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WELCOME

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the eighth annual Young Elected Officials Network National Convening! We are thrilled you have joined us for this exciting event.

The Young Elected Officials (YEO) Network, a program of People For the American Way Foundation, aims to unite and support the young, progressive elected leaders of our country. This unique network fosters the innovations and contributions of young electeds, encouraging bold policy pursuits, providing resources and a network of support at every turn, and connecting you to peers who have similar stories, parallel struggles, and the same desire for public service.



It is our purpose to create an enduring pipeline of courageous and visionary leaders to change the world, and it is with this inspiration that we developed our National Convening this year. The YEO Network's pipeline of public servants has the ability to advance the work of progressive pioneers who came before us and to accelerate the pace of positive change. Our policy-based sessions are targeted to highlight the most pressing issues facing YEOs nationally, while our leadership-building sessions aim to support your professional and personal skill sets. Together we are accelerating the speed of progress in our country, and building a movement that promotes freedom, fairness, and opportunity for all.

Our country is ready for progress, as can be seen in the changing faces of our government. Nine progressive leaders under the age of 40 were elected to the US Congress last year, and more than 70 YEOs join this year's National Convening for the first time. It is with pride and encouragement that we see so many young leaders being elected into office. We hope this Convening provides both new faces and veterans the space for hard work, courageous leadership, and a renewed dedication to service.

It is our earnest desire that this weekend will serve to rejuvenate your spirits and renew your commitment to public service. If there is anything that we can do to enhance your YEO Network experience, please don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to connecting with you and helping you bring long-lasting change to our country, one community at a time.

Again, welcome!

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew D. Gillum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew D. Gillum
Executive Director, Young Elected Officials Network
City Commissioner, Tallahassee, FL



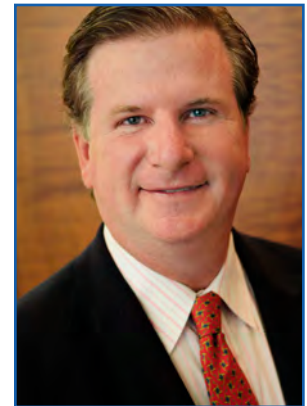


PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Young Elected Officials:

Welcome to the YEO Network's Annual Convening. I am proud to welcome you here, not only for what you have already accomplished, but for the promise you hold for the future. Your energy and commitment to the values of freedom and fairness are an inspiration to the progressive movement.

This event never fails to inspire me. The dedicated efforts of the YEO Network staff as well as the innovation of all of you ensure that the 2013 National Convening will be a success. While we are thrilled to support you in any way we can, we also enjoy learning from you. This mutual support is what makes the partnership between People For the American Way Foundation and each of you so rewarding.



Over the past eight years, the YEO Network has grown from a simple idea into a powerful national movement. But we're not done yet. As young elected officials, you have the power to inspire others and make today the time for justice and equal opportunity for all.

I'm looking forward to seeing many old friends and meeting some of you for the very first time in the coming days and hearing about the valuable work you're doing to accelerate the speed of progress in your communities.

Sincerely,

Michael Keegan
President
People For the American Way Foundation





MAYOR'S WELCOME



Welcome ~

*8th Annual National Conference
Young Elected Officials Network*

July 24, 2013



As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to welcome the members of the Young Elected Officials Network on the occasion of your 8th Annual National Conference.



This forum serves as conduit to bring together young elected officials, policy-makers and emerging leaders to discuss governmental challenges and identify effective non-partisan solutions. As you gather to share best practices, develop leadership skills and celebrate this productive event, please enjoy the monuments, museums, restaurants and diverse neighborhoods that help enhance this city - our nation's capital.

On behalf of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for an enjoyable experience.



Vincent C. Gray

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Mayor, District of Columbia



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CONVENING SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY – JULY 24

THE WASHINGTON COURT HOTEL
525 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW – WASHINGTON, DC

All Convening related events will take place at the Washington Court Hotel

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| 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | WOMEN'S CAUCUS PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION | <i>Springwood Room</i> |
| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | WOMEN'S CAUCUS RECEPTION | <i>Atrium Ballroom</i> |

THURSDAY – JULY 25

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| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | REGISTRATION OPEN | <i>Lower Lobby Level</i> |
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PRE-CONFERENCES AND ACTIVITIES

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| 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | WOMEN'S CAUCUS PRE-CONFERENCE
This conference track is for the women of the YEO Network | <i>Springwood Room</i> |
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| 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM | EDUCATION POLICY ACADEMY PRE-CONFERENCE
This session is for YEOs who attended the 2012 Education Policy Academy | <i>Ashlawn Room</i> |
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| 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM | ORIENTATION PRE-CONFERENCE
This Pre-Conference is for YEOs new to the Network | <i>Sagamore Hill</i> |
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| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | YEO SPEED NETWORKING
All YEOs are invited and encouraged to join us! | <i>Executive Room</i> |
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| 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | YEO NATIONAL CONVENING OPENING RECEPTION
Keynote Speaker:
Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President | <i>Grand Ballroom</i> |
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CONVENING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – JULY 26

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	<i>Lower Lobby Level</i>
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	OPENING PLENARY: THE CHANGING FACES OF LEADERSHIP	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
	Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema, US House of Representatives	
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	ISSUE SESSION SERIES: EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT	
Empowering and Educating Communities Local Level Group A	Jean Desravines, New Leaders Mary Kingston, Institute for Educational Leadership Kate Tromble, Education Trust	<i>Springwood</i>
Empowering and Educating Communities School and District Boards	Jeff Bryant, Education Opportunity Network Drew Furedi, Los Angeles Unified School District Rob Weil, American Federation of Teachers	<i>Ashlawn Room</i>
Ensuring a Sustainable Future State Level	Rob Cowin, Union of Concerned Scientists Dave Hamilton, Sierra Club Michael Williams, Blue Green Alliance	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
Ensuring a Sustainable Future Local Level Group B	Cormac Flynn, League of Conservation Voters Dominic Frongillo, Caroline Town Council Nancy Quirk, ICLEI	<i>Hermitage Room</i>

CONVENING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – JULY 26

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM SKILLS SESSION SERIES

Creative Employment for Elected Officials	Don Calloway, Anheuser-Busch Companies Melvin Carter, Wellstone Action Paul Roales, Former West Lafayette City Council Eddie VanBogaert, West Lafayette City Council	<i>Ashlawn Room</i>
Making the Jump: Running for Local or State Office	Brad Bauman, Congressional Progressive Caucus Delia Garcia, National Education Association Rashad Taylor, Five Eleven, LLC	<i>Springwood</i>
The Next Step: Running for Statewide or Federal Office	Jon Hoadley, Badlands Strategies Mike McCall, Victory Fund Nathan Shinagawa, Tompkins County Legislature	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
Standards for Ethical Behavior: Defining Your Core Values	Natalie O'Donnell Wood, National Conference of State Legislatures	<i>Hermitage Room</i>

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**LUNCH PLENARY:
NOW IS THE TIME:
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN OUR COUNTRY**

Grand Ballroom

Panelists:
Lori Hass, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
Daniel Hernandez, Sunnyside Unified School District, Arizona
Mark Glaze, Mayors Against Illegal Guns
Alan Williams, Florida House of Representatives



CONVENING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – JULY 26

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Ensuring a Sustainable Future
Local Level Group A

Cormac Flynn, League of Conservation Voters
Dominic Frongillo, Caroline Town Council
Nancy Quirk, ICLEI

Springwood

Ensuring a Sustainable Future
School and District Boards

Nate Allen, Center for Green Schools
Robin Organ, Project Green Schools
Alexander Winn, Solar Foundation

Ashlawn Room

Empowering and Educating Communities
State Level

Kimberly Anderson, National Education
Association
Jeff Bryant, Education Opportunity Network
Drew Furedi, Los Angeles Unified School District
Joel Packer, Committee for Education Funding

Sagamore Hill

Empowering and Educating Communities
Local Level Group B

Jean Desravines, New Leaders
Mary Kingston, Institute for Educational
Leadership
Kate Tromble, Education Trust
Rob Weil, American Federation of Teachers

Hermitage Room

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: HEALTH AND EQUALITY

Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society
State Level

Kellan Baker, Center for American Progress
Donna Crane, NARAL Pro-Choice America
Deepak Madala, Enroll America

Sagamore Hill

Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society
Local Level Group A

Jenni Dye, NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin
Jennifer Ng'andu, National Council of La Raza
Patrick Paschall, National Gay and Lesbian Task
Force

Springwood

Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society
Local Level Group B

Kelly Baden, National Institute for Reproductive
Health
Claire McAndrew, Families USA
Ian Thompson, American Civil Liberties Union

Hermitage Room

Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society
School and District Boards

Aisha Moodie-Mills, Center for American Progress
Diana Thu-Thao Rhodes, Advocates for Youth
Josh Rovner, School-Based Health Alliance

Ashlawn Room

6:00 PM

GROUP PHOTO

Hotel Lobby

CONVENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – JULY 27

7:30 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	<i>Lower Lobby Level</i>
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	OPENING PLENARY: IS SEXISM EVER “BENEVOLENT”? THE IMPACTS OF WHAT WE SAY ABOUT AND TO ELECTED WOMEN LEADERS	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
	Remarks: Erin Loos Cutraro, She Should Run Rachel Larris, Women’s Media Center	
	Panelists: Mike Firestone, Elizabeth Warren for Senate (2012) Sandra Fluke, Los Angeles-based Attorney & Social Justice Advocate Aisha Moodie-Mills, Center for American Progress Lisa A. Wong, City of Fitchburg	
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	ISSUE SESSION SERIES: DEMOCRACY AND WORKERS & FAMILIES	
Defending Workers and Families Local Level Group A	Robb Gray, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Steve Saver, Center for Community Change Karundi Williams, Services Employees International Union	<i>Springwood</i>
Defending Workers and Families School and District Boards	Ethan Geiling, Corporation for Enterprise Development Seth Johnson, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Liz Watson, National Women’s Law Center	<i>Ashlawn Room</i>
Expanding Democracy State Level	Ben Hovland, Fair Elections Legal Network Marcia Johnson-Blanco, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Jeff Merritt, Center for Accountability in Political Spending	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
Expanding Democracy Local Level Group B	Bob Brandon, Fair Elections Legal Network Stephen Spaulding, Common Cause Rashad Robinson, ColorofChange	<i>Hermitage Room</i>



CONVENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – JULY 27

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM SKILLS SESSION SERIES (REPEATED LATER)

Engaging Your Community and Building Coalitions that Last

Rhett Buttle, Small Business Majority
Minister Leslie Malachi, People For the American Way Foundation
Patrick Paschall, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Hermitage Room

Developing a Legislative Campaign Plan: From Proposal to Passage

Jonathan Bing, Wilson Elser
Gregory Minchak, National League of Cities

Ashlawn Room

Using Technology to Engage Constituents

Jennifer Bernal-Garcia, Google
Aneesh Chopra, The Advisory Board Company
Mike Moschella, NationBuilder

Sagamore Hill

Progressive Messaging: Words to Find a Common Ground

Kristy Pultorak, Lake Research Partners

Springwood

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**LUNCH PLENARY:
“THE DREAM IS NOW”: FILM VIEWING AND
IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION PANEL**

Grand Ballroom

Panelists:

Erika Andiola, Arizona Dream Act Coalition
Gregory Cendana, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Dolores Huerta, Dolores Huerta Foundation
Anna Tovar, Arizona State Senate

CONVENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY – JULY 27

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: DEMOCRACY AND WORKERS & FAMILIES

Expanding Democracy
Local Level Group A

Bob Brandon, Fair Elections Legal Network
Jamie Raskin, Maryland State Senate
Rashad Robinson, ColorofChange

Springwood

Expanding Democracy
School and District Boards

Judith Browne Dianis, Advancement Project
Kristen Muthig, Fair Elections Legal Network

Ashlawn Room

Defending Workers and Families
State Level

Rachel Lyons, National Partnership for Women and Families
Karla Walter, Center for American Progress

Sagamore Hill

Defending Workers and Families
Local Level Group B

Nikki Budzinski, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
Shar Habibi, The Partnership for Working Families
Andrea Cristina Mercado, National Domestic Workers Alliance

Hermitage Room

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

SKILLS SESSION SERIES (REPEATED FROM EARLIER)

Engaging Your Community and Building Coalitions that Last

Rhett Buttle, Small Business Majority
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Sagamore Hill

Progressive Messaging: Words to Find a Common Ground

Kristy Pultorak, Lake Research Partners

Springwood

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR AND RECEPTION

Grand Ballroom



CONVENING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – JULY 28

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION OPEN	<i>Lower Lobby Level</i>
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	BREAKFAST	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	YEOACTION (501C-4) STRATEGY SESSION	
	<p>In this session series, YEOs will divide by issue areas to review the highlights and findings of the last few days, to discuss collective and individual actions within these policy areas, and to commit to policy action plans. Policy Council members should convene within their issue groupings.</p>	
	Empowering and Educating Communities	<i>Springwood</i>
	Empowering and Educating Communities: School Board Members	<i>Montpelier Room</i>
	Ensuring a Sustainable Future	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
	Defending Workers and Families	<i>Ashlawn Room</i>
	Expanding Democracy	<i>Hermitage Room</i>
	Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society	<i>Madison Room</i>
11:15 AM – 12:30 PM	SKILLS SESSION SERIES	
Negotiating Skills	Farid Ben Amor, DirecTV Nathan Shinagawa, Tompkins County Legislature/ Robert Packer Hospital	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
Servant Leadership and Constituent Engagement	Angela Andrews, National Conference of State Legislatures Robert Jordan, Octo Consulting Group Rashida Tlaib, Michigan State House of Representatives	<i>Springwood</i>
Speechwriting for the Real World	Danielle Langone, Office of Governor Martin O'Malley	<i>Ashlawn Room</i>
Robert's Rules of Order	Colette Collier Trohan, A Great Meeting, Inc.	<i>Hermitage Room</i>
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	LUNCH PLENARY: CONVENING CLOSING	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>

SESSIONS **AND** TRAINERS

DETAILED AGENDA

THE **2013** NATIONAL
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ISSUE SESSION AREAS

EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING COMMUNITIES

EARLY EDUCATION AND K-12

Over the past few years, we have seen a growing movement to privatize education, undermine teachers and unions, and funnel money to unregulated schools. These developments, along with an increasing achievement gap and a growing distrust of public education among many Americans, have created new challenges for our public education system. In 2013, elected officials face a number of education policy challenges, including the implementation of Common Core standards, the potential reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, and continued school funding gaps. They will also face new opportunities, including a renewed focus on early education and a commitment to the eradication of violence and bullying in schools. The Policy Council has prioritized the issues of community and integrated school services, meaningful teacher evaluation and development, bilingual programs, innovative approaches to school time and structure, and access to quality early education.

