



Biden Administration

Key Policy and Health Policy Personnel

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[Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President-Elect](#), was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Delaware and Syracuse Law School and served on the New Castle County Council. At age 29, he became one of the youngest people ever elected to the United States Senate. As a Senator from Delaware, Vice President Biden served as Chairman or Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for 17 years and was widely recognized for his work on criminal justice issues. He also served as Chairman or Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for 12 years, where he worked to shape U.S. foreign policy. During his time as the 47th Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden worked to reduce gun violence, address violence against women, and launch the Cancer Moonshot Research Initiative. Vice President Biden lost his first wife Neilia and his 13-month-old daughter Naomi in a car accident in 1972. His two sons, Beau and Hunter survived the crash. Beau went on to become Attorney General of the state of Delaware and also served honorably in the Iraq War, earning the Bronze Star. He died of brain cancer in 2015. Hunter graduated Yale Law School and pursued a career in banking and finance, drawing scrutiny from President-Elect Biden's political opponents. In 1977, Joe Biden remarried and he and Jill, a life-long educator, had a daughter, Ashley in 1981. Joe and Jill Biden have five grandchildren: Naomi, Finnegan, Roberta Mabel ("Maisy"), Natalie, and Robert Hunter.

[Kamala D. Harris, Vice President-Elect](#), was sworn in as a United States Senator for California in 2017, the second African-American woman and first South Asian-American senator in history. She serves on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on the Budget. After earning an undergraduate degree from Howard University and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings, she began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. In 2003, Kamala became the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco. Having completed two terms as the District Attorney of San Francisco, Harris was elected to serve as California's Attorney General. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Doug Emhoff, and is stepmother to Ella and Cole Emhoff.

Transition Team

Ted Kaufman, transition co-chair, is a former Delaware senator.

Anita Dunn, transition co-chair, was a senior campaign adviser.

Michelle Lujan Grisham, transition co-chair, is the governor of New Mexico.

Cedric Richmond, transition co-chair, is a Louisiana congressman.

Jeff Zients, transition co-chair, is the former director of the White House National Economic Council.

Yohannes Abraham, transition staffer, was the top aide to President Barack Obama's senior advisor Valerie Jarrett.

Avril Haines, transition staffer, was principal deputy national security advisor in the Obama White House and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Evan Ryan, transition staffer, formerly worked for the media company Axios as an executive vice president after leaving the Obama administration.

Gautam Raghavan, transition staffer, previously worked as chief of staff to U.S. congresswoman Pramila Jayapal.

Angela Ramirez, transition staffer, previously worked as chief of staff for New Mexico Democratic congressman Ben Ray Luján.

Julie Siegel, transition staffer, has served as Senator Elizabeth Warren's senior economic policy counsel and banking counsel dating back to 2017.

Tanya Bradsher, transition staffer, has worked on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in the U.S. Army.

Suzy George, transition staffer, was previously deputy assistant to President Barack Obama and executive secretary and chief of staff of the White House National Security Council.

Don Graves, transition staffer, previously served as Vice President Joe Biden's domestic and economic policy director.

Jessica Hertz, transition general counsel, was previously a partner at the law firm Jenner & Block and principal deputy counsel to then-Vice President Biden.

Cynthia Hogan, transition staffer, is a former Apple executive and later supported the Biden campaign in vetting vice presidential candidates.

Tara McGuinness, transition staffer, joined the Obama White House in 2013 to drive the communication effort around the Affordable Care Act.

Cecilia Muñoz, transition staffer, was the first Hispanic director of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Darla Pomeroy, transition staffer, was previously on the board of directors for the Biden Foundation. She was a staff assistant on the Senate Judiciary Committee in the late 1980s when then Senator Biden was chairman.

Julie Margetta Morgan, transition staffer, is a veteran of Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign and comes to the President Elect's staff from the Roosevelt Institute.

Joelle Gamble, transition staffer, is a board member of the Roosevelt Institute and a principal at Omidyar Network.

Cameron French, transition spokesperson, was the top spokesman for the Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Obama administration, where he worked for then-Secretary Julián Castro.

Tony Allen, transition advisory board member, is the president of Delaware State University.

Jared Bernstein, transition advisory board member, is a senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Pete Buttigieg, transition advisory board member, is the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

Leslie Caldwell, transition advisory board member, is the former assistant attorney general.

Mark Gitenstein, transition advisory board member, is the former U.S. ambassador to Romania.

Cecilia Martinez, transition advisory board member, is the executive director for Earth, Energy and Democracy.

Bob McDonald, transition advisory board member, is the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Minyon Moore, transition advisory board member, previously served as a Clinton White House official.

Vivek Murthy, transition advisory board member, is the Former Surgeon General of the United States.

Susan Rice, transition advisory board member, is a former Obama national security adviser.

Teresa Romero, transition advisory board member, is the president of United Farm Workers.

Catherine Russell, transition advisory board member, is the former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.

Lonnie Stephenson, transition advisory board member, is the international president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Felicia Wong, transition advisory board member, is the president and CEO of the Roosevelt Institute.

Sally Yates, transition advisory board member, is a former acting attorney general.

Cindy McCain, wife of late GOP Senator John McCain, is also a **transition advisory board member**.

Department of Health and Human Services Agency Review Team

Agency review teams are responsible for understanding the operations of each agency, ensuring a smooth transfer of power, and preparing for President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris and their cabinet to hit the ground running on Day One.

