray Discs. A graduate of Vassar College where he was an Asian Studies major, Friedman received his Master's Degree in Communications from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career in entertainment as an usher at Carnegie Hall and, after deciding to continue in the classical music business, he became an Associate Manager at Columbia Artists Management Inc. (CAMI) for such classical music luminaries as Lord Yehudi Menuhin and the Danish

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Royal Ballet. Friedman was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to a three year term on the Cal Humanities Board which is charged with promoting the humanities in California.

Frederick Douglass Haynes, III, is a pastor at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. Under his leadership, the ministry and membership have grown to over 12,000. Since Haynes became pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, the community has experienced a decrease in crime rate. He has worked with the Center for Responsible Lending in order to fight economic predators in Texas and across the nation that engage in predatory lending. Haynes has been invited to the White House to discuss issues ranging from the state of the economy to voting and civil rights. He was publicly applauded by President Barack Obama for the THRIVE Leadership and Internship program that began in the summer of 2014, employing nearly 100 young black males between the ages of 16-19. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, a national organization of pastors, activists and leaders committed to social justice. He is on the Board of the Conference of National Black Churches and the National Action Network. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, TX, where he has also served as an adjunct professor.

Ada Horwich is the recipient of the Sylvia Weisz Women's Philanthropy Lea Rabin Award due to her passion for philanthropy. She is a clinical social worker, sits on the AIPAC National Board and the UCLA Younes & Soraya Nazarian Center for Israel Studies Board, and is a trustee of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Eric H. Jones was elected the first Mayor of West Park, FL, in 2005. He also serves as Senior Pastor at Koinonia Worship Center & Village, which he founded in 1979. He held previous positions as General Manager of Continental Blood Components from 1984 to 1987 and as Quality Control Supervisor of North American Biological from 1974 to 1985. He has served as Chairman of the Alliance for Action Council of Florida, President of the Pastors' Recreational Educational and Strategy Sharing Coalition, President of the Concerned Clergy for a Better Broward, and President of the South Broward Ministerial Alliance. Jones received an Associate in Arts Degree in Clinical Technology from Charron Williams Paramedical College. Mayor Jones also has a diploma from Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Curriculum.

Maimah Karmo is the Founder and CEO of the Tigerlily Foundation and an eight-year survivor of breast cancer. Beginning with chemotherapy, Karmo grew Tigerlily Foundation from a concept to a national organization, with more than 300 volunteers nationwide, providing breast health, wellness and transformational programs to young women in more than 43 states. In 2010, she received the Congressional Black Caucus Leadership in Advocacy Award, and the Running Start "Women to Watch Award". In October 2011, Karmo was appointed to the Federal Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women, a committee established by the Affordable Care Act, on which she works to develop initiatives to increase knowledge of breast health and breast cancer, for women under the age of 40 and those at heightened risk for developing the disease. She worked several jobs to put herself through community college, then George Mason University, and graduated with no loans

Sharon Kleinbaum has been Senior Rabbi of New York City's Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (CBST) since 1992. Under her leadership, CBST has become an important voice in Judaism, in the world-wide discourse on the nature of religious community, and in the movement to secure basic civil rights for gay people everywhere. Rabbi Kleinbaum's education and experience cut across all varieties of contemporary Judaism: Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and secular activist. She received her ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1990.

Dr. Marsha Zlatin Laufer is a renowned philanthropist, political activist and speech-language pathologist. Laufer earned a Ph.D. in speech-language pathology from Northwestern University. She then conducted research and taught at Purdue University. While teaching at Stony Brook University, State University of New York, she also was in private practice as a speech-language pathologist. In 2000 she began to shift her focus to political activism and to philanthropy. She was elected to chair New York's Brookhaven Democratic Committee and served as its chairwoman for eight years. While it was challenging to build the Democratic Party in a primarily Republican region, Laufer and her collaborators were highly effective, increasing the party's registration in the area. Through local activism and as a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, Laufer worked to recruit and empower qualified women to run for political office.

Yvette Lewis is the former Chairwoman of the Maryland Democratic Party and a political activist. She is a former Baltimore and Montgomery County school teacher, and was also a professional opera singer with the Washington National Opera and the Baltimore Opera Company. Lewis was the party's first female vice chair before she moved into the role of chair.

Natasha McKenzie, a native of New York City, is a student at Trinity University in Washington, DC, where she is a Political Science major and History minor. She recently completed a fellowship in the Voting Rights Expansion Department of the Democratic National Committee. McKenzie has held internships in New York State Senator Jose Peralta's office,

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Congressman Joseph Crowley's D.C. office and at the digital media firm Envision Communications. McKenzie currently serves as Secretary of the DNC's Youth Council, where she continues to work to engage young people in politics.

Moses C. Mercado is a principal at Ogilvy Government Relations where he advises Fortune 100 companies, financial institutions and national trade associations on successfully navigating legislative and regulatory challenges. Mercado is a political organizer who has worked with former Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, Senator John Kerry (D-MA) and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt (D-MO). He was named to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Board in 2008. Prior to that, he worked as the DNC's Deputy Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, where he was responsible for outreach and communications to members of congress, governors, mayors and local elected officials. He also worked as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Adviser to Democratic Leader Gephardt, and as an adviser to Senator Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign, overseeing efforts in the critical swing state of New Mexico.

Michael Monroe is chief of staff for the AFL-CIO's Building Trades and Construction division. Monroe served as Political Director for Labor on Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, Monroe worked as Government Affairs Director at IUPAT for three years and as Legislative Representative at IUPAT for three years.