DEFENDING WORKERS AND FAMILIES

ECONOMIC JUSTICE, BUDGET AND TAX REFORM

Conservative lawmakers all over the country have taken aim at the rights of workers and families, and at the services and benefits on which many Americans depend. In recent years, we have seen a wave of policy initiatives aimed at busting unions, cutting employee benefits, lowering minimum wage standards, and cutting workers' compensation claims. We continue to struggle with damaging "Right to Work" campaigns and fight to extend basic benefits to workers, including paid sick days and leave. We also continue the battle for economic and social justice for all Americans, in debates over pay equity and equal benefits for all traditional families. The Obama administration has voiced its support for raising the minimum wage and emphasized the importance of balancing deficit reduction with progressive reforms that promote growth. The Policy Council has focused on the productivity of working families, reducing asset poverty, encouraging domestic job growth and entrepreneurship, and ensuring the rights of workers.

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS REFORM, VOTER EMPOWERMENT

In recent years we have seen an onslaught of legislative attacks on the democratic process and the rights of voters, and we continue to see efforts to rig electoral vote counts and to depress turnout in key states. These measures often result in the disenfranchisement of many already marginalized groups, including the disabled, the elderly, students, people of color, and low-income people. Meanwhile, corporate spending and dark money play an increasing role in elections, which further threatens the very fundamentals of our democratic process. In response, more and more Americans are calling for "Money Out, Voters In" measures, including innovative campaign finance reforms and efforts to combat excessive voting wait times, voter ID requirements, and other barriers to voting. The Policy Council has focused on campaign public financing options and money in politics reforms, the criminalization of voter suppression, civics curriculum and pre-registration in schools, and voting and registration modernization.

ISSUE SESSION AREAS

ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Elected officials today face the important and interconnected challenges of protecting the environment, ensuring a sustainable future for the next generation, and spurring innovation and job creation. The Obama administration has made energy and environment legislation a priority for the coming year. State and local lawmakers will have a huge impact on this work, whether by addressing the challenges of fracking, creating energy efficient buildings, or implementing clean water policies. In addition, this Policy Council has taken up the interconnected issues of environmental and community health, from the built environment and food deserts to GMO labeling.

BUILDING A HEALTHY AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

HEALTH CARE, REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY

While the passage of the Affordable Care Act marked a historic step in the effort to provide quality health care to all Americans, the states continue to face a number of threats to public health and well-being. State and local governments now face the complex challenge of implementing and funding the ACA's reforms, and continued attacks on the rights of women, LGBTQ and immigrant families. We also continue to grapple with threats to public health in the form of unchecked gun violence. Meanwhile, progressives face continued attacks on reproductive health by conservative state lawmakers. This Policy Council has taken a comprehensive approach to community health and wellness, and will address health disparities and cultural competencies, and the inclusion of immigrant and LGBTQ communities in health care. The Council has focused on the provision and integration of mental health resources, building safe communities through gun violence prevention measures, improving access to fresh and healthy foods, and expanding access to comprehensive reproductive health education and services for both women and men.

To access policy samples within each of these issue areas, visit:

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THU, JULY 25 & FRI, JULY 26

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LOCATION

NATIONAL CONVENING OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

YEO NATIONAL CONVENING
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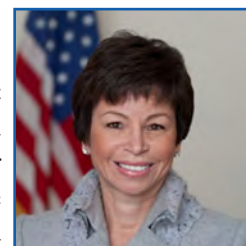
GRAND BALLROOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

VALERIE JARRETT

WHITE HOUSE SENIOR ADVISOR

Valerie B. Jarrett is a Senior Advisor to President Barack Obama. She oversees the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs and chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls. She also served as co-chair of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team and senior advisor to Obama's presidential campaign. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, she was the chief executive officer of The Habitat Company. Jarrett has held positions in both the public and private sector, working as the chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, the commissioner of planning and development for the City of Chicago, and the deputy chief of staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley. She also practiced law with two private law firms. Jarrett has served as the head of various corporate and nonprofit boards, including as chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange, director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and chairman of the University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees. Jarrett received her BA from Stanford University in 1978 and her JD from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981.



FRIDAY OPENING PLENARY

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

THE CHANGING FACES OF LEADERSHIP

GRAND BALLROOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

KYRSTEN SINEMA

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Kyrsten Sinema represents Arizona's ninth congressional district in the US House of Representatives, where she serves on the financial services committee. Sinema attended Arizona State University, where she earned a master's degree in social work. After college, she used her degree to become a social worker helping struggling families. She soon realized that the problems they came to her with – poverty, homelessness, job loss, abuse – were so common to so many families that solving these problems meant thinking bigger than one family at a time. Sinema was inspired to go back to school and start working at the grassroots level to help people access our leaders and talk about their needs. In 2004, she earned a JD from Arizona State University's College of Law. In 2005, she began her service as a representative in Arizona's State Legislature, where she remained until 2011, when she was elected to the State Senate. In office, she worked to pass tough immigration laws, secure funding for our veterans, provide business incentives for job creation, and fight back against attempts to gut basic health care for kids, cut services for the elderly and decimate school funding. In 2011, Sinema was lauded by the Arizona Republic for her "remarkable" ability to "partner with Republicans in both the House and Senate" to pass legislation while remaining "a staunch defender of key Democratic priorities."



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SESSION

LOCATION

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: EDUCATION

The Empowering and Educating Communities sessions will focus on creating a “supports-based” early learning and K-12 education system in the US. Participants will discuss various models and strategies for meaningful reform. Groups of school board members, local elected officials, and state legislators will discuss topics including partnerships for community and integrated school services, meaningful teacher evaluation and development, bilingual programs, innovative approaches to school time and structure, and access to quality early education.

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

**EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING
COMMUNITIES – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP A**

SPRINGWOOD

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING
COMMUNITIES – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP B**

HERMITAGE ROOM

JEAN DESRAVINES

NEW LEADERS

Jean Desravines assumed the role of chief executive officer of New Leaders in February 2011. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Desravines spent five years as chief officer for cities and policy at New Leaders. In that role, Desravines oversaw the management of all city teams and the organization’s national public policy. Desravines has over 15 years of professional leadership experience working with parents and communities on education and development, with a primary focus on improving outcomes for children in underserved communities. Before joining New Leaders, Desravines served as senior counselor to the chancellor of New York City’s public school system. In that capacity, he developed and executed a comprehensive strategy to engage and communicate with key stakeholders across New York City, building support for the district’s ambitious reform agenda. He has also served as the executive director for the Office of Parent and Community Engagement, chief of staff to the senior counselor for Education Policy, and director for community relations at the New York City Department of Education. Desravines earned a bachelor of arts in history from St. Francis College and a master’s degree in public administration from New York University.



MARY KINGSTON

COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Mary Kingston is the public policy manager for the Coalition for Community Schools. She leads the policy and advocacy efforts of the Coalition to promote the community schools approach both on the federal and state levels. Prior to assuming this role, Kingston served for more than two years as manager of government relations for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). She represented the NASSP members as an active voice on Capitol Hill advocating for the best policies possible for secondary school leaders and school districts across the nation. While at NASSP, Kingston also led the lobbying efforts of the nation’s largest education coalition, the Committee for Education Funding, as Hill Teams co-chair. Kingston is a proud 2011 alumna of IEL’s Education Policy Fellowship Program. Kingston received her Master of Public Policy from Duke University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston University. Prior to joining the staff at NASSP, she taught secondary English for three years in Oakland, CA through the Teach for America program.



FRIDAY, JULY 26

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

KATE TROMBLE

EDUCATION TRUST

Kate Tromble is the director of legislative affairs at the Education Trust. Prior to joining the Education Trust, Tromble was an attorney with the education practice of Drinker Biddle and Reath's Government and Regulatory Affairs Practice Group. She specialized in regulatory and legislative issues related to higher education. Previously, Tromble served as legislative counsel to both Senator Paul S. Sarbanes and Congressman Artur Davis. She also served as legislative and policy advisor to former Maryland Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. Tromble is a graduate of Georgetown University and Vanderbilt University School of Law.



ROB WEIL (Also on School and District Boards)

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Rob Weil is deputy director for the educational issues department of the American Federation of Teachers. Weil is responsible for urban education, including implementing school improvement efforts at the district, school, and classroom level. Weil works in all areas of reform, with emphasis on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Prior to joining AFT in 2001, Weil spent 20 years teaching high school in Douglas County, Colorado. He helped develop and implement numerous improvement efforts, including the school district's performance pay plan for teachers. Now in its thirteenth year, the compensation plan has become the model for hundreds of school districts around the country. In 1995, Weil was elected president of the Douglas County Federation of Teachers, which represents approximately 3,000 teachers.



9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

**EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING
COMMUNITIES – SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BOARDS**

ASHLAWN ROOM

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**EMPOWERING AND EDUCATING
COMMUNITIES – STATE LEVEL**

SAGAMORE HILL

KIMBERLY ANDERSON (State Level Only)

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Kimberly Anderson is the senior director of the Center for Advocacy and Outreach at the National Education Association. Anderson previously served as director of government relations, issue advocacy manager, and lobbyist at NEA, where she has worked since 2001. Prior to joining NEA, Anderson was deputy legislative director and counsel for Senator Charles Robb of Virginia, and spent two years as an associate at the law firm Covington & Burling. Anderson earned a JD from the George Washington University Law School and a BA in American government and politics from The College of William & Mary.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

JEFF BRYANT

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY NETWORK

Jeff Bryant is co-director of the Education Opportunity Network and an associate fellow at the Campaign for America's Future. He has written and spoken extensively on public education policy. Bryant has years of experience as a progressive activist for improving public schools, from pre-K through college. Bryant co-authored the CAF report titled, "Starving America's Public Schools: How Budget Cuts and Policy Mandates Are Hurting Our Nation's Students," which investigated public education from the perspective of the average American. The report examined how a bottom-up view of the system might further inform discussions about improving and renewing America's public schools. In addition to his work on education policy, Bryant has nearly 30 years of experience as a marketing and creative strategist, spending the majority of those years on his own as a freelance writer, search engine marketer, and consultant. His work has produced millions of dollars in sales and funds raised for clients, ranging from prestigious nonprofit organizations, such as the National Geographic Society and Doctors Without Borders, to Fortune 500 companies, such as Kimberley-Clark and Xerox.



DREW FUREDI

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Drew Furedi is the executive director of Human Capital Initiatives for the Los Angeles Unified School District, where he leads the district's work on key human capital strategies. Furedi comes to this work after successfully launching the Talent Management Division for LAUSD, where he led a team in the development and implementation of a district-wide, multiple-measure performance review, growth, and development system. Prior to joining LAUSD, Furedi was a partner with the New Teacher Project, implementing programs to recruit, select, train, place, and support teachers in hard-to-staff public schools. He has also worked on national service program development and review with AmeriCorps programs; developed municipal, state, and federal youth policy with national nonprofits; and worked in local and regional policy development and advocacy. He also currently serves on the board of several public charter schools. After earning a BA in political science from UC Santa Barbara, Furedi taught elementary school in the city of Baltimore through Teach For America. Furedi earned his MPA from the University of Southern California and a doctorate in educational leadership for social justice at Loyola Marymount University.



JOEL PACKER (State Level Only)

CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

Joel Packer is the executive director of the Campaign for Education Funding. Packer came to CEF after 25 years at the National Education Association, most recently serving as director of educational policy and practice. At NEA, he was responsible for key issues, including school readiness, standards, testing and accountability, teaching and learning conditions, educator quality, parent involvement, funding, special education, high school reform, 21st century skills/STEM issues, English language learners, voucher programs, and charter schools. Packer also led NEA's policy and advocacy work on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and was the organization's lead liaison with the US Department of Education. He previously was a NEA lobbyist, covering issues including higher education, family and medical leave, the Brady bill, school prayer, civil rights, judicial nominations, health care, and environmental hazards in schools. Packer has successfully represented educators, state universities, and college students before Congress and the presidential administration for more than 34 years. He has testified numerous times before congressional committees and spoken before a broad range of organizations. Packer holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton.



ISSUE SESSION SERIES: ENVIRONMENT

The Ensuring a Sustainable Future sessions will explore a range of environmental and energy issues, including water quality and conservation, transportation and energy efficiency, and creating standards for emissions and purchasing of renewables. In addition, these sessions will touch on the interconnected issues of environmental and community health, from the built environment and food deserts to GMO labeling.

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

**ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
– STATE LEVEL**

SAGAMORE HILL

ROB COWIN

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

Rob Cowin is the senior Washington representative for the Union of Concerned Scientists Climate and Energy Program. Cowin creates and implements legislative campaigns to support UCS efforts on clean energy, global warming, and nuclear safety issues. His work played an important role in the passage of the first-ever legislation to reduce greenhouse gases and increase deployment of clean energy in the House of Representatives. Prior to joining UCS, Cowin worked for the National Environmental Trust (now Pew Environment Group) for seven years doing media, outreach, and legislative work on climate and energy issues. He holds a master's degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Tufts University.



DAVE HAMILTON

SIERRA CLUB

Dave Hamilton is the director for clean energy of the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign. Hamilton has been an analyst and advocate on energy and environmental issues for the past 25 years. Before shifting duties to focus on clean energy this year, Hamilton led the Sierra Club's federal efforts on global warming and energy, including the energy bills of 2005 and 2007, as well as the drive for legislation on global warming in 2009-10. Prior to joining the Sierra Club in 2004, he was with the consulting firm of Bob Lawrence and Associates. From 1994 to 2003, he served as policy director for Alliance to Save Energy, a nonprofit organization focused on energy efficiency policy at the state and federal levels. Hamilton began his tenure in Washington, DC in 1987, when he joined the US Public Interest Research Group as their first national field director on the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. He then shifted over to lobbying on energy efficiency and renewable energy during the push to create the Production Tax Credit for wind energy in the Energy Policy Act of 1992. His consulting work has included serving clients such as Booz-Allen-Hamilton, the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, and the Department of Energy.



MICHAEL WILLIAMS

BLUEGREEN ALLIANCE

Mike Williams is the director of policy and legislation for Blue Green Alliance and focuses primarily on energy and environmental issues. He has led BGA's policy formulation and legislative campaigns on federal comprehensive climate change legislation, various clean energy and energy efficiency policies, and green schools. Before working at BGA Williams worked as Congressman Lloyd Doggett's (D-TX) legislative assistant, where he helped author the Climate MATTERS Act. Prior to working for Rep. Doggett, Williams worked for the National Wildlife Federation, helping launch their environmental education advocacy campaign. He graduated from The George Washington University with an MA in public policy, concentrating in environmental policy. He received his BA from Boston University, where he studied philosophy and music.



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP B	HERMITAGE ROOM
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP A	SPRINGWOOD

CORMAC FLYNN

LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

Cormac Flynn is the vice president of state policy and program planning at the League of Conservation Voters. Flynn designs programs to enhance the political power and institutional resiliency of state conservation voter leagues and their affiliated organizations. Flynn also serves as an executive coach and strategy consultant for the state league CEOs and boards. Prior to joining LCV, Flynn spent a decade in campaign fundraising and management for federal, state, and local political candidates across the country.