Name	Most Recent Employment
Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Team Lead	Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, LLP
Robert Gordon, Team Lead	State of Michigan, Department of Health & Human Services
Kathryn Alvarez	The Aspen Institute
John Auerbach	Trust for America's Health
Lisa Barclay	Boies Schiller Flexner, LLP
Sonya Bernstein	NYC Health + Hospitals
Sarah Bianchi	Evercore ISI
Jonathan Blum	Health Management Associates
Lu Borio	In-Q-Tel
Perrie Briskin	University of California, Berkeley
Elizabeth Cameron	Nuclear Threat Initiative
Danielle Carnival	I AM ALS
Ken Choe	Hogan Lovells, LLP
Henry Claypool	Self-employed
Jose Cordero	University of Georgia
Sarah Despres	Pew Charitable Trusts
Eliot Fishman	Families USA
Cristal Gary	AMITA Health
Mark Greenberg	Migration Policy Institute
Mina Hsiang	Devoted Health
Tom Inglesby	Johns Hopkins University
David C. Kaslow	PATH
Natalie Kates	Alloy
Rebecca Katz	Georgetown University
David Kessler	University of California, San Francisco
Jeremy Konyndyk	Center for Global Development
Tim Manning	Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii – Pacific Disaster Center
Anna Martinez	State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families, Division on Women
Julie Morgan	Roosevelt Institute
Vivek Murthy	Self-employed
Sarah Nolan	Service Employees International Union
Yngvild Olsen	Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc.
Edwin Park	Georgetown University
Sharon Parrott	Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
Chuck Peck	Guidehouse, Inc.
Sherice Perry	Biden for President
Anne Reid	Co-Equal

Name	Most Recent Employment
Geoff Roth	Self-employed
Meena Seshamani	MedStar Health
Cyrus Shahpar	Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies
Marcella Nunez-Smith	Yale University
Mary Wakefield	University of Texas at Austin
Jeff Zients	The Cranemere Group

Nominations Team

Jen Psaki, who served as the White House Communications Director under President Barack Obama, will oversee President-Elect Biden’s confirmations team. **Olivia Alair Dalton**, a former aide to Biden in the Senate, will lead the communications strategy, and **Reema Dodin**, the floor director for Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin, will lead legislative strategy. **Jorge Neri**, a former senior adviser to Biden's campaign, will be deputy outreach director for confirmations. Others joining the team include **Andrew Bates**, the rapid response director for Biden's campaign; **Sean Savett**, former rapid response director on Pete Buttigieg's campaign; and **Saloni Sharma**, former deputy communications director for Elizabeth Warren's campaign. The team is also coordinating with **Stephanie Valencia**, who is handling the Biden transition team outreach, and **Louisa Terrell**, former Deputy Chief of Staff for then-Senator Biden and former Chief of Staff for Senator Corey Booker is in charge of congressional affairs for the transition.

Climate Nominees and Appointees

[Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior](#), has spent her career fighting for families, including in tribal nations, rural communities, and communities of color. She is the Vice Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and will make history as the first Native American Interior Secretary and the first-ever Native American Cabinet Secretary.

[Fmr. Governor Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of the Energy](#), worked with President-elect Biden on job-creating clean energy investments that helped recover and diversify Michigan’s economy in the great recession. She worked with the Obama-Biden Administration to save one million auto jobs, and envisions clean energy investments and deployments that create millions of good union jobs and support a stronger, more inclusive middle class.

[Elizabeth Klein, Deputy Secretary of the Interior](#), is an experienced leader in clean energy, climate change, and environmental law and policy. Most recently, she was Deputy Director of the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at NYU School of Law, which supports state attorneys general in defending our nation’s bedrock environmental values.

[Michael Regan, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator](#), is the current Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality where he created an Environmental Justice and Equity Board. He has served at the EPA under both Democratic and Republican presidents — leading initiatives to improve energy efficiency and air quality and mitigate pollution. He is the former Associate Vice President of the Environmental Defense Fund.

[Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Policy](#), is an accomplished public servant and environmental lawyer, who served as a top EPA lawyer and as CEQ Chief Counsel in the Obama-Biden

administration. She currently serves as Director of Regulatory Policy at the Southern Environmental Law Center. She would be the first African American to hold the position since its creation more than half a century ago.

[Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator of the EPA](#), is an environmental law and policy expert, currently serving as a Professor of Practice at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, where she started as Assistant Director for Policy and Implementation in 2017.

Domestic Nominees and Appointees

[Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture](#), was confirmed by unanimous consent in the Senate as in 2009 to serve as Secretary of Agriculture. He oversaw record-breaking investments in rural communities, secured vital improvements to the nation’s school meal system, and led a successful campaign to increase food safety standards during the Obama-Biden Administration.

[Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development](#), will be the first woman to lead HUD in more than 40 years and the second Black woman to lead the Department. She is a longtime champion of affordable housing, urban revitalization, infrastructure investment, and other reforms to enhance the safety, prosperity, and sustainability of American communities.

[Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs](#), was the White House Chief of Staff, Deputy National Security Advisor, and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council during the Obama-Biden Administration. While on the National Security Council, McDonough made a point of going into the field regularly to meet directly with service members in Afghanistan and Iraq.

[Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation](#), is the former Mayor of South Bend, Indiana, where he secured \$200 million in private investment in downtown South Bend, sparking citywide job growth and facilitating innovative public-private partnerships to improve the city’s transportation. He launched a “Smart Streets” initiative that brought new life to what was once called a dying city — revitalizing the city, redesigning the streets, and spurring major economic investment. He would make history as the first openly gay person confirmed to lead a Cabinet department in our nation’s history.

[Dr. Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education](#), is a former fourth-grade public school teacher who became the youngest principal in the state and, later, an assistant superintendent of schools in his hometown of Meriden, Connecticut. As Connecticut education commissioner, his leadership helped make Connecticut the first state in the nation to ensure that every one of its public school students has a laptop and a high-speed internet connection to engage in remote learning.

[Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture](#), was appointed the 16th Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in 2018 by Governor Ralph Northam. She previously served as the Virginia State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe and then-U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack in July 2015. Prior to being appointed to FSA, she served as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Virginia State University (VSU) with oversight of Extension, Research and Academic Programs. Previously she was the Associate Administrator for Extension Programs and a 4-H Extension Specialist. Dr. Bronaugh would be the first woman of color to serve as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

[Cindy Marten, Deputy Secretary of Education](#), has served as Superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District since 2013 after being unanimously selected by the Board of Education. She directed implementation of the district's Vision 2020 initiative, committing to a meaningful graduation for all students with the district achieving the highest graduation rate among big-city districts in California and the fastest reading growth of large urban districts nationwide in 2019.