Robbie Myers has served as Editor-in-Chief of American Elle Magazine since 2000. After graduating from Colorado State University, Myers moved to New York City and began her career as an assistant for Rolling Stone magazine. After working for several magazines in New York City, Myers joined Elle in 2000, where she is known for championing serious journalism in women's magazines. She has been Vice President for the American Society of Magazine Editors and has received a number of awards for her contributions to journalism.

Johnnie Patton is a DNC National Committeewoman from Mississippi. For many years, Patton has been involved in politics, serving as the 2004 John Kerry Presidential Campaign Co-Chair in Mississippi and a fundraiser for President Obama's 2008 campaign. She also was involved in Mayor Johnny DuPree's campaign.

Larry Pierre is the Executive Director for the Center for Haitian Studies, Health & Human Services in Miami. He is also the President and CEO of the Greater Miami Health Education & Training Center (GMHETC). Pierre is most widely known for his work in HIV/AIDS prevention. He has served as a member of the Miami-Dade HIV Partnership, on the State of Florida HIV Planning Council and has produced educational materials in Haitian Creole that are used throughout South Florida. He has served as a member of the American Red Cross and on the Board of Directors for the Orange Bowl. He was recently named to the North Miami Citizen "Hall of Fame".

Sreedhar Potarazu is a renowned ophthalmologist and entrepreneur. He is the founder and CEO of Vital Spring Technologies Inc., a privately held enterprise software company focused on empowering employers to become more sophisticated purchasers of healthcare. Potarazu helped change the landscape of how employers manage healthcare for their companies. with his book, *Get Off The Dime, The Secret of Changing Who Pays For Your Health Care.* While practicing medicine, Potarazu earned an MBA at Johns Hopkins University. His expertise in the area of healthcare cost control and reform has been tapped by companies like McDonalds, Kodak, Microsoft and others. Potarazu received his medical degree from George Washington University where he subsequently completed his internship in surgery and his residency.

Fredric V. Rolando has served as President of the National Association of Letter Carriers since 2009. Rolando began his letter carrier career in 1978 in South Miami as a member of South Florida Branch 1071. He served the branch as a steward from 1979 until 1984, when he moved to Sarasota and soon became Branch 2148's chief steward. In 1988, he was elected President of Branch 2148 and held that post until 1999. From 1992 to 1999, Rolando also served as a part-time Regional Administrative Assistant (RAA) for Atlanta Region 9, and he was Director of Education for the Florida State Association of Letter Carriers from 1993 to 1999. He was named a full-time RAA for Region 9 in 1999. Rolando was first elected to national office in 2002 as Director of City Delivery, having been appointed to that post in February 2002 to fill a vacancy. Rolando was elected Executive Vice President of NALC in 2006. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminology and psychology from Florida International University.

Monica Russo is President of SEIU Florida State Council and Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU. She was previously Commissioner of the Florida Commission on Status of Women. Russo attended Georgetown University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts.

Diego Sanchez immigrated to the United States from Argentina as a child and learned of his illegal status while he was in high school. When he found out that student "dreamers" could emerge from the shadows he signed up and was approved

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for deferred action. President Obama mentioned Sanchez during his immigration reform speech in 2013. Sanchez went on to graduate from St. Thomas University.

Nina Turner served in the Ohio State Senate from 2008-2015, representing District 25. From 2012-2013 she was the State Senate Minority Whip. She served on the Cleveland City Council from 2006-2008. Turner also worked as an assistant professor at Cuyahoga Community College. She earned her A.A. degree from Cuyahoga Community College and her bachelor's and master's degrees from Cleveland State University.

Mallory Weggemann is a Paralympic swimmer from the USA. Weggemann received an epidural injection to help treat back pain in 2008, and complications with the procedure left the college freshman paralyzed from the waist down. However, after her injury, she chose to return to the pool. Weggemann broke her first set of world records at the Can Am Speedo Para Swim Meet held in Edmonton, Alberta Canada in July 2009. She has set world records in the 50m freestyle, 400m freestyle, and 100m butterfly In August 2010 at the Long Course IPC Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, Netherlands, Weggemann took home one silver and eight gold medals. eggemann finished the meet with nine World Records. She attended the University of Minnesota.

Frank White is the founder and CEO of DuSable Capital Management. Prior to founding DuSable, White founded and served as Chairman and CEO of Advanced Concepts, Inc., a technology company which became a leading supplier of engineering and information technology to the federal government. White was the National Vice-Chair of President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign and was a Co-Chair for President Obama's 2013 Inaugural Committee. He received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and a M.S. in electrical engineering from Syracuse University.

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### **PLATFORM**

#### CO-CHAIRS

Shirley Franklin is the former two-term Mayor of Atlanta who has since joined the LBJ School of Public Affairs as the Barbara Jordan Visiting Professor of Ethics and Political Values in 2013. Franklin served as Mayor of the City of Atlanta from 2002 to 2010. She was the first female to hold the post and became the first African American woman to be elected mayor of any major Southern city. Her public service career began in 1978 when she served as the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs under Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson. She was later appointed as the nation's first woman Chief Administrative Officer or City Manager, where she was responsible for the daily operations of the city with nearly 8,000 employees. Franklin received her B.A. in sociology from Howard University and her M.A., also in sociology, from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dannel Malloy is currently serving his second term as Governor of Connecticut, where he has focused on creating jobs, improving public education, stabilizing the state's finances, making long-overdue investments in the state's transportation infrastructure, and protecting the environment. Prior to his election as governor, Malloy served as Mayor of Stamford, CT, from 1995-2009. Malloy has made education a focus of his economic development efforts, investing in schools at every level. At a time when many other states were cutting funding for public education, Governor Malloy actually increased funding to local schools and funded thousands of new pre-K slots so that all children, regardless of where they live or their family's income, have access to early childhood education. He graduated from Boston College and Boston College School of Law.