DOMINIC FRONGILLO

CAROLINE, NEW YORK TOWN COUNCIL

Dominic Frongillo made history in 2005 when, at age 22, he became the youngest person ever elected to the town council in Caroline, New York. He now serves as his county’s youngest-ever deputy town supervisor. Frongillo has worked from the local to the global level, most notably as a delegate to the United Nations climate negotiations in Durban, Cancun, Copenhagen, and Bali. An outspoken advocate for energy independence, Frongillo was selected by Gov. David Paterson to help develop New York State’s far-reaching 2050 Climate Action Plan and was trained by Vice President Al Gore as a climate presenter for The Climate Reality Project. In 2012, the nonprofit ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability recognized Frongillo as one of the 20 most influential young elected officials advancing sustainability globally.



NANCY QUIRK

ICLEI

Nancy Quirk is a program officer with ICLEI USA’s Renewables Division working to implement programs in support of Solar 3.0. She provides outreach and resources for local governments to accelerate adoption of renewable energy by addressing ‘soft costs’ such as permitting and inspection practices and local zoning ordinances. Quirk’s background includes involvement with local government at the city and county levels as well as with campus sustainability efforts to address waste management, energy efficiency, and sustainability planning. After Hurricane Katrina, she worked with a university-community outreach program at the University of New Orleans to assist homeowners and businesses in rebuilding with energy efficient and hazard resilient practices and materials. Quirk’s technical certifications include LEED AP, BPI Building Analyst, BPI Building Envelope Professional, and Certified Floodplain Manager.



FRIDAY, JULY 26

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
– SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BOARDS**

ASHLAWN ROOM

NATHANIEL ALLEN

THE CENTER FOR GREEN SCHOOLS

Nathaniel Allen is the green schools advocacy lead at the US Green Building Council's National Green Schools campaign. Through partnerships with national education organizations, schools, and local, state, and federal governments, Allen educates elected officials and national advocates about the benefits of green educational facilities for students, teachers, and communities. In particular, Allen works closely with a network of leading mayors, state legislators, and representatives on Capitol Hill to develop resources and promote programs that encourage the vision of green schools for all. Prior to joining USGBC, Allen taught history and political science at Winchester College in the United Kingdom. Allen holds a BA in urban history from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was also captain of the heavyweight rowing team.



ROBIN ORGAN

GREEN SCHOOLS

Robin Organ is the founder and executive director of Green Schools, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create greener and healthier learning environments through education, awareness, and action. Green Schools provides a number of environmental education and STEM-based programs to schools and communities looking to make "the green difference." Organ develops and implements Green Schools programs and has developed more than 150 Green Schools strategic partnerships in Virginia and across the country. Organ recently attended the White House Women and the Environment Summit and the inaugural 2012 White House Summit on Environmental Education. Organ is also the project manager for Massachusetts' Environmental Literacy Plan, serves as chair of SAGEEE (Secretaries Advisory Group on Energy and Environmental Education), and sits on the advisory board for the Green Schools National Network, the Green Ribbon Schools Working Group, and Partners In Prevention.



ALEXANDER WINN

THE SOLAR FOUNDATION

Alexander Winn is a project associate at The Solar Foundation. Winn works on many of The Solar Foundation's key projects, including the SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership program, which aims to remove solar market barriers and encourage solar deployment among local governments and communities. Winn managed the design and development of the State Solar Jobs Map. Before joining the Foundation, he managed public outreach for the George Washington University Solar Institute, including the annual Solar Symposium, online communications, and various research efforts. Winn recently worked to support the government affairs team of the Solar Energy Industries Association, particularly on regulatory issues related to electricity transmission and public lands. Winn earned an MPA with a concentration in public-private policy and management and a BA in political science from the George Washington University.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

SKILLS SESSION SERIES

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

CREATIVE EMPLOYMENT
FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

ASHLAWN ROOM

Balancing full time employment and elected office presents many unique challenges to YEOs, especially fulfilling your elected duties while also succeeding financially. In this session, YEOs will learn to leverage their skill set to create employment opportunities at progressive organizations or in the corporate environment, settings that can often create flexible schedules for elected officials. YEO entrepreneurs will also help attendees consider creating a startup of their own while in elected office, while reviewing potential pitfalls and benefits of doing so.

DON CALLOWAY

ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES

Don Calloway is the director of national affairs at Anheuser Busch In-Bev, the fourth largest consumer goods company in the world. He is responsible for shaping and executing AB's corporate policy on a variety of commercial trade and political issues throughout the United States House, Senate, and Executive branch, as well as maintaining the company's relationships with various national constituencies. From 2005 to 2009, Calloway practiced in the business litigation departments at the St. Louis offices of Thompson Coburn LLP, and Lathrop and Gage L.C. He also maintained an active pro bono practice through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, as well as his neighborhood barber shop and church, where he never turned down a citizen in need of legal help. In 2008, he won a seat in the Missouri House of Representatives, where he represented the 71st district in St. Louis County. During this time, Calloway served as ranking member of the general laws committee, rules committee, agriculture committee, joint committee on tax policy, and Democratic caucus policy committee. He was the only African American attorney, and one of the three youngest members of the General Assembly. Calloway earned a BA in political science and English literature from Alabama A&M University and a JD from Boston University School of Law.



MELVIN CARTER

OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING AT THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Melvin W. Carter III was recently appointed by the Governor to be the director of the Office of Early Learning at the Minnesota Department of Education. Previously, he represented Ward 1 on the Saint Paul City Council. Elected to the city council in 2007, Carter focused on transit equity and closing the achievement gap. He led comprehensive, grassroots education reform through the creation of the Frogtown/Summit-University Community Investment Campus. This partnership between city, county, school, and community leaders was designed to support high quality education outcomes for all children. One year after its launch, the initiative was awarded a highly competitive federal Promise Neighborhoods Grant to continue this work on a larger scale as the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. In addition to tireless advocacy for residents and businesses along the Central Corridor Light Rail Line, Carter's first term accomplishments include forming the city's Department of Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity, requiring landlords to notify tenants of a pending foreclosure on their property, and banning the sale of candy cigarettes and toy lighters to reduce "practice smoking" among children. Carter holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida A&M University and a master's degree in public policy from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. In his free time, Carter enjoys spending time with his two beautiful daughters, Maylena and Naomi.



FRIDAY, JULY 26

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

PAUL ROALES

WEST LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL

Paul Roales is a former councilmember for the city of West Lafayette, Indiana. Elected at the age of 25, Paul Roales voted three times against tax increases, was a strong advocate for underrepresented constituencies, and worked to establish strong local economic development conditions. He believes that education is the key to a strong society. Roales is an entrepreneur at heart, having grown up around his parents' independent hometown pharmacy. He worked with startups in Silicon Valley, on the East Coast, and in the Midwest before settling down and spending five years with Pearl Street Venture Funds, a small Indianapolis based venture capital fund. Roales is currently finishing a Masters in Computer Science at the University of Chicago.



EDDIE VANBOGAERT

WEST LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Eddie VanBogaert, 22, represents the first district of West Lafayette, Indiana. His constituency consists predominantly of Purdue University students and young professionals. Councilmember VanBogaert's primary focus is on improving community relationships and attracting commercial development to the area. As a recent graduate of Purdue University himself, VanBogaert works full time as a consultant for high-tech developers and social campaigns. He is scheduled to graduate from Purdue University in 2014 with a Master of Business Administration.



11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**MAKING THE JUMP:
RUNNING FOR LOCAL OR STATE OFFICE**

SPRINGWOOD

It's not unusual for elected officials to jump between offices. Term limits, life changes, or the desire to run for higher office create situations where YEOs are running for school board, municipal, or state legislative office. This session will help YEOs specifically interested in pursuing a different level of office think through the necessary campaign steps, from building their base, planning their spending at the appropriate level, and thinking through their targeted field plans for a different district.

BRAD BAUMAN

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

Brad Bauman serves as the executive director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Prior to that role, Bauman served as communications director for Congressman Tim Ryan and Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy. Bauman also spent time as the Sunlight Foundation's communications director and has held various positions for local and statewide campaigns. He is a graduate of The George Washington University.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

DELIA GARCIA

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Delia Garcia serves as the senior liaison for the Latino community at the National Education Association's office of minority community organizing and partnerships. In 2004, she became the first Latina and youngest woman ever to be elected to the Kansas Legislature. She serves as a national board member of PODER PAC, ex-officio board member of the national Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BOHCC), lifetime member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO), member of the Young Elected Officials Alumni Board, and board member of Futuro PAC. Garcia has been recognized in a number of national publications, including Newsweek and Latina Style magazines. In 2004, she earned a master's degree in political science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. In 2007, she graduated from the Harvard University Executive Leadership Program.



RASHAD TAYLOR

FIVE ELEVEN, LLC

First elected when he was 27 years old, Rashad Taylor represented Atlanta in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2009 to 2013. In 2010, he was elected vice chairman of his party's House Caucus, the fourth-highest ranking leadership position in the House. In 2007, he was named a "rising star" in national politics by Campaigns and Elections Magazine. He has served as political director for the Georgia state chapter of his political party and deputy campaign manager for Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed's successful 2009 campaign. Taylor has worked for US Senator Max Cleland, Congressman John Lewis, and Congressman John Barrow, and managed campaigns for former Atlanta Board of Education President Khaatim S. El and Georgia State Representative Alisha Morgan. He is the president and founder of Five Eleven, LLC, a public affairs, political consulting, and government relations firm based in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a strategic partner and senior strategist at Mack-Sumner Communications. He currently serves on the boards of directors of the Kindezi School and Georgia Equality.



11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**THE NEXT STEP:
RUNNING FOR STATEWIDE OR FEDERAL OFFICE**

SAGAMORE HILL

Some young elected officials are ready to consider taking the next step into higher office at the statewide or congressional level. Nine progressive young leaders were elected to the US House of Representatives in this past election cycle. This session will review the steps YEOs should take to prepare for such a high-level run and provide advice on field, campaign, and donor planning. The goal of this session is to provide insight so YEOs can determine if it's the right move for them.

JON HOADLEY

BADLANDS STRATEGIES, LLC

Jon Hoadley is the owner of Badlands Strategies LLC, a progressive strategy firm focusing on coalition management, complex project management, fundraising, candidates and campaigns, organizational planning, and program development. In 2012, Hoadley and his firm received statewide and national acclaim for their management of Bridget Mary McCormack's Michigan Supreme Court campaign. Previously, Hoadley was the campaign manager of One Kalamazoo, the successful local campaign to defend the sexual orientation and gender identity inclusive Kalamazoo Non-Discrimination Ordinance put before voters in November of 2009. Prior to managing One Kalamazoo, Hoadley was the executive director of National Stonewall Democrats, worked for the Gill Action Fund, and managed South Dakotans Against Discrimination.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

MICHAEL MCCALL

GAY & LESBIAN VICTORY FUND/INSTITUTE

Michael McCall serves as the deputy political director of the Midwest and South for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. Previously, he has served as campaign manager for local and state legislative campaigns. He was the House campaign manager for the Iowa Democratic Party, and served as a field director for Mary Jo Kilroy for Congress. He is a graduate of Ohio State University.



NATHAN SHINAGAWA

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Nate Shinagawa is a county legislator representing Ithaca, New York. In 2012, he ran for United States Congress in New York's 23rd Congressional District. He faced other opponents in the Democratic primary and won over 56% of the vote. In the general election, he faced incumbent Republican Congressman Tom Reed in one of the most competitive races in the country. He lost the race 48% to 52% despite being outspent by nearly three to one. The Daily Kos and the Cook Report named the race one of the top three missed opportunities in 2012. Shinagawa has served on the Tompkins County Legislature for nearly eight years. During his tenure, he has chaired the budget, health and human services, and public safety committees. For the past four years, he has been a senior administrator for Robert Packer Hospital, a 254-bed teaching hospital. He is currently the chairman of a campaign to elect a candidate to the United States Congress.



11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**STANDARDS FOR ETHICAL BEHAVIOR:
DEFINING YOUR CORE VALUES**

HERMITAGE ROOM

In this highly interactive session, participants will discuss and debate ethics as standards of behavior. Ethics is about what we should do based on our own core values. The most difficult ethical dilemmas occur when these core ethical values - each of which appears to be right - come into conflict. Participants will be challenged with such ethical dilemmas that occur in gray areas where no law provides the answer. They will contemplate ethics in the public sector to help them identify their own values and learn about the values of those with whom they work and interact. The session will also seek to provide young elected officials with practical tools for resolving difficult dilemmas.

NATALIE O'DONNELL WOOD

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

Natalie O'Donnell Wood is a program principal with the Center for Ethics in Government at the National Conference of State Legislatures, where she specializes in ethics and lobbying policies and conducts values-based ethics training for state legislatures. She started with NCSL in 2000 and has worked on a variety of policy topics there, including child support and family law, legislative rules and procedure, and legislative staff professional development. She serves as NCSL's liaison to the Leadership Staff Section, and is NCSL's liaison to the Illinois General Assembly. She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She holds a master's degree in political science, politics, and public policy from the Center for New Directions in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Colorado at Denver. She and her husband, Matt, have a 2-year-old son, Emmett.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

LUNCH PLENARY

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**Now Is the Time:
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN OUR COUNTRY**

GRAND BALLROOM

In the wake of tragedies like Sandy Hook and the death of Trayvon Martin, as well as the shootings that plague our communities every day, it’s never been more important to address the unchecked and systemic gun violence in our cities and states. This public health threat carries the added tragedy of policies that have been shown to increase rates of violence and heighten racial profiling and inequalities, and extreme rhetoric that prevents the creation of common-sense solutions. This session will begin a critical dialogue within the Network about the importance of protecting our children, our schools, our streets, and the integrity of our justice system.

LORI HAAS

COALITION TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Lori Haas has served as an organizer with the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence since January 2010. Haas became involved in gun violence prevention efforts after the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, where her daughter Emily was shot twice and survived. She has worked with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Virginia Center for Public Safety, Protest Easy Guns, and Mayors Against Illegal Guns. She has lobbied on Capitol Hill in Washington and before the Virginia General Assembly for responsible gun laws numerous times. She promotes awareness of the issue by speaking to various groups from her perspective as a family member of someone who has survived gun violence. Haas graduated in 1976 from Saint Gertrude High School and attended Virginia Tech for two years. After a successful career in real estate, Lori volunteered for many neighborhood, church, school, and civic organizations. She was born and still lives in Richmond, Virginia. She is married with three children: Emily, a Virginia Tech graduate and elementary school teacher; Wyatt, a student at William & Mary; and Townley, a student at Benedictine College Preparatory. Her husband Channing is a self-employed residential builder.



DANIEL HERNANDEZ

SUNNYSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Daniel Hernandez, a recently published author, is a Sunnyside Unified School District governing board member. He first became politically engaged in response to Arizona’s immigration policies and began his political work on Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign. While studying political science at the University of Arizona, Hernandez served as a campaign manager for State Representative Steve Farley and as an intern for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Hernandez was a member of Tucson’s City Commission on LGBTQ Issues. Hernandez is an outspoken advocate for gun control and immigration reform. @djblp



MARK GLAZE

MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

Mark Glaze is the director of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a bipartisan coalition and the largest gun violence prevention advocacy organization in the country. Glaze brings more than 15 years' experience in politics, communications, and law to clients whose interests lie at the intersection of those fields. He served as a principal at the Raben Group, and prior to that he led Glaze Strategic. His writing for clients has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, Time, the Chicago Sun-Times, Roll Call, and many other journals. Glaze previously served as director of the Campaign Legal Center's government ethics and public affairs programs, and as assistant counsel and communications director at CLC. Prior to entering the nonprofit world, Glaze practiced law at Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells. From 1993 to 1996, Glaze worked as an aide to Rep. David Skaggs (D-CO). Glaze was an academic advisor to the 2005 Jimmy Carter-James Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform, and he served as an on-air Democratic strategist for Logo-CBS News in 2006. Mark is an honors graduate of the George Washington University Law School and Colorado College and a Truman Foundation Scholar.