[Polly Trottenberg, Deputy Secretary of Transportation](#), is a nationally recognized transportation leader with federal, state, and city experience. Trottenberg previously served in the Obama-Biden administration as the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy and Under Secretary for Policy at USDOT. For the last seven years, she has served as New York City's Transportation Commissioner, running a complex 5,800-person agency that operates New York City's transportation network of roadways, bridges, traffic and parking systems, the Staten Island Ferry, and extensive bicycle, pedestrian and public plaza infrastructure.

[Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative](#), served as chief lawyer on trade for the House Ways and Means Committee. She has deep experience in trade policy, including service in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and serving as Chief Counsel for China Trade Enforcement. She would be the first Asian American and first woman of color to serve as U.S. Trade Representative.

Economy Nominees and Appointees

[Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury](#): If confirmed, Janet Yellen would be the first person to have served as Treasury Secretary, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Chair of the Federal Reserve. She would also be the first woman to lead the Treasury Department in its 231-year history.

[Governor Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce](#) was the first woman elected as governor of Rhode Island — known as an innovative and effective leader who brought her state back from a time when they faced the worst unemployment rate of any state in the nation. She launched statewide workforce training programs to prepare her constituents for the 21st century economy and created a small business loan program that has empowered Rhode Island entrepreneurs — more than half women or people of color — to get new businesses up and running.

[Mayor Marty Walsh, Secretary of Labor](#): While Mayor of Boston, he has fought for a \$15 minimum wage and paid family leave. As a champion for workers, he has the relationships and deep experience necessary to usher in a new era of worker power. He joined the Laborers' Union Local 223 at age 21, later becoming president of the union and led the Boston Metropolitan District Building Trades Council.

[Neera Tanden, Director of the Office of Management and Budget](#): Her career has focused on pursuing policies designed to support working families, foster broad-based economic growth, and curb rampant inequality. She relied on food stamps and Section 8 housing as a child — a social safety net that offered her single mother the foundation she needed to land a good job and punch her family's ticket to the middle class. She would be the first woman of color and first South Asian American to lead the OMB.

[Isabel Guzman, Small Business Administrator](#) was Director of California's Office of the Small Business Advocate. She is currently helping to coordinate California's economic recovery plan amid the

COVID-19 crisis, and previously served as senior advisor and deputy chief of staff of the SBA during the Obama-Biden Administration.

[Cecilia Rouse, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers](#), is a former member of the Obama-Biden Council of Economic Advisers, and dean of the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. If confirmed, she will become the first African American woman to lead the Council of Economic Advisers in the 74 years of its existence.

[Wally Adeyemo, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury](#), served in the Obama-Biden administration as Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Deputy National Security Advisor. He was the first Chief of Staff of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and is the current president of the Obama Foundation.

[Don Graves, Deputy Secretary of Commerce](#) is a trusted advisor to President-elect Biden, and spent years advising him on jobs and the economy during the Obama-Biden Administration. He served as Executive Director of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development and Housing Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the Obama-Biden Administration, and was the Obama-Biden Administration's point person on the city of Detroit, where he worked with municipal, state, business, non-profit, and community stakeholders as the city worked through its bankruptcy and began its recovery.

[Shalanda Young, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget](#), a native of Baton Rouge, La., serves as Staff Director and Clerk for the House Appropriations Committee. As Staff Director, she has overseen \$1.4 trillion in annual federal funding for programs ranging from children and families to infrastructure, to defense, diplomacy, and development. In addition, Young has played a key role in shaping coronavirus relief legislation and other emergency bills responding to natural disasters.

[Jason Miller, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget](#), is an accomplished leader in the public, non-profit, and private sectors who served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council in the Obama-Biden White House. During his seven years in the Administration, Miller led a wide range of initiatives to create American jobs. He was the White House lead for manufacturing policy, created the ManufacturingUSA program and its 16 successful institutes, and shaped the development of historic fuel efficiency standards through 2025. Miller led the White House's efforts for Puerto Rico, culminating in bipartisan legislation to stem the economic and fiscal crisis. He also spearheaded surface and aviation transportation and infrastructure policy initiatives.

[Rohit Chopra, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#), is a Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission. He has actively advocated to promote fair, competitive markets that protect families and honest businesses from abuses. Commissioner Chopra was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in 2018, and he has pushed for aggressive remedies against lawbreaking companies, especially repeat offenders. Together with state and international law enforcement partners, he has worked to increase scrutiny of dominant technology firms that pose risks to privacy, national security, and fair competition.

[Gary Gensler, Chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission](#), served as chairman of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission from 2009 to 2014, leading the Obama-Biden Administration's reform of the \$400 trillion swaps market. He was senior advisor to U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes in writing the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and was Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance from 1999 to 2001 and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Markets from 1997 to 1999. Gensler was Chairman of the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission from 2017 to 2019.

[Jared Bernstein, Member of the Council of Economic Advisers](#), served as Vice-President Biden's Chief Economist during in the first years of the Obama-Biden Administration. He is a former social worker, with a distinguished career in economics, putting working people at the center of his work and advocacy.

[Heather Boushey, Member of the Council of Economic Advisers](#): The core of her work as an economist centers on the intersection between economic inequality, growth, and public policy. She was raised in a union family, and believes our economy is strongest when it offers dignity and respect to all workers and families.

Health Nominees and Appointees

[Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services](#), helped pass the Affordable Care Act as a Congressman. He led the defense of the Affordable Care Act in the Supreme Court as California Attorney General. If confirmed, he would be the first Latino to lead the Department of Health and Human Services.