#### VICE CHAIRS

Nellie Gorbea, who was sworn in as Secretary of State of Rhode Island on January 6, 2015, has dedicated the past 20 years to increasing Rhode Islanders' civic engagement and making the state a better place to live and work for all Rhode Islanders. Gorbea served as Deputy Secretary of State from 2002 to 2006, during which time she led efforts to make public information more accessible, centralize statewide voter registration systems, and streamline business filing procedures. As a former non-profit leader, Gorbea created public-private partnerships that helped make homeownership affordable to more of the state's families and individuals. Gorbea is a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs and holds a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University.

Cynthia L. Hale is the founder and Senior Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, GA. In 2004, Hale established a mentoring program known as ELAH Pastoral Ministries, Inc. to assist in the development of pastors and church leaders. In September 2005, she convened her first Women in Ministry Conference which focuses on developing, coaching and mentoring Christian women in ministry for the 21st century. In July 2009, Hale was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She presently serves on a number of boards, including the Board of Visitors at Duke Divinity School and the Board of Trustees at Hollins University. Hale received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hollins College. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Edwin M. Lee was elected Mayor of San Francisco in 2011, while he was serving as interim mayor. He is the first Asian American mayor in San Francisco history. Prior to his appointment as interim mayor, Lee served as City Administrator, where he spearheaded government efficiency measures and reforms that reduced the size and cost of government to save tax dollars. Lee first began working for the City and County of San Francisco in 1989 as the Investigator for the City's first Whistle Blower Ordinance and has since served as the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, Director of City Purchasing, and Director of the Department of Public Works before he was first appointed as City Administrator in 2005. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1974 and from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, in 1978.

Greg Rosenbaum is currently the President of Palisades Associates, Inc., a Bethesda, MD-based private equity firm. He was previously a consultant with the Boston Consulting Group and a Vice President of buyout firm Dyson-Kissner-Moran. From 2003 to 2010, he was the Chairman of TVC Communications, LLC and from 2003 to 2012 he was the Chairman of Empire Kosher Poultry, Inc., the largest producer of kosher poultry. Additionally, he served as the company's CEO from 2006-2012. In 2013, President Barack Obama appointed Rosenbaum to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. In 2011, Rosenbaum was named to the Board of Directors of the National Jewish Democratic Council (NJDC), and in 2014 was elected as the NJDC's Chair. In the 2012 election cycle, Rosenbaum was a Co-Chair of NJDC's political action committee.

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Eric Alva was the first Marine seriously injured in the Iraq War. On March 21, 2003, he was in charge of 11 Marines in a supply unit when he stepped on a land mine and lost his right leg. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1990 at the age of 19 when he already knew he was gay and the U.S. military excluded all gays and lesbians from service, open or not. He began working as a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign in 2006. In February 2007, he joined Democratic Rep. Marty Meehan of Massachusetts and a bipartisan group of House members when they reintroduced the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, that would repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) policy regarding service in the U.S. armed forces on the part of gays and lesbians. Alva served as the Grand Marshal of the 2008 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride parade on Sunday, June 29, 2008.

Stephen Benjamin has served as Mayor of Columbia, SC, since July 2010, where he has focused on economic development and job creation. Benjamin attended the University of South Carolina where he was president of the NAACP's USC Chapter, President of the Student Government and Student Bar Association President at the USC School of Law. In 2011, the Washington Post named Benjamin one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans.

Maya Berry is Executive Director of the Arab American Institute, steering the Institute's policy agenda. In 1996 she established AAI's first Government Relations department, which she led for 5 years before becoming Legislative Director for House Minority Whip David Bonior, where she developed policies on international relations, human rights, trade, and immigration. Berry started her career in public service working for ACCESS, the nation's oldest and largest Arab American human services non-profit. Berry is also the founder of MidAmr Group, a private consulting firm dedicated to enhancing US-Arab economic, political, and cultural cooperation. She attended the University of Michigan in Dearborn.

Steve Beshear served as Governor of Kentucky from 2007-2015. He also served on the Democratic National Committee's Democratic Victory Task Force, which analyzed past Presidential and off-year elections. Prior to his election as Governor, Beshear had served in the Kentucky House of Representatives, as the state's Attorney General and as Lieutenant Governor. Beshear received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Clayola Brown began serving as President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, located in Washington, D.C., in August 2004 and was the first female to serve in that role. In 1995, she was elected to the AFL-CIO Executive Council, where she served for 10 years as a Vice President. Ms. Brown was appointed to the National Commission on Employment Policy by President Bill Clinton, and appointed a member of the New York State Workforce Investment Board by Governor George Pataki.

Henry Claypool is the Co-Director of Advanced Independence Modernizing Medicare and Medicaid (AIMMM). Prior to joining AIMMM, Claypool was Executive Vice President for Policy at the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). Prior to joining AAPD, he served as the Senior Advisor for Disability Policy to Kathleen Sebelius, the Secretary of Health & Human Services. President Obama appointed Claypool as a Commissioner on the 2013 National Commission on Long Term Care. Claypool, who sustained a spinal cord injury in a snow skiing accident while a student at the University of Colorado, has spent his career advocating for the rights and needs of people living with disabilities.