ALAN WILLIAMS

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Alan B. Williams is a fifth generation Floridian and a recipient of both a BS and an MBA from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Upon graduation, Williams worked in the private sector until Tallahassee Mayor John Marks recruited him as an aide to serve as liaison between the community and the Office of the Mayor. In 2006, he founded MW Land & Investments, a Florida based property management and business development firm. As President and CEO, Williams promotes business ownership and drives businesses back into the local community. He ran for the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 8 and was elected in November 2008. A leader among his colleagues, Williams serves as the Democratic Whip. @Alan4Florida



ISSUE SESSION SERIES: HEALTH & EQUALITY

The Building a Healthy and Inclusive Society sessions will take a comprehensive approach to community health and wellness. These sessions will examine health disparities and cultural competencies, as well as the inclusion of immigrant and LGBTQ communities in health care policy. Groups will discuss the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the provision and integration of mental health resources, building safe communities through gun violence prevention measures, improving access to fresh and healthy foods, and maintaining and expanding access to comprehensive reproductive health education and services for both women and men.

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

**BUILDING A HEALTHY AND
INCLUSIVE SOCIETY
– STATE LEVEL**

SAGAMORE HILL

KELLAN BAKER

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Kellan Baker is associate director of the LGBT Research and Communications Project at the Center for American Progress. At CAP, Baker's work includes improving data collection about LGBT populations, working with the Department of Health and Human Services on a range of LGBT health policy priorities, and advancing gay and transgender issues internationally. He also directs the LGBT State Exchanges Project, which partners with LGBT and consumer health advocates in numerous states to build health equity for LGBT communities in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The project focuses on insurance market reforms, consumer engagement, and data collection in the establishment of the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, as well as the expansion of Medicaid. Baker holds a BA with high honors and an MPH in global public health policy from Swarthmore College, and an MA in international development from George Washington University.



DONNA CRANE

NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA

Donna Crane is the policy director of NARAL Pro-Choice America. As the organization's lead lobbyist, she represents pro-choice Americans' views to Congress and the executive branch. Before joining NARAL, Crane served as director of congressional affairs at the American Public Health Association. She has chaired several lobbying coalitions, served on national boards of directors, worked on Capitol Hill and in local government, and volunteered on many political campaigns. Crane also speaks frequently to the media on choice-related policy issues, having appeared on CNN, NPR, NBC, MSNBC, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post, Associated Press, and National Journal, among others. Crane holds a bachelor's degree in political science from San Jose State University and a master's degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University.



DEEPAK MADALA

ENROLL AMERICA

Deepak Madala is a policy analyst with the Best Practices Institute at Enroll America. The Institute identifies, develops, and disseminates information on enrollment policies that will result in the most Americans enrolling in health coverage. Prior to joining Enroll America, Madala was an associate at a law firm in Virginia, where he represented hospitals, nursing facilities, pharmacies, physicians, and other licensed health care practitioners in administrative and regulatory matters before state agencies. Before that, he served as a fellow with the Virginia Poverty Law Center, where he worked on health reform implementation efforts in Virginia. Madala earned a BA in economics from Rice University and holds both a JD and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. Madala is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar.



FRIDAY, JULY 26

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

**BUILDING A HEALTHY AND
INCLUSIVE SOCIETY
– LOCAL LEVEL GROUP A**

SPRINGWOOD

JENNI DYE

DANE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WISCONSIN

Jenni Dye serves on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, representing Fitchburg, a suburb of Madison, WI. She won election to the board in 2012, unseating a 10-year, conservative incumbent. Dye is also the executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin. Prior to joining NARAL, Dye was an attorney with Community Justice, a nonprofit law firm providing services to low and moderate income individuals. A lifelong Wisconsinite, she was motivated to seek political office following the Wisconsin union protests in February 2011. Dye serves on the board of directors of United Wisconsin and Independent Disability Services, chairs the Dane County Human Services Board and Food Council, and serves on several additional committees focused on public safety and education issues.



JENNIFER NG'ANDU

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA

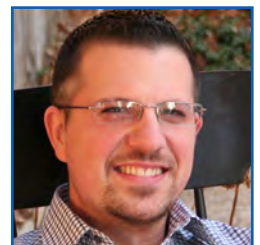
Jennifer Ng'andu is the director of health and civil rights policy projects at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). During her time at NCLR, she has overseen the efforts of the Health Policy Project, which aims to improve the health status and outcomes of Latinos through policy change. In 2012, she broadened her portfolio on equity to include leadership of the organization's efforts on emerging frontiers of civil rights, including juvenile justice, telecommunications, and LGBT equality. Ng'andu has expertise in a broad range of health and nutrition issues affecting Latinos. Her media credits include a variety of radio, print, and television media, including The New York Times, BBC, and The Washington Post. In 2008 she received the Health Braintrust Leadership in Advocacy Award from the Congressional Black Caucus. She was also recognized in 2013 by Families USA, receiving their Consumer Health Advocate Award. Currently, she sits on the National Physicians Alliance's board of directors and on the Council of Consumers. She is also vice president of the Herndon Alliance board of directors. In 2012, she joined the advisory board for the Ventanillas de Salud, the Mexican government's initiative to promote health and wellbeing of Mexican nationals in the US. Ng'andu was born in Zambia and hails from southeastern Connecticut.



PATRICK PASCHALL

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE

Patrick is a policy counsel at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He advances the Task Force's policy priorities and provides technical assistance on LGBT policy drafting and analysis. He was also elected in 2013 to the Hyattsville City Council in Hyattsville, Maryland. Paschall's focus areas include public safety, sustainable development, and improving public education. Prior to joining the NGLTF, Paschall worked with numerous LGBT rights organizations, including the National Center for Transgender Equality, Lambda Legal, Family Equality Council, and Pride at Work. Paschall is also a proud member and union delegate for SEIU Local 1199. Paschall earned a JD at Hofstra University School of Law, where he was an LGBT Rights Fellow, and received a BA in political science from Texas A&M University.



THE **2013** NATIONAL
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SESSION

LOCATION

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

**BUILDING A HEALTHY AND
INCLUSIVE SOCIETY
– LOCAL LEVEL GROUP B**

HERMITAGE ROOM

KELLY BADEN

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Kelly Baden is the director of policy and strategic partnerships at the National Institute for Reproductive Health. At NIRH, she directs the Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health and the Strengthen Our States Initiative, providing grants and technical assistance to advance innovative state and local reproductive rights policy. Previously, Baden trained physicians to become advocates for reproductive rights at Physicians for Reproductive Health. She has also worked for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey, EMILY's List, the American Political Science Association, and Close Up Foundation. Baden has a BA in political science and women's and gender studies from the College of New Jersey and a graduate certificate from the Women and Politics Institute at American University. She currently serves as vice president of the board of directors for New Jersey Abortion Access Fund, raising money to help women in New Jersey access abortion care.



CLAIRE MCANDREW

FAMILIES USA

Claire McAndrew is a senior health policy analyst at Families USA, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health coverage and care for all. She specializes in private insurance issues, including those related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. She has written numerous reports on topics such as health insurance exchanges, private market regulations, and wellness incentive programs. McAndrew also serves as vice chair of the standing advisory board to the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange. Prior to joining Families USA in 2007, McAndrew held positions in mental health and children's health advocacy organizations. She received an MPH in health policy from the University of Michigan and a BA in public health from Johns Hopkins University.



IAN THOMPSON

ACLU WASHINGTON

Ian Thompson is a legislative representative in ACLU's Washington Legislative Office. In this capacity, Thompson works to advance the organization's civil liberties and civil rights agenda in Congress and the executive branch by focusing on LGBT rights, HIV/AIDS, and sex education. He previously worked as the senior legislative assistant and, before that, as a field assistant at the ACLU, where he helped organize members and activists across the country and collaborated with state affiliate offices in support of the organization's national legislative agenda. Prior to joining ACLU, Thompson interned in the Washington, DC office of Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH). A 2005 graduate of Penn State University, Thompson holds a degree in international politics.



FRIDAY, JULY 26

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

**BUILDING A HEALTHY AND
INCLUSIVE SOCIETY**
– **SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BOARDS**

ASHLAWN ROOM

AISHA MOODIE-MILLS

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Aisha Moodie-Mills is the advisor for LGBT policy and racial justice at the Center for American Progress. Moodie-Mills directs the CAP FIRE Initiative, which examines the impact of public policy on LGBT people of color. Moodie-Mills has published policy briefs and columns on a variety of issues –from the unfair criminalization of LGBT youth to HIV/AIDS – and authored the report “Jumping Beyond the Broom: Why Black Gay and Transgender Americans Need More than Marriage Equality.” Moodie-Mills appears frequently as a political commentator on MSNBC. Prior to joining CAP, she served as a political advisor, private-sector liaison, and fundraiser to over 40 members of Congress and the Congressional Black Caucus.



DIANA THU-THAO RHODES

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH

Diana Thu-Thao Rhodes is the state strategies manager at Advocates for Youth, where she manages state policy and youth mobilization efforts on sex education and other reproductive and sexual rights/health issues. Rhodes has been working on social justice issues for nearly a decade, primarily around issues that affect women, young people, people of color, and the LGTBQ community. Before joining Advocates for Youth, Rhodes worked with the Center for Women Policy Studies, coordinating educational and strategic planning programs for women state legislators and international members of parliament on women’s human rights issues. Rhodes holds an MA from George Washington University in public policy with a concentration in women’s studies, as well as a BA from the University of Nevada in sociology and women’s studies.



JOSH ROVNER

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE

Josh Rovner joined the School-Based Health Alliance (formerly the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care) in April 2010 as the director of policy and advocacy. He is responsible for designing and implementing the School-Based Health Alliance’s federal policy agenda and representing the organization in national coalitions, conferences, meetings with colleague organizations, and government agencies, as well as on Capitol Hill. Rovner has previously worked as manager of policy and advocacy for Washington DC’s Metro TeenAIDS, as associate director of federal relations for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and as policy director for the DC Council’s Committee on Public Services. Rovner holds a master’s in public policy from the George Washington University and bachelor’s in political science from the University of Rochester.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

OPENING PLENARY

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

IS SEXISM EVER “BENEVOLENT”?
THE IMPACTS OF WHAT WE SAY
ABOUT AND TO ELECTED WOMEN LEADERS

GRAND BALLROOM

This plenary will feature recent research on the impacts of sexist language and media coverage – even what many see as “harmless” – on women public figures’ image, likeability ratings, and even voters’ perceptions of their qualifications. The panel will discuss personal observations and experiences of such encounters; the real-world implications of sexism in the media, between colleagues, and amongst voters; and what we can do to change it.

ERIN LOOS CUTRARO

SHE SHOULD RUN

Erin Loos Cutraro is the vice president and political director of the Women’s Campaign Fund/ She Should Run, a Washington, DC based organization that encourages, trains, and supports women who run for political office. Cutraro develops and manages several of WCF’s break-out franchises that combine technology, media, and action to target specific issues related to moving forward women’s representation in government. These include She Should Run and its online component, She Should Run In Action, a dynamic online tool that asks women to run for office and boasts an active list of over 250,000 members; Vote With Your Purse, a program working to close the gap between women’s philanthropic and political giving; Name It Change It, a program in partnership with the Women’s Media Center that uses social and traditional media to identify and rapidly respond to reports of sexism that women candidates face on the campaign trail; and MsRepresentation, a tongue-in- cheek political news guide about women and politics that is distributed weekly to over 300,000 subscribers. As WCF’s political director, Cutraro has directly advised over 500 candidates at the national, state, and local levels on a gendered-lens approach to running for public office. Before joining WCF, she designed and implemented a variety of strategic programs for companies, campaigns, and organizations that traverse the public policy, nonprofit, and financial business arenas. She holds a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Missouri and a master’s degree in communication from Saint Louis University.



MIKE FIRESTONE

ELIZABETH WARREN FOR SENATE (2012)

Mike Firestone has worked on state and national campaigns for more than a decade. Most recently, he served as field director for Elizabeth Warren’s US Senate campaign in Massachusetts. He has also worked for Hillary Clinton, President Obama, Governor Deval Patrick, and US Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH). From 2009-2010, he served as a legislative aide for Senator Shaheen, working on grants, unemployment, workforce, and economic development issues. Firestone has also worked on consumer protection litigation and in the office of the Massachusetts Attorney General. He is in his final semester at Harvard Law School and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



SATURDAY, JULY 27

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

SANDRA FLUKE

LOS ANGELES-BASED ATTORNEY & SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE

Sandra Fluke has devoted her career to public interest advocacy, ranging from economic justice to gay rights. She currently represents victims of human trafficking and advocates for social justice legislation in Sacramento and Washington, DC. Her work has been honored by the American Federation of Teachers, American Constitution Society, National Association of Women Lawyers, and others. Fluke came to national attention in February, 2012, when she testified before the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee on the importance of women's private insurance covering contraception. Despite ongoing personal attacks, she continues to speak out for social justice. Fluke served as a surrogate for President Obama in his reelection campaign, and helped elect over a dozen progressive candidates to Congress. She graduated cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center, as a public interest law scholar with a certificate in refugee and humanitarian emergencies.



RACHEL LARRIS

WOMEN'S MEDIA CENTER

Rachel Larris is Communications Manager at the Women's Media Center. She oversees the Name It. Change It. project. Prior to joining Women's Media Center, Larris served as Communications Director at American Forum and the National Women's Editorial Forum. She previously worked as a journalist in Ohio, Seattle, and Washington, DC. She tweets under @NewsCat_in_DC.



AISHA MOODIE-MILLS

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Aisha Moodie-Mills is the advisor for LGBT policy and racial justice at the Center for American Progress. Moodie-Mills directs the CAP FIRE Initiative, which examines the impact of public policy on LGBT people of color. Moodie-Mills has published policy briefs and columns on a variety of issues –from the unfair criminalization of LGBT youth to HIV/AIDS – and authored the report “Jumping Beyond the Broom: Why Black Gay and Transgender Americans Need More than Marriage Equality.” Moodie-Mills appears frequently as a political commentator on MSNBC. Prior to joining CAP, she served as a political advisor, private-sector liaison, and fundraiser to over 40 members of Congress and the Congressional Black Caucus.



LISA A. WONG

CITY OF FITCHBURG

Lisa A. Wong is serving her third term as mayor of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She was first elected to that office in November of 2007 at the age of 28, becoming youngest female mayor and first Asian American female mayor in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Financial stability is one Wong's top priorities. She consolidated 22 city departments into 10, built up a stabilization fund from \$10,000 to over \$4,500,000, and balanced budgets. By managing more effectively in lean times, Wong has been able to lower crime, make significant capital improvements, and attract private investment. She is a leader in environmental efforts and was named Conservationist of the Year in 2011 by the Trustees of Reservations. She also serves on the US Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Board. Wong received a dual bachelor's degree in international relations and economics and master's degree in economics from Boston University.