[Andrea Palm, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services](#), is Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), overseeing one of the largest state agencies as a member of Governor Tony Evers' cabinet. In this role, she has responsibility for the state's Medicaid program, its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and behavioral health programs, among others. Palm has been leading the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Dr. Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health at the United States Department of Health and Human Services](#), is currently the Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. She is the President of ASTHO, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and the Academy for Eating Disorders.

[Dr. Vivek Murthy, Surgeon General](#), served as Surgeon General in the Obama-Biden Administration, making him uniquely qualified to lead as America's Doctor. He held the rank of Vice Admiral of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and was a Co-Chair of President-elect Biden's COVID-19 Advisory Board.

[Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), is the Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She conducted influential research on HIV/AIDS, making her one of the nation's leading experts on virus testing, prevention, and treatment. She has served on the frontline of the pandemic in Massachusetts, and conducted research on vaccine delivery and strategies to reach underserved communities.

[Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, COVID-19 Equity Task Force Chair](#), is the founding director of Yale's Equity Research and Innovation Center, focused on addressing inequities in our health care system. She is the Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the Yale School of Medicine. She is among America's foremost experts on health disparities and outcomes, and a Co-Chair of President-elect Biden's COVID-19 Advisory Board.

[Dr. Anthony Fauci, Chief Medical Adviser on COVID-19 to the President](#), is America's preeminent expert on infectious diseases and an adviser to six U.S. presidents. He will remain an essential voice in informing the public about health risks and safety measures. Fauci will help the scientific community, the Biden-Harris administration, and local officials overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

Justice Nominees and Appointees

[Judge Merrick Garland, Attorney General](#), currently serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, where he was Chief Judge for seven years. He is a veteran of the Department of Justice and served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division and Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General.

[Lisa Monaco, Deputy Attorney General](#), served in the Department of Justice for fifteen years, spending the majority of her time as a career federal prosecutor. She was the first woman confirmed as Assistant Attorney General for National Security and served as White House Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor and has demonstrated that public service is about service to the American people, successfully prosecuting a range of cases from violent crime to fraud and public corruption.

[Vanita Gupta, Associate Attorney General](#), served as Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division from 2014-2017. She is one of the most respected civil rights attorneys in America, and former chief civil rights prosecutor for the United States. The Indian-American daughter of immigrants, Gupta would be the first woman of color to serve in this role.

[Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division](#), served in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice, where she handled cases of hate crimes, human trafficking, police misconduct, voting rights, and redistricting cases. She is the current president and executive director of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

National Security Nominees and Appointees

[Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State](#), served as Deputy Secretary of State during the Obama-Biden administration, the nation's second highest ranking diplomat. He has previously held top foreign affairs posts on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in the State Department.

[General Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Defense](#), is a retired four-star General with more than 40 years of military service. He worked with President-elect Biden to bring our troops home from Iraq, and was the chief architect of the military campaign to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. He would be the first African American Secretary of Defense.

[Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security](#), served as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security under the Obama-Biden administration. If confirmed, he would be the first immigrant and Latino to lead the Department of Homeland Security.

[Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence](#), is the Former Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and Legal Advisor to the National Security Council. She was the first woman to serve as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

[Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations](#), is a 35-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service who has served on four continents. She served as the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs under the Obama-Biden administration, and has served in diplomatic positions for the U.S. for Liberia, Switzerland, Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica.

[Ambassador William J. Burns, CIA Director](#), is a career diplomat who served Democratic and Republican presidents in the U.S. Foreign Service for 33 years. He served as Deputy Secretary of State, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, U.S. Ambassador to Russia, and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, among other senior national security positions and has received three Presidential Distinguished Service Awards and the highest civilian honors from the Pentagon and the U.S. intelligence community.

[David S. Cohen, Deputy Director of the CIA](#), is a national security, finance and legal expert currently leading WilmerHale's Business and Financial Integrity Group. From 2015 to 2017, Cohen served as Deputy Director of the CIA. In that role, Cohen helped manage the Agency's domestic and worldwide operations, oversee strategic modernization of the Agency, and lead foreign intelligence collection, analysis, and action. He directed special projects on new technologies and how best to work with companies to advance the CIA's mission. At the end of his tenure, Cohen was awarded the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the CIA's highest honor.

[Samantha Power, Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#), is a crisis-tested public servant and coalition-builder who represented the United States as US Ambassador to the U.N. She marshalled international commitments to confront the Ebola epidemic, climate change, corruption, and the global refugee crisis, and served on the National Security Council staff as Senior Director and Special Assistant to the President for Human Rights and Multilateral Affairs. She immigrated to the U.S. from Ireland and previously worked as a journalist, human rights advocate, and academic.

[Deanne Criswell, FEMA Administrator](#), is an accomplished emergency management and disaster planning and response leader, with federal, city, military, and private sector experience. Appointed in 2019, Criswell currently serves as the Commissioner of the New York City Emergency Management Department, leading the coordination of NYC's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic and overseeing the City's efforts to plan and prepare for emergencies, distributing emergency preparedness information to the public, and organizing emergency response and recovery.

[Fmr. Secretary of State John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate](#), signed the Paris Climate Agreement on behalf of the United States in 2015. He launched a bipartisan organization with the goal of reaching net-zero carbon in the U.S. by 2050, and was the 68th United States Secretary of State under President Barack Obama. He served as U.S. Senator from Massachusetts between 1985 – 2013.

[Dr. Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Secretary of State](#), is a former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Forces and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. She received distinguished service awards from three Secretaries of Defense and a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Currently leads the Biden-Harris Transition’s Defense Agency Review Team and would become the first woman confirmed to serve as Deputy Secretary of Defense.

[Dr. Colin Kahl, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy](#), is a long-time national security advisor to President-elect Biden, serving as Deputy Assistant to President Obama and National Security Advisor to then-Vice President Biden. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East and was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service by Secretary Robert Gates.

[Dr. Bonnie Jenkins, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs](#), is the founder and executive director of the Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation (WCAPS). She previously coordinated threat reduction programs in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation at the State Department, and served as U.S. representative to the G-7 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.