Jodi Gillette currently serves as a Policy Advisor for the Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endeson & Perry. Prior to joining the firm, Gillette was with the Obama Administration, where she served as the Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs in the White House Domestic Policy Council. Subsequent to this, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary to the Assistant-Secretary Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Additionally, as the Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House, she implemented and institutionalized the President's interactions with the tribes and his Administration. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Gillette served as the Executive Director of the Native American Training Institute in Bismarck, a non-profit offering technical assistance and training to tribal, state and local governments in the area of human service delivery systems. In 2008, Obama for America hired Jodi to direct North Dakota's statewide First American vote efforts. Gillette holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Cyrus Habib is Senate Democratic Whip of the Washington State Senator and is currently a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Prior to his election to the Senate, Habib served in the Washington House of Representatives. Habib is also an attorney at Perkins Coie, where he leads the firm's civic and community initiatives. Habib, who lost his eyesight to cancer at the age of 8, is also the first and only Iranian American elected to a state office in the United States. He received his B.A. from Columbia University. Habib obtained a Master of Letters in English Literature from St John's College at the University of Oxford. He received his law degree from Yale Law School, where he served as an Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

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Mary Kay Henry serves as International President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), becoming the first woman to lead SEIU. Henry was elected to SEIU's International Executive Board in 1996 and as an International Executive Vice President in 2004. In her role as International Executive Vice President, Henry served as the union's chief healthcare strategist and led efforts to build a stronger voice for healthcare workers and enact historic healthcare reforms. More than a million healthcare workers nationwide, including registered nurses, technicians, doctors, and hospital and clinic workers, are now united in SEIU Healthcare. She earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1979, majoring in urban planning and labor relations.

Ilyse Hogue is President of NARAL Pro-Choice American. Hogue is an expert in both electoral and advocacy campaigns who has worked with a variety of nonprofit organizations, including Friends of Democracy, Media Matters for America and MoveOn.org. During her six years at MoveOn.org, Hogue served as the Director of Communications and Political Advocacy, using cutting-edge online engagement strategies to mobilize around issues such as healthcare and financial reform, and to engage millions of Americans in grassroots lobbying and participation in federal elections. The organization grew by more than two million members during her tenure. She is also the co-founder of the Center for Story-Based Strategy, which works to amplify the impact of grassroots organizing with new strategy and training resources, values-based communications and narrative campaigning. Hogue holds a Master of Science in resource ecology management from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts is from Vassar College.

Mara Keisling is the founding Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Keisling is a transgender-identified woman and a parent. As one of the nation's leading voices for transgender equality, she has appeared on news outlets including CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News and is regularly quoted in national and local print and broadcast media. Since NCTE's founding in 2003, the organization has led or participated in coalition efforts that have won significant advances in transgender equality. Keisling is a graduate of Penn State University and did her graduate work at Harvard University in American Government. She has almost 25 years of professional experience in social marketing and opinion research.

Carole King is a singer and songwriter who has written or co-written over 400 songs that have been recorded by more than 1,000 artists. Many of her most popular works – including "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" for The Shirelles, "Take Good Care of My Baby" for Bobby Vee and "You Make Me Feel (Like a Natural Woman)" for Aretha Franklin – were written in partnership with her first husband, Gerry Goffin. Over the years, she's won several awards including the Gershwin Prize, Kennedy Center Honors, and five Grammys, not including her Grammy's Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame award.

Esther López is the Executive Vice President at the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. López began with the UFCW in November 2006 when she was hired as Director of the Civil Rights and Community Action Department. In that role, she has helped put the UFCW on the front lines of the most crucial civil rights battles of our time. López is best known for her leadership on comprehensive immigration reform. After President Obama announced relief from deportation for the parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents, López launched a program to ensure eligible UFCW members were first in line to apply. Prior to that, she spearheaded the Union Citizenship Action program, also known as UCAN, to help UFCW members become naturalized and get on the path to citizenship. Prior to her career at the UFCW, López played an active role in improving labor conditions within the state of Illinois, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Labor, as well as in the governor's cabinet as Director of the Illinois Department of Labor. López currently serves on the national boards of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Jobs With Justice, Center for Community Change, National Consumers League, and Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

Mark D. Magaña is the founder and Principal of Magaña Associates and Hispanic Strategy Group, a government relations and public affairs firm focused on building strategic relationships between Congress, the Administration, corporations, not-for-profit organizations and the Latino community. Prior to launching his private practice, Magaña served in the White House as the Special Assistant to President Clinton for Legislative Affairs. As Senior Policy Advisor to Rep. Robert Menendez (D-NJ), the Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, Magaña assisted the House leadership with floor strategy, policy development, and communicating with Democratic Members of Congress. He served as a Federal Legislative Representative for the City of Los Angeles, where he was responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing legislative strategies in conjunction with the Los Angeles Congressional delegation, City Council, Mayor, municipal departments, and other organizations. Magaña moved to Washington, DC, in 1990 to work for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) where he conducted research on education, immigration, naturalization, voting, health, and authored research papers on issues of naturalization and the Latino vote.