THE **2013** NATIONAL
CONVENING

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: WORKERS & FAMILIES

The Defending Workers and Families sessions will discuss state and local strategies for protecting the rights and interests of all American workers and families. These discussions will center on investing in the productivity of working families, reducing asset poverty, encouraging domestic job growth and entrepreneurship, and ensuring the rights of all workers to organize. Groups will also discuss workers' rights and benefits as they pertain to the family, including the minimum wage, and paid sick days and leave.

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

**DEFENDING WORKERS AND FAMILIES
– LOCAL LEVEL GROUP A**

SPRINGWOOD

ROBB GRAY

CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES

Robb Gray is the director of state engagement and partnerships at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Before coming to the Center in 2007, Gray worked with numerous organizations as a government affairs consultant and coalition organizer. Prior to that, he was the executive director for the Oklahoma State Tourism and Recreation Department, government relations director for the Oklahoma Cabinet Secretary for Commerce and Tourism, fiscal staff assigned to the Oklahoma State Senate Appropriations Committee, and intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency. Gray holds a bachelor's in political science from the University of Florida and a master's in public administration from the University of Oklahoma.



STEVE SAVNER

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHANGE

Steve Savner is director of public policy at the Center for Community Change, where he leads the Center's policy and legislative activities. From 1994 to 2004, Savner was a senior attorney at the Center for Law and Social Policy, where his work focused on federal and state welfare and workforce development policy as well as public job creation programs. Savner has written extensively on these issues and has testified before national, state, and local legislative bodies. From 1982 to 1994, Savner worked at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, specializing in advocacy and litigation regarding welfare, employment, job training, and child care policy. Previously, he was an attorney at the National Employment Law Project in New York City where he specialized in employment discrimination litigation and worked on issues concerning unemployment insurance and job training policies.



KARUNDI WILLIAMS

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

Karundi Williams is the integrated campaigns coordinator of government relations at the Service Employees International Union. Williams works with SEIU local leaders and allies to drive union-wide policy priorities through state and local campaigns across the country. She manages a robust legislative program at the state and local level. Prior to joining SEIU, Williams served as director of government relations and deputy legislative director for Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and as political director for the 2010 Strickland reelection campaign. Williams has served in senior roles including legislative affairs director for the Ohio Department of Transportation, senior policy and legislative advisor for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and legislative aide to senators and representatives of the Ohio General Assembly. Williams is a graduate of Ohio State University.



SATURDAY, JULY 27

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

DEFENDING WORKERS AND FAMILIES
– SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BOARDS

ASHLAWN ROOM

ETHAN GEILING

CORPORATION FOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Ethan Geiling is a program manager at the Corporation for Enterprise Development, where he advances strategies to increase the financial security of low-income families and communities in the United States. Geiling supports the Assets and Opportunity Network by providing policy expertise, technical assistance, resources, and strategic advice to advocates, service providers, and other stakeholders working to expand the reach and deepen the impact of asset-based strategies. As a member of CFED's applied research team, he also researches and designs solutions that promote access to safe and affordable financial services for unbanked and underbanked consumers. Geiling holds a BA in economics from Northwestern University.



SETH JOHNSON

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Seth Johnson is the assistant director of political action for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, overseeing the department's political communications, research, financial and compliance functions, and running the union's independent expenditure programs. Johnson has run campaigns for the union in more than a dozen states. Johnson previously worked as a budget, tax, and intergovernmental finance analyst in AFSCME's public policy department, for the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts, for the US House Committee on the Budget, and for Federal Funds Information for States. Johnson holds an MA in public policy from the University of Michigan and a BA in government from Cornell University.



LIZ WATSON

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

Liz Watson is senior advisor to the Education and Employment Team at the National Women's Law Center. In her work on the team, Watson uses legislative advocacy, public education, and litigation to promote full and fair opportunities for women and girls in employment and job training. Before coming to the Center, Watson was executive director of the Georgetown Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy where she led initiatives focused on improving policies and programs for low-income workers and marginalized girls and young women. Prior to that, she was legislative counsel for Workplace Flexibility 2010 at Georgetown Law, where her work focused on developing policy solutions to work-family conflict and its consequences for low-wage workers. She also practiced employment law at Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe. Watson began her career as a Skadden Public Interest Law Fellow, working with low-wage workers and women receiving public benefits in New York City. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Susan Y. Illston of the Northern District of California. Watson is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and Carleton College.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**DEFENDING WORKERS AND FAMILIES
– STATE LEVEL**

SAGAMORE HILL

RACHEL LYONS

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Rachel Lyons is the work and family government affairs manager at the National Partnership for Women and Families. At NPWF, Lyons coordinates federal education and advocacy on work-family policies, including paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, and expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act. She has over 15 years of experience developing advocacy programs to engage women and managing outreach activity for progressive organizations and political campaigns. Lyons has worked on political campaigns in New Hampshire, Missouri, Colorado, and Arizona as well as for numerous progressive political and advocacy organizations including the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and the National Education Association. She has also served as director of the American Arts Alliance, a coalition of national nonprofit performing arts organizations. Lyons has a BA from the University of Colorado at Boulder and an MA from George Washington University.



KARLA WALTER

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND

Karla Walter is associate director of the American Worker Project at the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Karla focuses primarily on improving the economic security of American workers by increasing workers' wages and benefits, promoting workplace protections, and advancing workers' rights at work. Prior to joining American Progress, Karla was a research analyst at Good Jobs First, providing support to public officials, policy research organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups striving to make state and local economic development subsidies more accountable and effective. Previously, she worked as a legislative aide for Wisconsin State Rep. Jennifer Shilling. Karla earned a master's degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



SATURDAY, JULY 27

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

DEFENDING WORKERS AND FAMILIES
– LOCAL LEVEL GROUP B

HERMITAGE ROOM

NIKKI BUDZINSKI

UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION

Nikki Budzinski is the political director of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. In this role, Budzinski assists UFCW locals with candidate endorsements and political and legislative field activities. Budzinski has been working in the labor movement for the past six years. Prior to working at the UFCW International Union, she worked in the political action department of the International Association of Fire Fighters union. Before joining the labor movement, Budzinski worked on numerous political campaigns at the local, state, and federal level, including campaigns in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Budzinski graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana with a degree in political science and history.



SHAR HABIBI

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Shar Habibi is the research and policy director of In the Public Interest, a project of the Partnership for Working Families. ITPI serves as a national resource center on privatization and responsible contracting. Habibi previously worked for a policy and research organization in Texas, where she focused on the privatization of social services. Before that, she worked for a government procurement consulting firm. Habibi received a master's in public affairs and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.



ANDREA CRISTINA MERCADO

NATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS ALLIANCE

Andrea Cristina Mercado is the co-founder and campaign director of National Domestic Workers Alliance. Prior to joining NDWA, she was political director at Mujeres Unidas y Activas, a grassroots Latina immigrant women's organization in the San Francisco Bay Area, for nearly ten years. Mercado led MUA's campaign for Workers Rights Inside and Outside the Home, which highlights the intersections of immigrant, worker, and women's rights, and there she built a statewide effort to include domestic workers in California labor laws. She is the daughter of South American immigrants and was inspired to begin organizing domestic workers because of hard-working women in her family who received low pay and little respect as domestic workers.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

ISSUE SESSION SERIES: DEMOCRACY

The Expanding Democracy sessions will focus on voting rights and civic engagement strategies, as well as campaign finance reform and ways to combat the influence of dark and corporate money in elections. These sessions will include local and state level campaign public financing options, strategies for overturning Citizens United, the criminalization of voter suppression, civics curriculum and pre-registration in schools, as well as voting and registration modernization.

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY
– STATE LEVEL

SAGAMORE HILL

BEN HOVLAND

FAIR ELECTIONS LEGAL NETWORK

Ben Hovland serves as senior counsel with the Fair Elections Legal Network. Hovland’s work focuses on improving access to registration and voting. He has given trainings, webinars, and interviews on issues ranging from voter suppression efforts to technological advancements used to improve voter engagement and participation. Hovland previously served as the deputy general counsel for the Missouri Secretary of State’s office. In that role, he focused on legal issues related to the administration of state and federal elections including recounts, poll worker training, voter registration list maintenance, statewide database matching, voter education resources, and ballot initiative litigation. In addition to his legal experience, Hovland has worked for several statewide political campaigns. Hovland obtained a JD from University of Oregon School of Law and is a member of the Missouri Bar.



MARCIA JOHNSON-BLANCO

LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW

Marcia Johnson-Blanco is co-director of the Lawyers’ Committee’s Voting Rights Project, where she directs programs on voter protection, election reform, census and redistricting, and felon disfranchisement. Prior to her present position, she was senior counsel in the Voting Rights Project. In that capacity, she served as the deputy director of the National Commission on the Voting Rights Act, organized election protection programs in several states and cities, and trained hundreds of attorneys to volunteer for the nation’s largest nonpartisan voter protection program. In addition, Johnson-Blanco evaluates election-related legislation at the state and federal level to determine its effect on minority voters. She is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and received a JD from Villanova University School of Law and a BS in linguistics from Georgetown University.



JEFF MERRITT

NATIONAL COALITION FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN POLITICAL SPENDING

Jeff S. Merritt is an expert in the design and implementation of civic engagement and good government programs with more than a decade of on-the-ground leadership experience in the US and abroad. He currently serves as senior advisor to New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio and is director of the National Coalition for Accountability in Political Spending. In 2005, Merritt founded Grassroots Initiative, the nation’s first nonprofit election consulting firm. There, he organized the first entirely online public election in US history as part of a contract with the New York City Department of Education. Merritt served as executive director of the Center for Civic Responsibility from 2003 to 2005, where he led efforts for the adoption of new statewide and local level pay-to-play reform legislation, and oversaw the development of a statewide civics education curriculum. Merritt previously worked with the US Department of State and USAID-funded democratization programs in Croatia, Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Montenegro, and East Timor. Merritt holds a master’s degree from Columbia University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan.



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9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	EXPANDING DEMOCRACY – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP B	HERMITAGE ROOM
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	EXPANDING DEMOCRACY – LOCAL LEVEL GROUP A	SPRINGWOOD

ROBERT BRANDON

ROBERT M. BRANDON AND ASSOCIATES

Robert M. Brandon is an attorney with more than 25 years of public policy, legislative, media and campaign experience at the federal, state and local levels. He is president of Robert M. Brandon and Associates, a public affairs firm that works to advance public interest and grassroots goals. Over the last 10 years, Brandon has specialized in telecommunication policy, information technology, consumer digital rights, and broadband and internet policy. From 2008 to 2010, Brandon served as senior consultant for Health Care for America Now! and was previously the head of Citizen Action's national office, a consultant for the Democratic National Committee, and an advisor to the White House on healthcare strategy. He has also served as executive director of the Citizen/ Labor Energy Coalition, director of the Tax Reform Research Group, and an adjunct lecturer in law at the George Washington University Law School.



JAMIE RASKIN (Local Group A)

MARYLAND STATE SENATE

Jamie Raskin is a State Senator in Maryland representing Silver Spring and Takoma Park. He is also a professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law where he directs its program on Law and Government. In November 2006, in his first bid for public office, he captured 99 percent of the vote in the general election. Jamie graduated magna cum laude at Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Raskin's vast legal knowledge has allowed him to become one of the most active and influential senators in Maryland, passing nearly 50 bills in his first term. He is also a Senior Fellow at People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation.



STEPHEN SPAULDING (Local Group B)

COMMON CAUSE

Stephen Spaulding joined Common Cause as staff counsel in September 2011. He has also served as a litigation associate at Goodwin Procter LLP and a law fellow at Common Cause between 2009 and 2010. Prior to law school, Spaulding was a trial preparation assistant in the Rackets Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he worked on corruption and racketeering investigations. He is a frequent guest of popular news programs, commenting on issues including Congress, campaign finance, and voting rights. Spaulding received his BA in political science from Haverford College and earned his JD cum laude from Boston College Law School. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia and Massachusetts.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

RASHAD ROBINSON

COLOROFCHANGE

Rashad Robinson serves as executive director of ColorofChange, having joined the organization in May 2011. For well over a decade, Robinson has helped to mobilize communities across the country to create more inclusive cultural and political institutions. A recognized expert on how popular culture impacts American attitudes and values, he has served as a thought leader, widely sought-out speaker, and strategist on utilizing media to shift public opinion concerning progressive and civil rights issues. In 2010 and 2011, Robinson was selected as one of “The Root 100,” a list of emerging and influential African Americans under 45. Prior to joining ColorofChange, he was the senior director of programs at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). He also worked as the communications director for the Right to Vote Campaign, a national collaboration of eight major civil rights and voting organizations, including the NAACP, People For the American Way, and the ACLU.



2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**EXPANDING DEMOCRACY
– SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BOARDS**

ASHLAWN ROOM

JUDITH BROWNE DIANIS

ADVANCEMENT PROJECT

Judith Browne Dianis, co-director of Advancement Project, has an extensive background in civil rights litigation and advocacy in the areas of voting, education, housing, and employment. Judith joined Advancement Project at its inception in 1999, after serving as managing attorney in the Washington, DC office of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Advancement Project is on the frontlines in fighting against a rash of suppressive legislative initiatives such as restrictions on early voting, state photo ID requirements, and limits on voter registration. Under Dianis' leadership, Advancement Project has been addressing the school-to-prison pipeline, about which she has authored groundbreaking reports, including “Derailed: The Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track.” In 2008, Dianis represented the Virginia NAACP in litigation to eliminate racial disparities in the allocation of voting machines. She also helped stop Florida's use of an erroneous felon purge list in 2004. Dianis is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law, served as a Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar at Florida State University Law School, and is currently an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.



KRISTEN MUTHIG

FAIR ELECTIONS LEGAL NETWORK

Kristen Muthig is the communications and policy manager for the Fair Elections Legal Network. Muthig manages day-to-day communications and media relations for FELN. Before starting at FELN, Muthig spent seven years in Ohio working with school districts, community colleges, libraries, and other nonprofits on their ongoing communications, long-term planning, and strategy for their ballot issue campaigns. She also has experience as a reporter for the Norwalk Reflector and Cincinnati Enquirer, and as a copyeditor for Knight Ridder Tribune. Muthig has her MA in communications management from John Carroll University and her BA in English/journalism and political science from Miami University.



SKILLS SESSION SERIES (REPEATED)

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY AND
BUILDING COALITIONS THAT LAST

HERMITAGE ROOM

In order to get things done it is often necessary to build public support. Learn how to form coalitions that last by building relationships with community leaders, businesses, and other stakeholders. Our panel of experts representing these various communities will present you with personal experience and practical advice to help you break the gridlock and get things done.