[Brian P. McKeon, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources](#), is a long-time foreign policy advisor to President-elect Biden. He previously served as Deputy National Security Advisor to then-Vice President Biden, Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff for the National Security Council, and Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He worked for over 20 years for then-Senator Biden, including 12 years as the Democratic Chief Counsel of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

[Ambassador Victoria Nuland, Under Secretary for Political Affairs](#), has been a U.S. diplomat for 32 years, working for five U.S. presidents and nine Secretaries of State of both political parties. She served as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs under President Obama and Secretary Kerry, and previously served as State Department Spokesperson during Secretary Clinton’s tenure, and U.S. Ambassador to NATO under President George W. Bush.

[Ambassador Wendy R. Sherman, Deputy Secretary of State](#), was the first woman to serve as Undersecretary for Political Affairs and will be the first woman to serve as Deputy Secretary of State if confirmed. She led the U.S. negotiating team in the Iran talks, and was awarded the National Security Medal by President Obama for her diplomatic achievements.

[Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights](#), served as Chargé d’Affaires and Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Paris from 2014 to 2017. She previously served as Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. She joined the Foreign Service in 1990, serving in New Delhi, Muscat, Damascus, Cairo, and Kingston, and was most recently CEO and President of the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Science Nominees and Appointees

[Eric S. Lander, Ph.D., OSTP Director and Presidential Science Advisor](#), is one of the principal leaders of the Human Genome Project. He is the founder, president, and director of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard – one of the leading nonprofit genomic research institutes in the world, and served as

co-chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology during the Obama-Biden Administration.

[Alondra Nelson, Ph.D., OSTP Deputy Director for Science and Society](#), is President of the Social Science Research Council and Harold F. Linder Chair in the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study. She is an expert in the intersection of science, policy, and social inequality.

[Francis H. Arnold, Ph.D., Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology](#), was the first American woman to receive a Nobel Prize in Chemistry. She is currently the Linus Pauling Professor of Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering, and Biochemistry and Director of the Rosen Bioengineering Center at the California Institute of Technology.

[Maria Zuber, Ph.D., Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology](#), is the E. A. Griswold Professor of Geophysics and Vice President for Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She was the first woman to lead a NASA spacecraft mission and the first woman to lead a science department at MIT.

[Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the National Institutes of Health](#), will continue in his role as Director of the National Institutes of Health. He was appointed the 16th Director of the NIH by President Barack Obama, confirmed by the Senate, and sworn in on August 17, 2009. On June 6, 2017, President Donald Trump selected Collins to continue to serve as the NIH Director. Collins oversees the world's largest supporter of biomedical research, spanning basic to clinical research. He plays a pivotal role in the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Kei Koizumi, OSTP Chief of Staff](#), is the Lead for the National Science Foundation Agency Review team and a member of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Agency Review team on the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to the Transition, he was Senior Advisor for Science Policy at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). In the Obama-Biden administration, Mr. Koizumi was Assistant Director for Federal Research & Development and Senior Advisor to the National Science and Technology Council at OSTP. He was also the OSTP representative to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

[Narda Jones, OSTP Legislative Affairs Director](#), most recently served as the Senior Technology Policy Advisor for the Democratic staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. She started working in the United States Senate in 2014 after spending over a decade in senior roles at the Federal Communications Commission.

White House Senior Staff

[Johannes Abraham, Chief of Staff and Executive Secretary](#), currently serves as the Executive Director of the Biden-Harris Transition, overseeing preparation for the implementation of Biden-Harris policy, personnel, and management priorities. He is also on the faculty of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where he lectures on management. During the Obama-Biden administration, Abraham served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the National Economic Council.

[Kate Bedingfield, White House Communications Director](#), served as Deputy Campaign Manager and Communications Director for the Biden-Harris Campaign. She served as Communications Director for Vice President Biden and as Associate Communications Director, Deputy Director of Media Affairs, and the Director of Response in the Obama-Biden White House.

[Kate Berner, Deputy Director of Communications](#), was the Deputy Communications Director for Messaging for the Biden-Harris campaign. Prior to her role on the campaign, Berner was a Vice President at SKDKnickerbocker, where she helped launch the Biden Foundation and worked in the firm's Supreme Court practice, helping to protect the Affordable Care Act.

[Pili Tobar, Deputy White House Communications Director](#), served as the Communications Director for Coalitions on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before joining the campaign, Tobar served as the Deputy Director for America's Voice, where she advocated on behalf of immigrants. She has also served as the Hispanic Media Director for Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, National Director of Hispanic Media and Western Regional Press Secretary for the Democratic National Committee, Communications Director for Congressman Ruben Gallego, and Communications Director for the Latino Victory Project.

[Dana Remus, White House Counsel](#), served as General Counsel of the Biden-Harris Campaign. Prior to that, she was General Counsel of the Obama Foundation and President and Mrs. Obama's personal office. During the Obama-Biden administration, Remus was the Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Counsel for Ethics.

[Jonathan Cedarbaum, Deputy Counsel to the President and National Security Council Legal Advisor](#), is a partner at WilmerHale, from which he has been on leave since April serving as Senior Counsel for Litigation for the Biden-Harris Campaign. During the Obama-Biden Administration, he served as Deputy Assistant, Principal Deputy Assistant, and Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC).

[Danielle Conley, Deputy Counsel to the President](#), serves as Deputy on the Department of Justice Agency Review Team for the Biden-Harris Transition. She is a partner at WilmerHale, where she co-chairs the firm's Anti-Discrimination practice. During the Obama-Biden administration, Conley served as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice.

[Stuart Delery, Deputy Counsel to the President](#), is a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Delery served as Acting Associate Attorney General of the United States, the third-ranking position at the Department of Justice, and was the most senior openly-LGBTQ official in DOJ history. Previously, Delery was the Senate-confirmed Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division and supervised the legal defense of Congressional statutes, including the Affordable Care Act, and agency actions.