Robert Martinez, Jr. is the 14th International President of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM). Previous to his installment as International President, Martinez served as IAM Headquarters General Vice President (GVP) with responsibility for IAM Headquarters and the William W. Winpisinger Education and

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Technology Center. A United States Navy veteran, Martinez began his IAM career in 1980 as a member of Local 776A in Ft. Worth, TX, after being hired as an Aircraft Assembler at Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth Division. In addition to serving on the IAM Executive Council, Martinez is on the Board of Directors for Guide Dogs of America (GDA), serves as a Trustee on the Board of the IAM National Pension Fund and is a National Vice President on the National Executive Board of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA).

Minyon Moore currently heads Dewey Square Group's State and Local Affairs practice in the Washington, DC, office. Ms. Moore, a long-time political operative, served as Chief Operating Officer of the Democratic National Committee from 2001-2002. During the Clinton Administration, she was Assistant to the President and Director of White House Political Affairs and also a political advisor to President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Moore serves on the DNC's Rules and Bylaws Committee.

Luis Moscoso is a Washington State Representative from the 1st Legislative District, Position 2. He most recently served as the Director of Government Relations for the Washington Public Employees Association/UFCW Local 365 in Olympia, Washington where he oversaw and coordinated the WPEA's Legislative-Political program and issues advocacy agendas. Moscoso served three terms as Secretary of the Washington State Democratic Party. He is President of the Board of the Institute for Washington's Future and has served on various public and community boards including the Transportation Policy Board (Puget Sound Regional Council), City of Mountlake Terrace Community Policing Advisory Board and the Neutral Zone

Karen K. Narasaki is an American civil rights leader and human rights activist. In July 2014, President Barack Obama appointed Narasaki to serve as a Commissioner on the United States Commission on Civil Rights. She is the former President and Executive Director of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC), a Washington, DC.-based, nonprofit civil rights organization whose mission is to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans through advocacy, public policy, public education and litigation. Prior to her post at AAJC, she served as the Washington, DC, representative to the Japanese American Citizens League.

Donna Payne-Hardy is the Co-Chair of A Passion For Living. Payne-Hardy is a national LGBT Civil Rights leader who has received many awards for her transformational organizing and strategic movement work in the political field for LGBT rights. She grew up in Memphis, TN, and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. While working as one of the Human Rights Campaign's key representatives for 16 years, Payne-Hardy worked closely with Civil Rights organizations to increase visibility of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community within the religious and people of color communities. She is a founding board member of the National Black Justice Coalition - a civil rights organization dedicated to empowering black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

Max Richtman is President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare (NCPSSM), in Washington, DC. Richtman, who joined the organization in 1989, also serves as Chair of the National Committee's Political Action Committee (PAC) board, a non-partisan committee that endorses candidates for federal office who take uncompromising stands on social policy legislation which impacts the aging population. Prior to joining the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Richtman served as Staff Director of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He graduated from Harvard College and received his law degree from Georgetown University Law School.

Lee Saunders is the President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, which represents 1.6 million workers. He was elected at the union's 40th International Convention in July 2012. Saunders was previously elected Secretary-Treasurer at the union's 39th International Convention in July 2010. Originally a member of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA), Saunders has served as administrator of a number of AFSCME councils and large local unions across the country. For nearly four years, he served as Administrator of AFSCME District Council 37, New York City's largest public employee union, representing 125,000 members. In that capacity, he was successful in restoring the fiscal health, integrity and good name of the council and its 56 affiliated local unions. He received a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1974, a year after earning his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio University. In 2002, the College of New Rochelle awarded him an honorary doctorate degree in Humane Letters.

Marc Stanley, of the Stanley Law Group in Dallas, TX, is the immediate past President of the National Jewish Democratic Council, which works to educate Jewish Americans about the differences between political candidates on issues of concern to them, particularly focusing on protecting reproductive rights, separation of church and state and a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Stanley has been actively involved in fundraising for every Democratic presidential nominee since 1987. He received a B.B.A. from George Washington University and a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Dilawar Syed is President of North America Operations at Freshdesk, where he runs the company's North America business overseeing sales, marketing, customer success and partnership efforts. With more than 30,000 customers

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worldwide, Freshdesk is a SaaS market leader in customer management. Prior to joining Freshdesk, Syed was CEO at Yonja Media Group, a social media company, and ran platform strategy and operations at Yahoo! Earlier, Dilawar led several product efforts at Siebel Systems and SAP. He is active in entrepreneurship development and civic causes, and served on President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders from 2009-2013. Syed holds an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Economics and Computer Science from the University of Texas at Austin.

Jessie Ulibarri won his race for a four-year term representing Colorado's Senate District 21 in 2012. In his first year as a legislator, he served as Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. During the 2015 session, he served as Chair of the Joint State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. Additionally, he was named Minority Caucus Chair. Ulibarri graduated from Colorado University, and became the first person in his family to receive a bachelor's degree. He went on to work in non-profit advocacy, and his employment history includes working as a policy fellow with the office of Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-Illinois), as Public Policy Director with the ACLU of Colorado, and as Senior Managing Associate for JVA Consulting.

Randi Weingarten is president of American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, which represents teachers, paraprofessionals and school-related personnel, higher education faculty and staff, nurses and other healthcare professionals, local, state and federal government employees and early childhood educators. Prior to her election as AFT president in 2008, Weingarten served for 12 years as president of the United Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 2. In 2013, the New York Observer named Weingarten one of the most influential New Yorkers of the past 25 years. Washington Life magazine included her on its 2013 Power 100 list of influential leaders. In 2012-2013, Weingarten served on an education reform commission convened by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, which made a series of recommendations to improve teaching and learning. She was appointed to the Equity and Excellence Commission, a federal advisory committee chartered by Congress to examine and make recommendations concerning the disparities in educational opportunities that give rise to the achievement gap. Weingarten holds degrees from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Cardozo School of Law.