RHETT BUTTLE

SMALL BUSINESS MAJORITY

Rhett Buttle directs Small Business Majority's Washington, DC operations, acting as the primary liaison with the White House, Congress and national partners. He also directs the organization's national small business outreach efforts, which include fostering strong relationships with business organizations across the country, growing the strategic partnership program, and building an active network of small business owners. He plays a lead role in the organization's institutional fundraising efforts. Before joining Small Business Majority, Buttle served in the Office of the President at George Washington University. Prior to that, he worked on presidential, state, and local campaigns and in the office of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Buttle was part of the governor's legislative team working on healthcare reform, energy, and education issues.



LESLIE WATSON MALACHI

AFRICAN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY FOUNDATION

Minister Leslie Watson Malachi is the director of African American Religious Affairs (AARA) at People For the American Way Foundation. Minister Watson previously served as the national policy director of Balm In Gilead and director of the multicultural programs department of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, where she co-authored two faith-based sexuality education dialogue models for African American congregations, "Keeping It Real!" for teens and "Breaking the Silence" for adults. She has served as the national coordinator and field director for the National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. She is a master trainer and has been trained by several institutions in grassroots organizing, facilitation, events, and strategic planning, and has worked on issue campaigns almost exclusively with the African American faith community for over 27 years. She is the volunteer director of advocacy for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and serves as a member of the ministerial staff of the historic Pilgrim Baptist Church in Northeast DC.



PATRICK PASCHALL

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE

Patrick Paschall is a policy advocate at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Paschall advances the Task Force's policy priorities and provides technical assistance on LGBT policy drafting and analysis. He was also elected in 2013 to represent Ward 3 on the Hyattsville City Council in Hyattsville, Maryland. Paschall's focus areas include public safety, sustainable development, and the improvement of public education. Prior to joining the NGLTF, Paschall worked with numerous LGBT rights organizations, including the National Center for Transgender Equality, Lambda Legal, Family Equality Council, and Pride at Work. Paschall is also a proud member and union delegate of Service Employees International Union, local 1199. Paschall earned a JD at Hofstra University School of Law, where he was an LGBT rights fellow, and received a BA in political science from Texas A&M University.



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SESSION

LOCATION

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

DEVELOPING A LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN PLAN: FROM PROPOSAL TO PASSAGE **ASHLAWN ROOM**

Taking a piece of legislation or action through the bureaucratic process is no easy feat, but it's a process often learned on the job. In this session, participants will be able to receive advice and real-world guidance on how to pass difficult pieces of legislation, work with senior and opposite party legislators, develop relationships with stakeholders, create messaging plans, and build coalitions with interest groups. The session will also explain federal legislative processes and procedures, the role of lobbyists, and how federal agencies, the media, and interest groups influence the process and outcomes. Through case studies and concrete examples, YEOs will be able to see exactly how legislation is drafted, worked, and passed through the system.

JONATHAN BING
WILSON ELSE

Jonathan Bing is a partner in the government relations department of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP, New York State's top-ranked lobbying practice for the past sixteen years. Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Bing was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as the special deputy superintendent of the New York Liquidation Bureau. The NYLB protects the interests of policyholders and creditors of insurance companies that have been declared impaired or insolvent. Prior to his work at the NYLB, Mr. Bing was elected to five terms in the New York State Assembly. His most notable legislative achievements include the 2006 law expanding the statute of limitations for workers' compensation claims made by 9/11 rescue, recovery, and clean-up workers and the 2010 no-fault divorce law. Mr. Bing received a JD from the New York University School of Law, a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, and a 2009 Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from LIM College.



GREGORY MINCHAK
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

Gregory Minchak is the current director of strategic communications at the National League of Cities. Minchak has ten years of experience in public affairs in policy and communications. This includes extensive on-the-record experience with an emphasis on advocacy communications. Throughout his career, Minchak has worked with boards of directors, officers, and c-suites in message creation, media preparation, strategic business planning, issue management, and media outreach. He also has practice in event management, including press events and all other aspects of conference planning. Additionally, he has experience in substantial issue management activity, including tracking and advocating legislation, writing agency filings, determining stakeholder viewpoints, and performing analytical research to provide policy and political consultation. Minchak is a graduate of King's College and The George Washington University.



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LOCATION

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

USING TECHNOLOGY TO

SAGAMORE HILL

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

ENGAGE CONSTITUENTS

Political hopefuls are increasingly using modern technology to great advantage during their campaigns, but there seems to be a disconnect once those same leaders become elected officials. This session will address a myriad of technology options that YEOs can use to engage with their constituents and be more effective public servants. They will learn how to build community and support for their work by effectively utilizing social media, their website, and other systems of technology specially designed for information and communication tracking.

JENNIFER BERNAL-GARCIA

GOOGLE

Jennifer Bernal-Garcia is a member of Google's public policy team, where she works on congressional outreach across a broad range of issues and products. She was previously based in Google's YouTube division in San Bruno, California, focusing on copyright compliance, user advocacy and support, and improving related products. Before joining Google, she was a research consultant at the Center for a New American Security in Washington, DC, where she co-authored a study on the impact of organized crime on international and national security. Her research and opinion pieces have been published on ForeignPolicy.com and in the Washington Post. She received a BA with honors in public policy from Stanford University, where she also minored in art.



ANEESH CHOPRA (Morning Session Only)

THE ADVISORY BOARD COMPANY

Aneesh Chopra is the Senior Advisor, at The Advisory Board Company, a healthcare think tank dedicated to helping hospitals better serve patients. Before serving as the former US Chief Technology Officer for the White House, his work at The Advisory Board Company inspired him to pursue his dream of entering public service. He began full-time service to the Commonwealth of Virginia when Governor Tim Kaine selected him to serve as the state's secretary of technology. In 2009, based on Chopra's success in Virginia, President Obama appointed him to serve as the nation's first Chief Technology Officer. Chopra attended Johns Hopkins University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He currently resides in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Rohini, and their two daughters.



MICHAEL MOSCHELLA

NATIONBUILDER

Michael Moschella is the vice president of organizing at NationBuilder. He has been at the forefront of the leadership development and civic engagement community for over a decade. Prior to joining the team at NationBuilder, Moschella served as chief organizer and political director for the Truman National Security Project and the Center for National Policy. At Truman CNP he helped launch multiple award-winning advocacy efforts, including the Operation Free clean energy and national security campaign that was named "Public Affairs Campaign of the Year" in 2010 by Campaigns and Elections magazine. In addition to his work at Truman, Moschella is a founder and current secretary of the board of directors of New Leaders Council, a nonprofit organization that runs 25 highly selective civic leadership training institutes across the country. Moschella spent his early career building an expertise in the areas of field organizing, media and communications, voter targeting, and management through multiple congressional, gubernatorial, independent expenditure, and state and local political campaign efforts. He is a graduate of Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and Boston College High School.



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**PROGRESSIVE MESSAGING:
WORDS TO FIND A COMMON GROUND**

SPRINGWOOD

Finding common ground and building consensus through messaging is a challenge for every elected official. Based on the latest research and public polling from Lake Research Partners, this session will look at the best word usage, phrasing, and messaging to use with progressives and moderates. This session will also reference messaging by major presidential, senate, and issue based campaigns as case study examples so that YEOs can see the effective messaging in action.

KRISTY PULTORAK

LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

Kristy Pultorak joined Lake Research Partners in 2013 as a senior analyst. She has extensive experience working with quantitative and qualitative research for international and domestic political campaigns, issue advocacy organizations, and nonprofits. Pultorak has worked on some of the most competitive targeted races on the federal and state levels over the last several election cycles, including in major swing states like Ohio and Virginia. Prior to joining LRP, she was the deputy political director at the Victory Fund and an analyst with Benenson Strategy Group. Pultorak holds a master's degree in public policy from American University and a BA in political science from Siena College. A native upstate New Yorker, she is a diehard Syracuse University Orange fan and doesn't miss any basketball games.



LUNCH PLENARY

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**"THE DREAM IS NOW":
FILM VIEWING AND
IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION PANEL**

GRAND BALLROOM

This plenary will open with a screening of the Davis Guggenheim documentary "The Dream is Now," which tells the personal stories of undocumented children of immigrants and their struggles for a roadmap to citizenship. The panel will then discuss the issue of comprehensive immigration reform from a policy and a personal perspective, and what this means for state and local officials and all of our communities.

ERIKA ANDIOLA

ARIZONA DREAM ACT COALITION

Erika Andiola is a former board member of the United We Dream Network and current outreach director for Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema. Andiola is originally from Durango, Mexico, and immigrated with her family to Mesa, Arizona, when she was 11 years old. She graduated from Arizona State University in 2009 with a B.A. in psychology. Andiola is one of the co-founders of the national immigrant youth-led DRM Action Coalition and the Arizona Dream Act Coalition (ADAC), which is an umbrella organization of groups and individuals across the state of Arizona who are interested in fighting for the welfare of immigrant students. She was voted to be the first president and lead organizer of the coalition, giving her the opportunity to help mobilize hundreds of students to fight for the passage of the DREAM Act.



GREGORY CENDANA

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LABOR ALLIANCE

Greg Cendana is currently the executive director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO and Institute for Asian Pacific American Leadership and Advancement. He also serves on the executive committee of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans and as secretary for the Labor Coalition for Community Action. Named one of the 30 Most Influential Asian Americans Under 30 and the "Future of DC Politics," Cendana is a recognized organizer, speaker, and trainer. Previously, he served as president of the United States Student Association, where he played an integral role in the passage of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act and the Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act.



DOLORES HUERTA

DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

Dolores Clara Huerta is the founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and a board member of People For the American Way. She was born in Dawson, a small mining town in the mountains of northern New Mexico. Her father Juan Fernández, a farm worker and miner by trade, was a union activist who ran for political office and won a seat in the New Mexico legislature in 1938. She spent most of her childhood and early adult life in Stockton, California, where she and her two brothers moved with their mother following her parents' divorce. Huerta created the Agricultural Workers Association (AWA) in 1960. Through the AWA, she lobbied politicians on many issues, including allowing migrant workers without U.S. citizenship to receive public assistance and pensions, and creating Spanish-language voting ballots and driver's tests. In 1962, she co-founded a workers' union with Cesar Chavez, which was later known as the United Farm Workers (UFW). Huerta was instrumental in the union's many successes, including the strikes against California grape growers in the 1960s and 1970s. Huerta stepped down from her position at the UFW in 1999, but she continues to her work to improve the lives of workers, immigrants, and women. She has received many honors for her activism, including the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award and the Eleanor Roosevelt Award. Huerta, mother of 11 children, was inducted to the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.



ANNA TOVAR

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

Anna Tovar was sworn into the Arizona State Senate in January 2013. A lifelong Tolleson and West Valley resident, Senator Tovar was a teacher for five years, served on the Tolleson City Council for seven and a half years, and was vice mayor for two and a half years until she joined the House of Representatives in 2009. As a teacher and mother, she understands the issues demanding immediate attention such as schools and hospitals, infrastructure needs, job and housing losses, and a declining economy. Senator Tovar has been at the forefront of diverse projects that have brought revenue and job growth to her city. Her accomplishments include the completion of roadway construction, attracting commercial and retail businesses to the area; advocating for new housing developments; promoting environmentally friendly programs; and working to build new police and fire stations. Senator Tovar is a member of the judiciary and appropriations committees, the joint legislative budget committee, and the joint committee on capital review. She serves as senate minority whip and Latino Caucus co-chair. Senator Tovar and her husband have been married for 14 years and have two wonderful sons.



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SKILLS SESSION SERIES

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NEGOTIATING SKILLS

SAGAMORE HILL

Elected officials are often asked to play the role of mediator. Negotiation requires well-developed platforms, postures, and tactics to make successful deals between parties with varied interests. This session will offer best practices and tips on distributive and rights negotiations, which many YEOs must tackle as community leaders and staff managers, as well as on negotiating with unions. The session will also provide insight into mediating negotiations between opposing parties, such as a community and a developer.

FARID BEN AMOR DIRECTV

Farid Ben Amor is the senior manager of content acquisition at DIRECTV, and previously worked in television rights at Warner Bros. He is currently doing graduate work in public policy at the University of Southern California, where his research with the Annenberg Innovation Lab centers on future distribution of media and telecommunication politics. He has received a Google fellowship and an International Game Developers Association scholarship, and has been named a Next Generation Leader by the Internet Society. Farid has worked on several national policy and electoral campaigns, most recently as the deputy field director of Americans for Financial Reform. His other campaign experiences include serving on a successful presidential campaign and creating a digital divide project at ACORN. He has also served as a legislative aide in U.S. Senate committee and member offices. He attended Cornell University, where he studied Physics.



NATHAN SHINAGAWA

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Nate Shinagawa is a county legislator representing Ithaca, New York. In 2012, he ran for United States Congress in New York's 23rd Congressional District. He faced other opponents in the Democratic primary and won over 56% of the vote. In the general election, he faced incumbent Republican Congressman Tom Reed in one of the most competitive races in the country. He lost the race 48% to 52% despite being outspent by nearly three to one. The Daily Kos and the Cook Report named the race one of top three missed opportunities in 2012. Shinagawa has served on the Tompkins County Legislature for nearly eight years. During his tenure, he has chaired the budget, health and human services, and public safety committees. For the past four years, he has been a senior administrator for Robert Packer Hospital, a 254-bed teaching hospital. He is currently the chairman of a campaign to elect a candidate to the United States Congress.



SUNDAY, JULY 28

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11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND
CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT

SPRINGWOOD

Strong connections help elected officials keep a pulse on their districts, make better policy decisions, solve constituents' problems, and gain political allies. However, elected officials sometimes face barriers to creating meaningful interactions with constituents, including a lack of time, resources, facilitation skills, credible partners, and meaningful outcomes, or a sense of limits on what can be accomplished. This panel will discuss some creative ways YEOs can engage their constituents in meaningful ways, make servant leadership a priority through community service projects, and pull examples from business methodologies in order to improve community communication.

ANGELA ANDREWS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

Angela Andrews is a senior policy specialist in NCSL's legislative management program and serves as the staff liaison to the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS) and NCSL's personal staff network. She tracks legislative rules and procedures, constituent service practices, district office policies, and other topics related to the legislative institution. Andrews has worked in and for legislatures for ten years. Prior to joining NCSL, she served as a legislative aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Andrews received a master's in Public Administration from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.



ROBERT JORDAN

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

Robert A. Jordan was elected in November 2011 to be the advisory neighborhood commissioner for Single Member District (SMD) 7B06 in Washington, DC. As a senior consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, Jordan has worked within the diplomacy and international development market on global humanitarian relief and economic development projects. He graduated from Morehouse College's business administration program, received a master's in information systems management from Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College of Public Policy, and is pursuing a doctorate from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Jordan is the author of "A New Model," which examines community and small business financing.



RASHIDA TLAIB

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Rashida Tlaib, born and raised in Southwest Detroit, was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2008. She currently represents the 6th House District and serves as her party's vice-chair of the House appropriations committee. Tlaib is the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature. She is the only legislator who operates a fully-staffed community-based service center that provides over ten anti-poverty programs. Prior to being elected, Representative Tlaib worked as an attorney, social worker, and community organizer at a number of nonprofit organizations. She has been recognized with several awards, including the Role Model award from Alternatives for Girls, the United Community Housing Coalition's Maryann Mahaffey award, and Hero of the Year award from Immigrants' List. Representative Tlaib received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Wayne State University in 1998 and a law degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in 2004.