[Jonathan Su, Deputy Counsel to the President](#), is the Deputy Office Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office of Latham & Watkins LLP, where he is also a partner in the White Collar Defense & Investigations practice. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Su served as Special Counsel to the President. Prior to his time at the White House, Su was a federal prosecutor at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland.

[Brian Deese, Director of the National Economic Council](#), played a key role in engineering the rescue of the U.S. auto industry and in negotiating the landmark Paris Climate Agreement during the Obama-Biden Administration. He is a former Senior Advisor to President Obama, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Deputy Director and Acting Director of OMB during the Obama-Biden Administration.

[David Kamin, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council](#), is Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. Prior to joining NYU, Kamin served in the Obama-Biden White House as Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and also worked as special assistant, and later adviser, to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

[Sameera Fazili, Deputy Director, National Economic Council](#), is the Economic Agency lead on the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to her role she was at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta where she served as the Director of Engagement for Community and Economic Development. In the Obama-Biden Administration, Fazili served as a senior policy advisor on the White House's National Economic Council and as a senior advisor at the U.S. Treasury Department in both Domestic Finance and International Affairs.

[Bharat Ramamurti, Deputy Director for the National Economic Council for Financial Reform and Consumer Protection](#), is the Managing Director of the Corporate Power program at the Roosevelt Institute. He was also appointed in April to serve on the Congressional Oversight Commission for the CARES Act by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer. Previously, Ramamurti was the top economic adviser to Senator Elizabeth Warren during her 2020 presidential campaign and senior counsel for banking and economic policy in her Senate office.

[Mike Donilon, Senior Advisor to the President](#), served as Chief Strategist for the Biden-Harris Campaign, where he was responsible for overseeing message discipline and development, television advertising, speechwriting, and polling and research. Previously, Donilon served as Counselor to then-Vice President Biden in the White House.

[Anita Dunn, Senior Advisor to the President](#), brings decades of experience managing and winning political and advocacy campaigns and advising our nation's leaders at the highest levels of government. Dunn most recently served as a senior advisor to President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris's presidential campaign. In that role, Dunn advised on all aspects of the campaign, including messaging, debate preparation, and overall strategy.

[Carlos Elizondo, White House Social Secretary](#), was a Special Assistant to the President and Social Secretary to Vice President and Dr. Jill Biden for all eight years of the Obama-Biden administration, the first Hispanic American appointed to this position. In this role, he had responsibility for planning, managing, and successfully executing all events hosted by the Vice President and his family, to include visits by world leaders, members of Congress, business leaders, and other high-ranking dignitaries and celebrities.

[Stefanie Feldman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Director of the Domestic Policy Council](#), has worked for President-elect Biden for most of the past decade, most

recently serving as the National Policy Director for the Biden-Harris Campaign. She previously worked as the inaugural Policy Director for the Biden Institute at the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden School of Public Policy & Administration.

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[Rob Flaherty, Director of Digital Strategy](#), serves as Digital Director for the Biden-Harris Transition and served as Digital Director on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Prior to his role on the Biden-Harris Campaign, he served as Digital Director for Beto for America, Deputy Digital Communications Director for Hillary for America in 2016, and Director of Digital Media at the DNC.

[Jessica Hertz, Staff Secretary](#), currently serves as the General Counsel for the Biden-Harris Transition. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Hertz served as Principal Deputy Counsel in the Office of the Vice President, Special Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice, and Counselor to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget.

[Shanthi Kalathil, Coordinator for Democracy and Human Rights](#), is currently senior director of the International Forum for Democratic Studies at the National Endowment for Democracy, where her work focuses on emerging challenges to democracy. Previously in her career, she served as a senior democracy fellow at the US Agency for International Development, an associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Hong Kong-based reporter for the Asian Wall Street Journal, and an advisor to international affairs organizations.

[Louisa Terrell, Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#), previously served in leadership roles in the public and private sectors, including as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs in the Obama-Biden administration. Prior to that, she served as an Advisor to Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and worked for several years on Capitol Hill, including as Deputy Chief of Staff for then-U.S. Senator Biden and Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Cory Booker.

[Reema Dodin, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#), previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Floor Director to the Senate Democratic Whip, Senator Richard Durbin. Prior to that, Dodin served as Senator Durbin's Floor Counsel, Research Director, and as an aide to his Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law.

[Shuwanza Goff, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#), served as Floor Director for the House of Representatives under House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer. The first Black woman to hold the position, Goff determined which bills came to the House floor, set the legislative schedule, and helped craft the overall House Democratic agenda.

[Chris Slevin, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#), serves on the Biden-Harris Transition in the Office of Legislative Affairs. Prior to his role on the transition, he served as vice president of the Economic Innovation Group, a research and advocacy organization focused on geographic inequality. Slevin served in the U.S. Senate for more than a decade, most recently as legislative director for Senator Cory Booker and earlier as an economic policy advisor to Senator Sherrod Brown.

[Ron Klain, Chief of Staff](#), served as the President-Elect's first Chief of Staff when he became Vice President (2009-11); Chief Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee during the President-Elect's tenure as Chair of the Committee (1989-92); and Policy Advisor on the Judiciary Committee staff (1986-87). Klain also worked as an advisor on President-Elect Biden's 1988 and 2008 Presidential campaigns. Klain has devoted many years to public service, serving as White House Ebola Response Coordinator (2014-15).

[Jen O'Malley Dillon, Deputy Chief of Staff](#), served as the Campaign Manager for the Biden-Harris campaign. She was the first female campaign manager for a successful Democratic presidential campaign. A veteran of seven presidential campaigns, O'Malley Dillon has worked in leadership and organizing positions on campaigns at every level – from state senate and mayoral races to congressional, gubernatorial, and senate campaigns.

[Bruce Reed, Deputy Chief of Staff](#), was Vice President Joe Biden's Chief of Staff from 2011 to 2013 and traveled with him for the past year and a half as a Senior Adviser to the Biden for President Campaign. Reed has spent 12 years working on domestic and economic policy in the White House, and served as President Clinton's chief domestic policy adviser.