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#### **CO-CHAIRS**

Barney Frank served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Massachusetts from 1981 to 2013. A member of the Democratic Party, he served as chairman of the House Financial Services Committee (2007–2011) and was a leading co-sponsor of the 2010 Dodd–Frank Act, a sweeping reform of the U.S. financial industry. Frank, a resident of Newton, MA, is considered the most prominent gay politician in the United States. In July 2012, he married his long-time partner, James Ready, becoming the first member of Congress to marry someone of the same sex while in office. Frank graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Leticia Van de Putte served as a co-chair of the 2008 Democratic National Convention. She represented the 26th District in the Texas Senate from 1999–2015. On January 8, 2013, Van de Putte was elected President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate's 83rd Regular Session. From 1991 to 1999, Van de Putte was a member of the Texas House of Representatives. She attended the University of Houston pharmacy program, and then became a Kellogg Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1993.

#### **VICE CHAIRS**

Maria Cardona is a Principal at Dewey Square Group (DSG) in Washington, DC, leading the Multicultural and Public Affairs Practices. She is also the founder of Latinovations, and is a CNN/CNN en Español political contributor. Before joining DSG, Cardona led the New Democrat Network's (NDN) nationwide outreach initiative with Hispanics as a Senior Vice President. Her government and political background includes service as Director of Communications for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and five years at the Department of Commerce, first as Deputy Press Secretary and later as Press Secretary. She also served as Communications Director for the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2003. Cardona is a graduate of Duke University.

Michael Coleman served as the Mayor of Columbus, Ohio, from 2000 to 2015. Coleman was the first African American to be elected mayor of the capital city. As mayor, he revitalized the downtown district, improved city services, and promoted volunteer and mentorship programs in the city. Prior to becoming mayor, Coleman served as President of the Columbus City Council from 1997 to 1999, and as a Council member from 1992 to 1999. Coleman graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 with a degree in Political Science. He earned his law degree from the University of Dayton Law School in 1980.

Leonard Forsman has served as chairman of the Suquamish Tribe since 2005. He is also a member of the state Board on Geographic Names and the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. He was director of the Suquamish Museum from 1984 to 1990, and has served on the Museum's Board of Directors since 2010. He was a research archaeologist for Larson Anthropological/Archaeological Services in Seattle from 1992 to 2003. Forsman has a bachelor of arts in anthropology from the University of Washington and a master of arts in historic preservation from Goucher College.

Smita Shah is a licensed Professional Engineer, a LEED Accredited Professional, and is the President and Chief Executive Officer of SPAAN Tech, Inc., an engineering and construction management firm based in Chicago. Shah's professional achievements were recognized in 2011 when she was given the National Community Leader Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), where she serves as an active member both locally and nationally. Shah serves as the Chairman of the Delhi-Chicago Sister Cities Committee, and has led a trade mission to India with Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley to promote economic, cultural and social exchanges between the cities. She serves in leadership roles in several Indian American community organizations, both in Chicago and nationally. In recognition of her work on behalf of the Indian-American community, she received the 2007 Ellis Island Medal of Honor - an award sponsored by the National Ethnic Coalition Organization, honoring those "who changed the fabric of America." Shah is involved in a number of community and civic commitments, including the Council on Foreign Relations and the Steppenwolf Theatre.

#### **MEMBERS**

Stacey Abrams is the House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and State Representative for the 89th House District. She is the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly and is the first African American to lead in the House of Representatives. She was first elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2006 and serves on the Appropriations, Ethics, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules, and Ways & Means committees. Abrams attended Spelman College, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies and was named a Harry S. Truman

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Scholar. She received a Masters from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Dean Aguillen is Senior Vice President of Ogilvy Government Relations in Washington, DC. Aguillen previously served as a senior advisor and Director of Member Services in the Office of Speaker Nancy Pelosi. As a Member of the Speakers staff, he worked closely with many governments in Latin America and traveled extensively throughout the region. Aguillen received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, with double majors in political science and communications, radio-television. He later went on to complete his Master of Arts degree in public communications at the American University in Washington, DC.

Donna Christian-Christensen served as the Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives from the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1997-2015. Christian-Christensen is a physician who served as the Medical Director of the St. Croix Hospital from 1987-1988 and as acting Commissioner of Health for the Virgin Islands from 1994-1995. She received her B.S. degree from St. Mary's College and her M.D. from the George Washington School of Medicine. She interned at San Francisco's Pacific Medical Center and performed her residency in family medicine at Howard University Medical Center.

Amanda Cobb-Greetham is Director of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Cobb-Greetham most recently served as an Associate Professor at Oklahoma State University. From 2007 to 2012, she served her tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, as the Administrator of the division of History and Culture. During her tenure, she curated and launched the state-of-the-art Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, OK. Cobb-Greetham is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a doctorate in English.

Shefali Razdan Duggal is an active member of the Human Rights Watch, National Advisory Board of Doctors for America, National Advisory Board of Inside Washington, and Advisory Board of Emerge California. Duggal is the Senior Advisor for South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA). She was the past president of Indus Women Leaders and a past board member of Indian American Leadership Initiative. She is currently involved in the Democratic National Committee National Finance Committee; DNC National Co-Chair Women's Leadership Forum; Presidential Appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, term expiring January 15, 2018; National Board of Directors, Emily's List, and various U.S. Senate and Congressional campaigns. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication (minor in Political Science) and a Masters of Arts degree in Political Communication from New York University.