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SPEECHWRITING FOR THE REAL WORLD

ASHLAWN ROOM

Elected officials are no strangers to public speaking, but this session will help you take your skills to the next level, focusing on how to write the kind of short, everyday speeches elected officials are giving the majority of the time. This session is specially designed for YEOs who do not have staff support to write their speeches. Our trainer, a former speechwriter for Governor Martin O'Malley, will work with participants to think strategically about crafting a message, teach them to use language relevant to their audience, and share best practices for becoming a more eloquent speaker.

DANIELLE LANGONE

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Danielle Langone most recently served as speechwriter for Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, crafting strategic messaging on a range of policy issues including small businesses and jobs, agriculture, housing, the environment, and transportation. During the 2008 presidential campaign, she served as lead writer for President Obama's direct mail campaign. In 2007 and 2008, she served as senior press staff on the Hillary Clinton for President campaign in two winning states, New Hampshire and California. Langone also served as press secretary for US Congressman Peter DeFazio. As client relations manager for political communications firm Piscitelli Strategies, she helped conduct public speaking trainings for clients including bishops in the Episcopal Church, then-Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, and other non-profits and organizations in New York City and Washington, DC. Danielle graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2004 with a major in political science and a minor in history. She is currently pursuing her MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



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ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

HERMITAGE ROOM

Understanding parliamentary procedure is an essential part of being effective in elected office, and mastering it is empowering. We hope this opportunity to learn more about Robert's Rules of Order from a professional parliamentarian will help YEOs learn to leverage parliamentary procedure in your favor, empowering you at meetings, negotiations, and on the legislative floor.

COLLETTE COLLIER TROHAN

A GREAT MEETING, INC.

Colette Collier Trohan holds the highest credentials available in the field of parliamentary procedure: She is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian and Certified Professional Parliamentarian-Teacher. She is the president of A Great Meeting, Inc., a company dedicated to developing, publishing, and providing materials and services to help people have great meetings that are fair, well-organized, and productive. She is also the author of the Great Leader Series, which provides presiding officers, delegates, other leaders, and members with the tools to have great meetings. She consults on all types of association governance issues, including bylaws, policies, training, presiding, and meeting preparation. With over 25 years of helping clients in just about every organizational situation, Trohan approaches each situation with flexibility, a balanced perspective, and a sense of humor.



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YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DANIELLE ADAMS

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Danielle Adams serves on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors in Durham, North Carolina. In 2012, she received the Outstanding District Supervisor of the Year award from the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) and was honored by Spectacular Magazine as the “Woman of the Year: Emerging Leader.” Adams previously served as the alternative transportation project manager in the Office of Sustainability at Appalachian State University and has worked with the International Affairs Council - Middle East Partnership Initiative of the US Department of State. Currently, Adams serves on the board of directors for the Upper Neuse River Basin Association, on the legislative committee of NCASWCD, and as an ambassador to Oxfam America’s Sisters on the Planet program. She received her BA in political science with a minor in music from North Carolina Central University. @Imani_Asako



JAMES ALBIS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

State Representative James Albis is serving his second term in the Connecticut General Assembly for the 99th district, representing his hometown of East Haven. In January 2013, Albis was appointed to the positions of assistant majority leader and vice chairman of the environment committee. He also serves on the judiciary and finance, revenue, and bonding committees. In addition to his committee work, Albis is chair of the Speaker’s task force on shoreline preservation, which examines and assesses the issues of rising sea levels, coastal flooding, and extreme weather events affecting shoreline constituents. He worked as East Haven’s community development coordinator and tutored as an instructor with the Yellow Jacket Marching Band. @RepAlbis



ARCHANGE ANTOINE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY

In 2011, Archange Antoine was elected to the Roselle Board of Education, where he now serves as its vice president. He received his bachelor’s degree in law and justice studies at Rowan University and his master’s degree in strategic communications at Seton Hall University. He is currently an adjunct professor at Kean University. He is also the founder of Savvivors & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in political strategies, public relations, and community engagement. Antoine continues to improve his community by developing public policy agendas that address fiscal and social disparities.



JESSE ARREGUÍN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Jesse Arreguín was first elected to represent District 4 in the Berkeley City Council in November of 2008. Before his election, Arreguín served on the housing advisory commission and as chair of the rent stabilization board. He was also a member of the downtown area plan advisory committee, the zoning adjustments board, and the chancellor’s joint oversight committee on parking and transportation. Arreguín has worked with organized labor to fight for workers’ rights and has served as a member of the San Francisco Youth Commission. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. @JesseArreguin

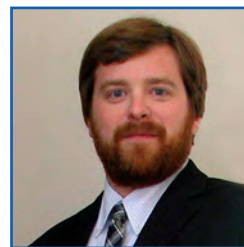


YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ANDY BALL

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

Andy Ball has served on the Boone Town Council since 2009. Councilman Ball serves on the YDNC National Committee at Young Democrats of America. He is also a member of the executive committee of his state political party and is president of the youth chapter for Watauga County. Prior to holding office, he was a resident member of the Boone board of adjustment and a member of the academic policies and procedures committee at Appalachian State University. Councilman Ball has managed several local candidate campaigns, as well as numerous non-partisan voter registration and engagement drives. He also organized for the town's successful water intake bond referendum and worked to pass liquor by the drink legislation in Boone in 2008. Ball serves as council liaison to the historic preservation commission, the economic development commission, and the sustainable development task force. @AndyBallNC



CICELY BARBER

SCHOOL TRUSTEE
HOMEWOOD, ILLINOIS

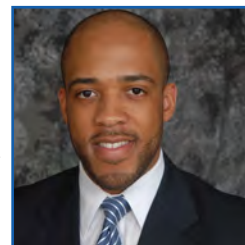
Cicely Barber has been a school trustee for Bloom Township in Illinois since she was elected at the age of 23. She is currently the owner of CBarberconsulting and is a community relations administrator for the city of Chicago Heights. As a consultant, Barber has built fundraising platforms at the grassroots level for nonprofits and high profiled political candidates. Prior to this work, she served as a community liaison for Illinois House Representative Kenneth Dunkin and as a fundraising director at Friends of Ken Dunkin. Barber received a Bachelor of Arts degree in legal communications and political science from Howard University and also attended the Yale School of Management.



MANDELA BARNES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

As the representative for Wisconsin's 11th Assembly district, Mandela Barnes is currently the youngest African American serving in the state legislature. Barnes has a strong background in community organizing, most recently serving as the director of MICAHA, an interfaith, social justice-based community organization in Milwaukee. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Barnes attended Alabama A&M University, where he assumed leadership roles in organizations like the NAACP and the student government. In 2008, he worked as a political organizer in Louisiana with the Democratic Campaign Management Program. In 2009, he returned to Milwaukee and worked briefly for Mayor Tom Barrett. Barnes was named the 2012 Organizer of the Year by his state political party for his work on economic development, education, and immigration. @TheOtherMandela



MARIA ANTONIA BERRIOS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Representative Maria Antonia "Toni" Berrios is serving her sixth term in the Illinois General Assembly representing the 39th district. In Springfield, Berrios serves on nine committees and volunteers with several organizations. She has a master's degree in business administration with a concentration on international business from Keiser University. Berrios received her bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University with a board of governor's degree. Representative Berrios was the first woman to serve as co-chair of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and is also the caucus treasurer. She has previously served as secretary for the Latino Caucus of the Young Elected Officials Network and is now the first woman to hold the title of chairwoman for the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs. She holds a certificate from the Bowhay Institute for legislative leadership development and was selected to participate in the Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators conducted by the Center for Women Policy Studies. @RepBerrios



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

LADAWN BLACKETT JONES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Representative LaDawn “LBJ” Blackett Jones, first elected in August of 2012, serves as a member of the Georgia General Assembly representing District 62. After graduating college cum laude, she received her JD from Tulane Law School. Representative Jones is the owner of the LBJ Law Group, LLC, and was formerly chief senior assistant district attorney for the Fulton County District Attorney’s office. Jones was appointed as the first director of the Community Prosecution Program for Fulton County. She founded and acts as executive director of two life skills community service programs, Women of Westlake and Sisters of Sandtown. Representative Jones was also nominated to participate in the Congressional Black Causes Boot Camp, has formerly served on the boards of Atlanta Technical College and Jump Right, Inc. is a member of LEAD Atlanta, and is a Front Line Leaders Academy Fellow. While in law school, she received the American Bar Association community service award for her creation of Diversity Month. Jones is married to United States Army veteran Sgt. Nathaniel Jones Jr., and has two children, Lyndon and Brendon. @MYGA62



JIM BLATCHFORD

SCHOOL COMMITTEEMAN

LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committeeman Jim Blatchford was born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Blatchford has served as a member of the Lawrence Planning Board since 2008 and as vice chairman since August of 2011. He was first elected to the Lawrence School Committee in November of 2011, where he has been a strong leader for transparency and accountability in the Lawrence Public School System. Prior to his election, Blatchford worked as a Merrimack Valley Youth Court coordinator to help at-risk youth stay focused on continuing their education and reducing truancy. @jimblatchford



DAVID BOWEN

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

County Supervisor David Bowen was elected to the Milwaukee County Board as supervisor for District 10, becoming the youngest member of the board and one of the youngest elected officials in Milwaukee’s history. He is a member of the health and human needs and transportation and public works committees, as well as vice chair of economic and community development. Bowen was born and raised in Milwaukee and has a bachelor’s degree in education policy and community studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Previously, Bowen was a program director at Urban Underground. In that capacity, he oversaw creation and implementation of youth programs, services, and professional development training for adults interested in youth civic engagement and leadership development. @DavidFBowen



BRENDAN F. BOYLE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Brendan F. Boyle became the first person in his party to ever represent Pennsylvania’s 170th legislative district when he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2008. He went to the University of Notre Dame on an academic scholarship, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in government and completed the Hesburgh Program in public service. He later graduated from Harvard University in 2005 with a master’s degree in public policy. Prior to his election to the House, Boyle was a management consultant to various agencies within the US Department of Defense, including the Naval Sea Systems Command and the Military Sealift Command. Boyle is the former chairman of his state political party’s House campaign committee, and a member of the House appropriations and labor committees. In 2011, he was named an Aspen Institute Rodel Fellow. Boyle is a member of various caucuses in the legislature and is also a founding member of the Pennsylvania House LGBT Equality Caucus. @RepBrendanBoyle



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

RANDOLPH BRACY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Representative Randolph Bracy went on to pursue his bachelor's degree at the College of William and Mary and his MBA at the University of Central Florida. Bracy served as a political consultant prior to his election to the Florida legislature for the 45th district in 2012. He serves on various committees, including choice and innovation, higher education and workforce, K-12, local and federal affairs, and criminal justice. Bracy currently resides in Orlando, Florida, with his wife Alfrea and their child.



JEREMY BRANCH

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

MARIANNA, FLORIDA

Commissioner Jeremy Branch was elected in 2006 to serve the 4th district of Jackson County. He has served in various capacities as a representative of the board, including his service on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, the Jackson County Tourist Development Council, Riparian County Stakeholder Coalition, Blue Springs Working Group, Florida Rural Utilities Financing Commission, and as vice chair of the rural counties caucus for the Florida Association of Counties. Branch was chosen by the county board to serve as its chairman in 2008. He was re-elected to office in 2010 and is a two-time recipient of the Florida Association of Counties Presidential Advocacy Award. He is a graduate of Chipola College and is also a candidate for graduation from Florida State University in August of this year with a BS in social science. @JeremyBranch2



DARIUS BROWN

CITY COUNCILMAN

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Darius Brown was elected city councilman for the 3rd district of Wilmington, Delaware in November of 2012. While in office, he has focused on public policy issues regarding education, employment, and reentry. He is committed to repairing the ladder of opportunity for Wilmington residents by reducing poverty and investing in human capital to grow the middle class. Prior to his election to city council, Brown was a leadership fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC and has continued his public service as an advocate for Delaware nonprofits and organized labor. Earlier in his career, Brown served as an aide in the United States Senate and the Delaware General Assembly. @DariusJBrown



JAMAR BROWN

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Jamar Brown is entering his third year as a member of the Champaign Unit 4 School Board and is currently serving as the vice president. During his term, Brown has focused on discipline and educational inequalities in the district. He currently serves on the discipline equity advisory group and the district's newly formed social justice committee. Brown recently utilized policy feedback from the YEO Education Policy Academy to create the Temporary Alternative Learning Placement Program, which aims to alter unwarranted racial disparities as it relates to after school suspensions. Prior to serving on the board, Brown served as vice chair of the human relations commission for the city of Champaign. @jbrown58



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DWIGHT BULLARD

STATE SENATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Dwight M. Bullard was elected as state senator of Florida District 39 in November of 2012. He has been a teacher at Coral Reef Senior High School in Miami, Florida since the year 2000. He currently serves as vice chair of the agriculture committee, and also serves on numerous other committees such as general government, environmental preservation and conservation, and the appropriations subcommittee on education. He was a recipient of the Florida Education Association's Freshman Friend of Public Education Award, and the Florida Association of School Administrators' Next Generation Leader Award. Bullard is also a member of the South Dade chapter of his political party, The Prince Hall Masons Johnny L. King Lodge #767, and the Richmond-Perrine Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. @DwightBullard



MICHAEL BUTLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Michael Butler represents District 79 in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2012. Prior to his election, Rep. Butler gained experience in the legislature while serving as a legislative aide in the office of State Senator Robin Wright-Jones, and as the legislative assistant to State Representative Mary Wynne Still. In addition, Butler gained valuable private sector experience while employed as a manager at the home office of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in Bentonville, Arkansas. Butler holds a bachelor's degree in business from Alabama A&M University, where he served as student government president and as a member of the Board of Trustees. While working with the legislature, Butler obtained a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Missouri-Columbia. @MOMichaelButler



KARIM CAMARA

ASSEMBLYMAN

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Assemblyman Karim Camara represents the 43rd Assembly district, which includes parts of Crown Heights, Lefferts Gardens, and East Flatbush communities in Brooklyn, New York. Camara serves on several committees, including retention of homeownership and stabilization of affordable housing, banks, children and families, consumer affairs and protection, education, housing, and mental health. He is an ordained minister, motivational speaker, and certified life coach. Camara serves as the pastor of Abundant Life Church, and he recently founded the City of Hope Community & Economic Development Corporation to help revitalize urban communities. He previously worked as the New York State Faith Director for then Senator Barack Obama's campaign for president and was one of the first New York State elected officials to endorse Senator Obama's candidacy. @KarimCamara



MIGUEL CANALES

COUNCILMEMBER

ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA

Councilmember Miguel Canales was sworn in to serve the city of Artesia, California, on December 7, 2011. Born and raised in downtown Los Angeles, Canales is the son of immigrants from Zacatecas, Mexico. He grew up with his mother, a textile worker, and his father, a former labor organizer. Canales earned his bachelor's degree in American studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He received a master's degree in education as well as a master's degree in US history from Claremont Graduate University. He was a member and chair of the Artesia planning commission for two years prior to serving on the city council. Canales is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, a member of the League of California Cities, and a delegate for his state political party. Canales has been a high school teacher for the last 15 years, teaching government and economics in his district. @Canales2011



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ADAM CARRANZA

BOARD OF EDUCATION CLERK

EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

Adam Carranza serves as the clerk to the Mountain View Board of Education, which serves a predominately Latino student population. Carranza has advocated for stronger parent participation programs that empower parents to become involved in the education of their children. He is a supporter for sustained professional development for teachers working with English learners, and he has overseen a dramatic rise in California English Language Development Test scores district-wide. Carranza managed a Green Schools Initiative designed to increase cost efficiency and environmentally friendly practices in the Mountview District. Carranza is involved in the El Monte Coalition of Latino Professionals, a local advocacy group that works to pay for the first two years of qualifying students' tuition at partnering colleges. He also works as a research interviewer at the University of Southern California. @AdamCarranza



KARINA CERVANTEZ

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Karina Cervantez was elected to the Watsonville City Council on November 6, 2012. Her colleagues on the council unanimously selected her to serve as the mayor pro tempore during her first year in office. Cervantez currently serves on the Watsonville planning commission, the Watsonville parks and recreation commission, the criminal justice council of Santa Cruz County Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors, the city/county/school governmental relations committee, and as interim vice-chair of the smart solutions to homelessness taskforce for the County of Santa Cruz. She received her Bachelor of Arts and her Master of Science degrees in psychology from UC Santa Cruz, where she is currently completing her doctoral degree. Most recently, she was appointed as a statewide at-large delegate for President Barack Obama to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.