[Elizabeth Wilkins, Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff](#), serves as the Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff for the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to joining the transition, Wilkins served in various senior leadership roles at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG), including Senior Counsel for Policy and Chief of Staff. Prior to joining OAG, Elizabeth served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Elena Kagan of the U.S. Supreme Court, and to then-Chief Judge Merrick Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

[Gina McCarthy, National Climate Advisor](#), will serve as the first-ever National Climate Advisor to head the newly formed White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy. She served as the 13th Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and is the current President and CEO of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

[Ali Zaidi, Deputy National Climate Advisor](#), assisted in drafting and implementing the groundbreaking Climate Action Plan and helped negotiate the Paris Climate Agreement. He is a former Office of Management and Budget and White House Domestic Policy Council official during the Obama-Biden Administration. He currently serves as New York's Deputy Secretary for Energy and Environment. s

[Ryan Montoya, Director of Scheduling & Advance](#), served as the Director of Scheduling & Advance for Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, Montoya served as the Chief Technology Officer for the NBA's Sacramento Kings. A veteran of both of President Obama's presidential campaigns, Montoya served as an Advance Associate in the Obama-Biden Administration.

[Jen Psaki, White House Press Secretary](#), currently oversees the confirmations team for the Biden-Harris Transition. During the Obama-Biden administration, Psaki held several senior roles, including White House Communications Director, State Department Spokesperson under then-Secretary of State John Kerry, Deputy White House Communications Director and Deputy White House Press Secretary during the financial crisis.

[Karine Jean-Pierre, Principal Deputy Press Secretary](#), was Senior Advisor to President-Elect Joe Biden and Chief of Staff to Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Prior to her role on the campaign, she served as Chief Public Affairs Officer for MoveOn.org and an NBC and MSNBC Political Analyst. Jean-Pierre served as Regional Political Director for the White House Office of Political Affairs during the Obama-Biden administration and as Deputy Battleground States Director for President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

[Natalie Quillian, Deputy Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response](#), served as Advisor to the White House Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Deputy National Security Advisor during the Obama-Biden Administration. She played an instrumental role in coordinating the Obama-Biden administration's interagency response to the opioid epidemic.

[Vinay Reddy, Director of Speechwriting](#), serves as a speechwriter on the Biden-Harris Transition and served as Senior Advisor and Speechwriter for the Biden-Harris Campaign. He previously served as chief speechwriter to Vice President Biden in the second term of the Obama-Biden White House, after which, he worked as Vice President of Strategic Communications at the National Basketball Association.

[Steve Ricchetti, Counselor to the President](#), served as Chairman of the Biden-Harris campaign. Throughout his decades of public service, Ricchetti has held senior roles on Capitol Hill and at the White House, including as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Vice President Biden, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs for President Clinton during the impeachment hearings, and Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 1992, when women won a record number of seats.

[Ambassador Susan Rice, Director of the Domestic Policy Council](#), is a deeply experienced, talented negotiator who has played a key role in winning major concessions and sealing agreements with America's toughest adversaries to advance U.S. national interests. She has exceptional leadership, policy formulation and implementation experience as well as extremely well-honed interagency process and crisis management skills.

[Catherine Lhamon, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Racial Justice and Equality](#), chairs the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, to which President Obama appointed her in 2016. Until December 2020, Lhamon served as Legal Affairs Secretary to California Governor Gavin Newsom. Before then, Lhamon was Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education, to which President Obama nominated her and the Senate confirmed her in 2013.

[Carmel Martin, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Economic Mobility](#), was a senior policy advisor for the Biden for President campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, she was the National Policy Director for Beto for America. Martin served as the assistant secretary for policy and budget at the U.S. Department of Education during the Obama-Biden Administration. Martin was a

founding employee and, after her service in the Obama-Biden Administration, she was the executive vice president for policy at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank in Washington, D.C.

[Esther Olavarria, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Immigration](#), serves as a member of the Biden-Harris Department of Homeland Security Agency Review Team. Prior to this role, she served in the Obama-Biden Administration in several senior positions at the Department of Homeland Security and the White House Domestic Policy Council. Previously, she spent many years on the Senate Judiciary Committee serving as Senator Edward Kennedy's immigration counsel.

[Christen Linke Young, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Health and Veterans Affairs](#), serves as a health policy advisor for the Biden-Harris Transition. She was a fellow at the Brookings Institution, where her research focused on access to health insurance at the USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy. Previously, Young was the Deputy Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

[Cedric Richmond, Senior Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement](#), was National Co-Chairman of the Biden-Harris Campaign. Since 2011, Richmond has represented Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. During his time in Congress, Richmond served on the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Committee on Homeland Security, the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Democratic Assistant to the Majority Whip, a member of the New Democratic Coalition, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and, most recently, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

[Julie Rodriguez, Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs](#), served as a Deputy Campaign Manager on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before that, she was National Political Director and traveling Chief of Staff for then-Senator Kamala Harris' presidential campaign. Prior to launching Senator Harris' campaign, she served as California State Director in her senate office. During the Obama-Biden administration, Chavez Rodriguez served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Deputy Director of Public Engagement in the Office of Public Engagement.

[Emmy Ruiz, Director of Political Strategy & Outreach](#), is a former campaign aide to Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris, Secretary Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama, and Democratic Chairman Tom Perez. She is a co-founder and partner of NEWCO Strategies, a minority-majority political firm. During the 2018 and 2020 election cycles, Ruiz helped support the work of groups mobilizing communities of color to vote and running and electing progressive women to office.

[Cathy Russell, Director of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel](#), served as Vice Chair of the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before that, Ambassador Russell was a resident fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During the Obama-Biden administration, Ambassador Russell served for all eight years at the White House and the U.S. Department of State, including as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden and the U.S. Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, where she led efforts to integrate women's issues into US foreign policy.