Johnny DuPree currently serves as the first African American mayor of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and has held this role since 2001. During his tenure, Hattiesburg has seen a significant decrease in crime and an unemployment rate lower than the statewide average. He also was instrumental in the response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when Hattiesburg was flooded with thousands of evacuees.

Barbara Effman is Chair of the Broward (FL) Regional Health Planning Council and the Healthy Families Broward Board and is on the Board of the Broward County Unit of the American Cancer Society. She's also President of the West Broward Democratic Club. Effman, is also Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Congress's Southeast Region and previously served as Commissioner for Florida's Commission on the Status of Women. She received a Bachelor of Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an M.P.H from the University of Illinois Medical Center.

Susan G. Esserman is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is Chair of the firm's International Department and serves on the Executive Committee. Esserman previously served as Deputy United State Trade Representative, the second ranking official at USTR, with the standing of Ambassador, and she held three additional senior posts at USTR and the Department of Commerce, including USTR General Counsel, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, and General Counsel of Commerce. She is a graduate of Wellesley College (B.A.) and the University of Michigan Law School (J.D.).

John Estrada is a native Trinidadian who has been senior manager for Lockheed Martin Training Solutions since 2008. Estrada was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the Ambassador to the Caribbean island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. Estrada immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 14 and enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 18. He served for 34 years and held the position of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, the highest-ranking enlisted Marine, from 2003 to 2007. In 2008, after his retirement from the Marine Corps, Estrada publicly endorsed the presidential candidacy of Barack Obama, and spoke at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Estrada earned a B.S. in Business from the online University of Phoenix in 2010.

Javier Gonzales is Mayor of Santa Fe, NM, where he is known for his progressive vision and inclusive style. Prior to his election as Mayor, he served on the Santa Fe County Commission for two terms and was the first Hispanic President of the National Association of Counties. Gonzales is also Vice President of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability for

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Rosemont Realty, where he oversees the greening of office buildings to make them more energy efficient. His leadership, drive and vision led to two successful terms as the Chair of the Democratic Party of New Mexico. Gonzales attended Pojoaque High School, and earned his B.A. in Accounting from New Mexico State University.

Libby Greer is a Partner at Forbes-Tate, and was with Forbes-Tate's predecessor firm, Cauthen Forbes & Williams. Before joining CFW and Forbes-Tate, Greer served nearly eight years as Chief of Staff to Congressman Allen Boyd (D- FL). In that capacity, she directed the legislative and political operations for Boyd, including staff in Washington, DC, and Florida. Prior to joining Boyd's congressional staff, she worked from 1999-2001 as a Senior Finance Consultant with the DC-based firm Kimball Stroud & Associates. Her clients included numerous Members of Congress, Senators, and Gubernatorial candidates, as well as the non-profit Citizenship Education Fund and the Creative Coalition. Ms. Greer's first job in politics was as Field Director for the Alabama Democratic Party. Ms. Greer has a B.A. in English from Birmingham-Southern College, where she graduated with a Distinction in Leadership Studies in 1998.

Dolores Huerta is the co-founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) with Cesar Chavez. Huerta stepped down from the UFW in 1999, but she continues her work to improve the lives of workers, immigrants and women. She briefly worked as an elementary school teacher. Huerta saw that her students, many of them children of farm workers, were living in poverty without enough food to eat or other basic necessities. To help, she became one of the founders of the Stockton chapter of the Community Services Organization (CSO). The CSO worked to improve social and economic conditions for farm workers and to fight discrimination. In the early 1950s, she completed a teaching degree at Delta Community College, part of the University of the Pacific.

Saif Khan serves as Founder & Managing Director of Khanections, LLC. He founded Khanections in 2011 to connect senior military leaders, veterans and other dignitaries to professional and civic opportunities after separating or retiring from military service. Prior to forming Khanections, he served as Deputy Director and Senior Advisor to Mission: Readiness, a non-profit organization of senior military leaders he helped launch. Khan is an Iraq War Veteran, having served as a Combat Engineer in Mosul, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 - 2005. Since returning from Iraq, he has been a strong advocate for veterans rights and benefits. In 2012, Khan was selected as Partner by the Truman National Security Project and was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award after interning at the Corporation for National and Community Service. In 2013, he was nominated to the American Council of Young Political Leaders and selected by Diplomatic Courier and Young Professionals in Foreign Policy as one of the 99 most influential foreign policy leaders under 33. Khan graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia with a degree in Political Science in 2007 and currently completing his law degree at The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC.

Dale LeFebvre is the founder and Chair of 3.5.7.11, a Washington, DC-based holding company that invests in and strengthens suppliers of leading companies by enabling management, strengthening business process and systems, and supporting growth. He has been active in public service as well, beginning as an intern on the staff of Senator Edward Kennedy while he was in college at MIT. He later served on the Board of the National Urban League and continues to be involved as a Board Member Emeritus. LeFebvre earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from MIT, an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Ann F. Lewis served in the White House from 1997 -2000 as Director of Communications and then Counselor to President Bill Clinton. She was Director of Communications and Deputy Campaign Manager for the Clinton-Gore Re-Election Campaign in 1995- 1996, and Senior Advisor to the campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton for U.S. Senate in 2000. Lewis previously served as Vice President for Public Policy at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She has served as the National Director of Americans for Democratic Action, the Political Director for the Democratic National Committee, and Chief of Staff to then Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski. She received her undergraduate degree from Radcliffe College.

Terry L. Lierman served as the Chief of Staff to the House of Representatives Majority Leader and Democratic Whip Congressman Steny Hoyer. Lierman began his career in the health field at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), where he assisted in budget and policy development, grants, and contracts. Over the last four decades he has combined his entrepreneurial and political talents in a variety of ventures including serving as a Director of Global Virus Network (GVN), Council for a Livable World and Peace PAC. Lierman received an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, a B.A. from Winona State University and attended the University of Minnesota.

Tanya Lombard is Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs for AT&T in Washington, DC. Prior to joining AT&T, she was a principal at Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart. From 2001-2008, Lombard was Director of Government Affairs at Attria and from 1997-2001, she worked at the White House, where she served as Special Assistant to the President and Southern Political Director. Lombard received a B.A. in Political Science from Xavier University and is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Government Management Program.

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Regina Montoya is a Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Children's Medical Center of Dallas. In her role at Children's, Montoya oversees several major departments, including legal affairs, governance, governmental relations/advocacy and community relations. She's served in the White House as an Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1998, she was nominated by President Clinton to serve as a U.S. Representative to the 53rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Montoya earned her B.A. from Wellesley College, where she is a Trustee Emerita, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III serves as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL. Prior to joining the pastoral staff at Trinity United Church of Christ, Moss served as pastor of the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia. He served as host of the "Day1 Diner" segments produced by Faith & Values Media for the Hallmark Channel. Moss received his B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Morehouse College, where he served as Student Government President. He continued graduate work at Yale University and was awarded the FTE Benjamin Elijah Mays Scholarship in Religion and the Yale University Magee Fellowship. Moss is one of the few African Americans to receive this award in the schools' 300-year history. Moss graduated from Yale with a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Ethics and Theology.

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden is General President of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. He began his career with IUPAT upon graduating from California State University in San Jose in 1977. He immediately enrolled in the floor covering apprenticeship training program of Local Union 1288, and received certificates of completion from the IUPAT's International Joint Apprenticeship Training Fund and the State of California Division of Apprenticeship Standards in 1980. In 1986, Rigmaiden was elected as Local 1288's Business Representative and focused his career on labor relations. He was selected to serve as a General Representative in 1996. His duties in this post included labor management relations, contract administration, grievance and arbitration, organizing, education and training in 18 western states. In 1997, he continued his education by earning a degree in labor studies from the George Meany Center/Antioch University. Rigmaiden also served as the National Project Coordinator for the IUPAT Job Corps Program. Rigmaiden was elevated to the position of Executive General Vice President for IUPAT in 2002. He serves as a trustee on the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, and a member of the Board of Directors of several AFL-CIO constituency and allied groups.

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin served as South Dakota's lone member of the United States House of Representatives from 2004-2011. Throughout her tenure in the House, Sandlin pushed for alternative energy legislation on the Natural Resources Committee. She championed renewable biofuels and wind technology, a potential energy boon for a windy state such as South Dakota, tax incentives for biofuel plants, and expanding the number of American-manufactured ethanol-based vehicles. In 2003 and 2004, she served as the executive director of the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation. She earned a B.A. in government from Georgetown University and her J.D. four years later, also from Georgetown with honors and was a senior editor of the *Georgetown Law Review*. Sandlin is currently General Counsel and Vice President of Corporate Development at Raven Industries.

Bakari T. Sellers is a contributor to CNN and served in the South Carolina legislature from 2006 – 2014. Sellers has worked for U.S. Congressman James Clyburn and former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin and has had extensive leadership experience working for the Democratic Leadership Council, and Obama for America. He graduated from Morehouse College where he was elected Student Government Association President and served on the College's Board of Trustees. After graduating from Morehouse College, Sellers attended the University Of South Carolina School of Law, where he graduated in 2008.

Michael Tate served as the Chair of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin from 2009 until 2015. Tate served as the Deputy State Director of America Coming Together in 2004 and was the Wisconsin State Director of Dean for America. He served as the Regional Political Director for AFSCME Council 40, and was the State Field Director for Falk for Governor. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sidney Topol was a contributor to several key developments in the telecommunications industries in the latter half of the twentieth century. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an Army Air Corps radar specialist, Topol later became an engineer and executive at Raytheon and later Scientific-Atlanta. Topol's expertise in microwave systems led to the development of the first effective portable television relay links, allowing broadcasts from even remote areas. His foray into satellite technologies in the 1960s provided the foundation for building the emerging cable television industry, permitting the transmission of transoceanic television broadcasts. Topol also played a pivotal role in the development of international telecommunications trade policies and the promotion of high definition television (HDTV). Topol has been engaged in philanthropic work, contributing to the educational and cultural life in Boston and Atlanta, and he sits on the boards of WGBH-TV and Americans for Peace Now.

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Wellington E. Webb is the first African American Mayor of Denver, and he served from 1991 to 2003. He is the former President of the Democratic Mayors and the past President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and National Conference of Black Mayors. He lectures frequently on civic issues and was a guest lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. In 1972, Webb was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, representing his boyhood home in northeast Denver. In 1977, Webb was selected by President Jimmy Carter to serve as Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare. In 1981, Colorado Governor Richard Lamm appointed Webb to his cabinet as Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Webb was elected Denver City Auditor in 1987, and served until 1991, when he was elected Mayor.