[Evan Ryan, Cabinet Secretary](#), is a Senior Advisor for the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to this, she helped launch and lead Axios, as Executive Vice President. Ryan served under Secretary of State John Kerry

as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs and worked in the Obama-Biden White House as Assistant to the Vice President and Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. Ryan served as Deputy Campaign Manager for then Senator Biden's 2008 presidential campaign and also served on the John Kerry for President campaign and Hillary Clinton's 2000 senatorial campaign.

[Dr. Elizabeth D. Sherwood-Randall, Homeland Security Advisor and Deputy National Security Advisor](#), is a Distinguished Professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. From 2014-2017, Dr. Sherwood-Randall served as Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy. Earlier in the Obama administration, she served as White House Coordinator for Defense Policy, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Arms Control and previously as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council.

[Gautam Raghavan, Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel](#), serves as Deputy Head of Presidential Appointments on the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to joining the transition, Raghavan served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal, the chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

[Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor](#), served as National Security Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden and director of policy planning at the State Department during the Obama administration. He was the Deputy Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

[Jon Finer, Principal Deputy National Security Advisor](#), serves as Deputy Head of Foreign and National Security Policy on the Biden-Harris Transition team. He previously served in the Obama White House and State Department, including as Middle East Advisor and Foreign Policy Speechwriter to then-Vice President Biden and as Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Planning for Secretary of State John Kerry.

[Anne Neuberger, Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technology](#), is the National Security Agency's Director of Cybersecurity, where she leads NSA's cybersecurity mission, including emerging technology areas like quantum-resistant cryptography. Prior to this role, she led NSA's Election Security effort and served as Assistant Deputy Director of NSA's Operations Directorate, overseeing foreign intelligence and cybersecurity operations.

[Annie Tomasini, Director of Oval Office Operations](#), serves as President Elect Biden's Traveling Chief of Staff, where she ensures the execution of day to day affairs and provides strategic counsel to the President-Elect. Tomasini has served the Biden family for over a decade in several positions, including as Deputy Press Secretary for Vice President Biden and Press Secretary for Senator Biden when he was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

[Jeff Zients, Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President](#), served as the Director of the National Economic Council, Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the inaugural Chief Performance Officer of the United States. He successfully led complex national initiatives through early challenges, including the 2013 HealthCare.gov tech surge and 'Cash for Clunkers' fuel efficiency program.

[Ashley Etienne, Communications Director for the Vice President](#), served as a Senior Advisor on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before that, Etienne served as Communications Director and Senior Advisor to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the first woman and person of color to hold the position. Etienne was Special Assistant to the President and Director of Communications for the Cabinet in the Obama-Biden administration and also led communications on President Obama's signature My Brother's Keeper initiative.

[Hartina Flournoy, Chief of Staff to the Vice President](#), currently serves as Chief of Staff to former President Bill Clinton. Prior to joining President Clinton's team, Flournoy was Assistant to the President for Public Policy at the American Federation of Teachers, an international union representing over 1.6 million members, where she directed the work of the legislative, political, field and mobilization, and human rights and community outreach departments.

[Michael Fuchs, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice President](#), is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Foreign Policy Advisor to President Bill Clinton. Previously, Fuchs served in the State Department during the Obama-Biden administration as an advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

[Rohini Kosoglu, Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President](#), currently serves as Senior Advisor to Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris on the Biden-Harris Transition Team and previously served as Senior Advisor on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Before that, she was a Spring 2020 resident fellow at the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Kosoglu has a dedicated career in public service and was the first South Asian American woman to serve as Chief of Staff in the United States Senate. She served as Vice-President Elect Harris' Chief of Staff for her Senate office and later for her presidential campaign.

[Nancy McEldowney, National Security Advisor to the Vice President](#), is an academic administrator at Georgetown University. Prior to coming to Georgetown, she was an American diplomat and a member of the U.S. Foreign Service. She served as the Director of the Foreign Service Institute and the National Foreign Affairs Training Center from February 2013 until June 2017.

[Symone Sanders, Senior Advisor and Chief Spokesperson for the Vice President](#), served as a Senior Advisor on the Biden-Harris campaign. In 2016, Sanders became the youngest presidential press secretary while working on U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders's then-presidential campaign. Before joining the Biden-Harris campaign, Sanders was a CNN political commentator and served as principal of the 360 Group LLC, where she provided strategic communications guidance to organizations, businesses, individuals, campaigns and candidates.

[Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, Chief of Staff to Dr. Jill Biden](#), is a partner at the law firm of Winston & Strawn. During the Obama-Biden administration, Reynoso served as U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Western Hemisphere in the U.S. Department of State, where she developed comprehensive security and rule of law strategies for Central America and the Caribbean.

[Mala Adiga, Policy Director to Dr. Jill Biden](#), is the former Director for Higher Education and Military Families at the Biden Foundation. During the Obama-Biden administration, Adiga served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in

the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large, and as Director for Human Rights on the National Security Staff.

[Liz Alexander, Communications Director for the First Lady](#), served as a Senior Advisor on the Biden-Harris Campaign. Alexander spent the first years of the Obama-Biden administration as the Press Secretary to Vice President Biden, a role which followed her time as then-Senator Biden's Communications Director on Capitol Hill.

[Anthony Bernal, Senior Advisor to Dr. Jill Biden](#), has served as a trusted advisor and assistant to the Biden family for more than a decade. From 2017 to 2019, he served as Chief of Staff in the Office of Dr. Biden. He served for all eight years of the Obama-Biden administration in multiple leadership roles, including as Director of Scheduling and Trip Director for Dr. Biden, and as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff to Dr. Biden.

[Julie Mason, Chief of Staff to the Second Gentleman](#), most recently served as Senior Vice President at the global strategy firm Albright Stonebridge Group. Mason served in the White House during the Obama and Clinton administrations, holding positions in the President's Press Office, the Office of the First Lady, and the Office of the Second Lady. She served as Director of Communications for Dr. Jill Biden during the 2012 U.S. presidential campaign.

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