JOHN CHAPMAN

CITY COUNCILMAN

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

John Taylor Chapman was elected to the city council in November 2012. Chapman is a graduate of Saint Olaf College in Minnesota, receiving his bachelor's degree in social studies education. Chapman is also a 2008 graduate of the Minority Political Leadership Institute at Virginia Commonwealth University and a 2010 graduate of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. Prior to his election to city council, Chapman served as an appointee to the budget and fiscal affairs advisory commission, vice president of the volunteer Alexandria board of directors, vice president of membership for the Taylor Run Citizens' Association, member of the First Night Alexandria board of directors, vice chair of the youth policy commission, and president of the Alexandria branch of the NAACP. Professionally, Chapman is a career educator and currently works as a community use program specialist for the Fairfax County Public Schools in Alexandria. @chapman4council



MARIA CHAPPELLE-NADAL

STATE SENATOR

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

State Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal was elected in 2010 and represents District 14, part of St. Louis County, in the Missouri Senate. Chappelle-Nadal previously served as director of communications for Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell and as Missouri's Senior Advocate. In addition to her legislative duties, Sen. Chappelle-Nadal is a director on the University City School Board. She is a former member of a national political party, serving from 2005 to 2009. She also served three terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, from 2004 to 2010. She has received the Missouri Alzheimer's Association Outstanding Leadership Award, St. Louis Hispanic Leaders Group Esperanza Award, Missouri Association for Social Welfare Legislative Award (2008), and the St. Louis Freedom of Choice Award. Chappelle-Nadal received a dual degree in political science and sociology from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. @MariaChappelleN



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JAY CHEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Jay Chen is the president of the Board of Education for Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, one of the largest districts in the San Gabriel Valley. During his six year tenure on the school board, Chen has overseen a steady increase in academic achievement and has implemented several innovative new programs, including a culinary arts facility, free SAT classes, edible school gardens, and Mandarin language immersion classes. Chen is a proud graduate of the Hacienda La Puente school system as well as Harvard University. Professionally, Chen manages real estate investments and serves his country as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserves.

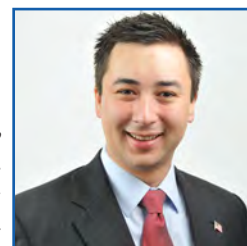


LELAND CHEUNG

CITY COUNCILLOR

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Leland Cheung is currently serving his second term on the Cambridge City Council. As a councillor, he has been a strong leader in economic development, community building, and regional cooperation. In addition to being the youngest member of the Cambridge City Council, Cheung is the first currently enrolled student to be elected to the council as well as the first Asian American. Cheung was first elected in 2009 while pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and an MBA at the MIT Sloan School of Management. He earned a BS in physics, a BA in economics, and an MS in aerospace engineering from Stanford University. Cheung previously worked as a senior associate at Masthead Partners, a Cambridge-based venture capital firm focusing on digital media, mobile, and internet infrastructure. @lelandcheung



VICTOR CIRILO

CITY COUNCILMAN

WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Councilman Victor Cirilo was elected in 2012 to the City Council of the township of West Orange, New Jersey. Prior to his election, Cirilo had been involved in West Orange civic activities for over a decade. He is the former chairman of both the Public Library Board and the Valley Area Neighborhood Preservation Program. He graduated from Montclair State University with a degree in political science and from Rutgers University with a master's degree in public administration. Professionally, Cirilo is the executive director of the Housing Authority of the city of Passaic and of the Passaic Affordable Housing Coalition. Cirilo has prioritized property tax relief and economic development as key strategies for aiding the township in the recent economic crisis. During Cirilo's tenure on the town council, West Orange has scaled back municipal spending to 2008 levels, and has not raised property taxes in the last two years. @CouncilmnCirilo

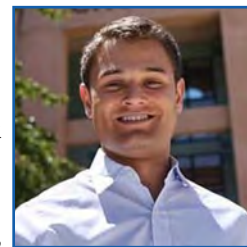


CHRIS CLARK

VICE MAYOR

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA

Chris Clark recently began serving as vice mayor of the Mountain View City Council this year. Clark has a variety of work experience that spans the private and public sectors across the globe. Prior to his election to city council, he worked at the US State Department in Germany, and completed AT&T's Leadership Development Program. Clark serves on the council's environmental planning commission, and is vice-chair of the Community Health Awareness Council. Clark attended Stanford University and graduated with a BA in political science as well as a secondary degree in international relations. @clarkcr



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ENBAR COHEN

CITY COMMISSIONER

AVENTURA, FLORIDA

Enbar Cohen has served as city commissioner for the city of Aventura, Florida since November of 2012. Cohen was born in Israel and raised in Sunny Isles Beach and Aventura, Florida. She graduated cum laude with a BS in political science from Barry University. Cohen also attended the National Science Foundation's Research in Ecology program at the University of Miami. Cohen is most passionate about enriching the lives and ensuring the safety of the city's youth. After serving on the board for Safe Schools South Florida, a nonprofit organization committed to training professionals in schools to recognize and intervene in harassment and bullying, Cohen was named the assistant director in 2010. @EnbarCohen



SHANE COHN

ALDERMAN

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Shane Cohn has served as the alderman of the 25th ward of the city of St. Louis, Missouri since the spring of 2009. Cohn is the first openly gay elected official in the city's government and the second youngest member of the Board of Aldermen. Prior to his election, Cohn worked as a human resources manager for Citi, where he organized an LGBT organization for Citi employees, known as Citi Pride. He serves on the board of the LGBT Community Center, the National Conference of Community and Justice of Metro St. Louis, the Mayor's Youth Violence Prevention Task Force, the young professional board of the St. Louis Crisis Nursery, and the advisory board of Gateway 180 Homelessness Reversed Coalition. Cohn has started various initiatives in his ward that are being replicated and studied throughout the region, including a neighborhood ownership safety model, a juvenile intervention program, and a youth social venture entrepreneurship program. @shanecohn

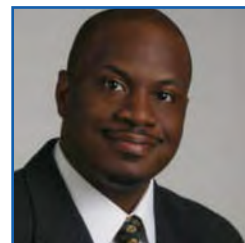


ANTOINE COLLINS

ALDERMAN

CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

Antoine Collins is an alderman for the 7th ward in Calumet City, Illinois. He was elected in 2009. Collins serves as the chairman of the ordinance and resolution committee, and is a member of the public utilities and permits and licenses committees. @aldcollins7



VERHONDA CRAWFORD

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CHESNEE, SC

Verhonda Crawford currently serves the city of Chesnee, South Carolina on the city council. She attended Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina until 2012. @vcrawfor



JEFFREY CRISTINA

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA

Jeffrey Cristina has served on the Campbell City Council since November 2010. Cristina serves on the county expressway policy advisory board, downtown subcommittee, emergency preparedness council, Silicon Valley animal control authority, county water commission, and the flood control advisory commission. He owns a small company named Dry Creek Property Management, a real estate company that was founded in 2008. Councilman Cristina has also been involved with the Reach Youth Scholarship Awards since 2005. @JeffCristina



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

XILONIN CRUZ-GONZALEZ

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

AZUSA, CALIFORNIA

Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez currently serves as president of the Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District. First elected in 2001 at the age of 26, she is the youngest person to ever hold her position. Her primary focus is to ensure that the students of Azusa schools receive a rigorous, high-quality, and well-rounded education that prepares all students for post-secondary education. She currently serves as the president of the California Latino School Boards Association and serves on the California School Board Association's school wellness and conference committees. Cruz-Gonzalez is an alumna of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials California Health Leadership Program, and is currently collaborating with city and school district leaders as well as other community members to develop a healthy Azusa. She also serves as a founding board member of the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance and Slow Food San Gabriel Valley. Cruz-Gonzalez earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. @xilonin



COURTNEY CURTIS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

BERKELEY, MISSOURI

State Representative Courtney Curtis has served in the Missouri House of Representatives for the 73rd district since January of 2013. He is a seasoned IT and marketing professional and an active participant in the community. Curtis graduated from McCluer Senior High School in 1999, and later received his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Missouri. Curtis has spent 12 years working at the intersection of business and technology, working in IT, marketing, and accounting.

@curtisformo



HENRY L. DAVIS, JR.

CITY COUNCILMAN

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Henry Davis, Jr. is currently in his second term as a city councilman in South Bend, Indiana. Davis was first elected to office in 2006 as a precinct committee chairman and state delegate. He is a member of the Earlham College Alumni Council, chairman of the South Bend Common Council Community and Economic Development Committee, and a council appointee to the South Bend Redevelopment Commission. Councilman Davis successfully worked with the SEIU in 2009 in support of the Affordable Care Act. He has authored and co-sponsored legislation to improve economic development incentives in the field of nanotechnology; support minority and women business enterprises; and improve labor relations in his community.

@2nddistrictsb



KEVIN DAVIS

VILLAGE TRUSTEE

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK

Village Trustee Kevin Davis became interested in public service at a very early age. His avid interest in bicycling led to his appointment to the bicycle and pedestrian planning committee, on which he still serves. He became an active and often outspoken participant at village board meetings, and an active and eager district leader for his political party's town chapter. Davis began working on campaigns with the 2006 election of John Hall to Congress and Richard Becker to the Cortlandt Town Board. He volunteered for Bill Richardson's 2008 New Hampshire presidential campaign, and was a fulltime staff member in the US Senate campaign of Jeff Merkley. He is now majoring in political science at Hunter College.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ANNA DIAZ

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
OGLALA, SOUTH DAKOTA

Anna Diaz was recently elected as a Shannon County commissioner, representing District 2, which includes her hometown of Oglala, South Dakota. She is the youngest person in history to represent her district and the youngest-ever Native American elected to the commission. Diaz was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Agency of South Dakota and is a mother of three children. She is a full time student at the Oglala Lakota College pursuing a degree in social work with a background in chemical dependency. She is a member of the Native Youth Leadership Alliance. Her areas of focus include promoting a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle, as well as youth development and organizing.



MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC

DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Marina Dimitrijevic was elected in April 2012 to serve as chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. She is the youngest person ever and only the second woman to hold that position. Legislatively, she has focused on supporting the needs of working families, adopting higher energy and environmental standards, passing socially and fiscally responsible budgets, and ensuring civil rights protections for LGBT communities. She is an honors graduate of Marquette University, where she earned a BA in political science and Spanish. Prior to her election to the County Board, Dimitrijevic worked as a paralegal at Friebert, Finerty and St. John and as a public relations intern for the Milwaukee Common Council. Dimitrijevic is an active member of over 30 civic organizations in her district and has been appointed to serve on the city of Milwaukee's Housing Trust Fund Task Force. @supervisormd



ASA DODSWORTH

RENT BOARD COMMISSIONER
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Commissioner Asa Dodsworth was elected to the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board in 2010, the first Berkeley native to be elected to the board in 30 years. Commissioner Dodsworth discovered local politics in 2001, when the code enforcement agency told him he couldn't have fruit trees and raised garden beds on his property and fined him thousands of dollars. Dodsworth thought it was their way of saying, "We need more people like you involved in developing municipal policy." @AsaDodsworth



DONOVAN DELA CRUZ

STATE SENATOR
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Donovan Dela Cruz was first elected to the Hawaii State Senate in 2010. Previously, he served for eight years as a city councilmember for the city and county of Honolulu. In 2003, at the age of 30, he became the youngest person to ever chair the Honolulu City Council. Dela Cruz currently serves as the chair of the committee on economic development and housing. He also serves as a member of the Senate standing committees on agriculture; water and land; ways and means; and transportation and international affairs. Senator Dela Cruz graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and communication studies. In addition to his public service, Dela Cruz is director of communications at WCIT Architects. He resides in Wahiawa, Oahu. @DonovanDelaCruz



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

KRISTIN DOZIER

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Kristin Dozier is currently serving as the vice chair of the Leon County Commission, where she is in her first term as commissioner for District 5. A former green building advisor for Mad Dog Construction, where she worked for 12 years, Dozier is now focused full-time on county business and governmental operations. She serves on several boards for the county, including the council on culture and arts, the economic development council, and the Leon County research and development authority, where she also serves as chair. Dozier received a master's degree in religious ethics and philosophy from Florida State University in 2003 and left the Ph.D. program "all but dissertation" in 2006. Her study was focused on comparative religious ethics, Catholic moral theology, and human rights ethics. She taught an undergraduate course at FSU titled Religious Ethics and Moral Problems for three and a half years. @KristinEDozier



ANTHONY DUARTE

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA

Anthony Duarte sits on the Board of Education of the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District (HLPUSD). Duarte is a product of HLPUSD and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the Loyola Marymount University. Upon graduation, he began working for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group as a senior consultant in the field of workers' compensation. In 2009, Duarte joined the district staff of Representative Judy Chu. He is the former chair of the La Puente planning commission and previously served on the city's education commission. He is a regional director for a state political party and serves on the party committee for Los Angeles County. He sits on the board of directors for the East Valley Boys & Girls Club, as well as on the executive board for HONOR PAC, a group that supports and advocates for the political empowerment of Latina/o communities. @LP_ADuarte



RANDY DUNN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Randy D. Dunn represents the 23rd District in the Missouri House of Representatives. He is also a licensed realtor and the owner and managing partner of Dean & Dunn, LLC. Representative Dunn served as the city planner of Kansas City, Missouri, prior to his election to the General Assembly. He received both a Bachelor of Arts in urban affairs and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, where he was also a HUD Fellow. Representative Dunn is the former President of the Omicron Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; a board member of the Kansas City Youth Court; a member of the Kansas City Habitat for Humanity construction committee; and member of the Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition steering committee.



CRISANTA DURAN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DENVER, COLORADO

Crisanta Duran was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2010, where she represents parts of northwest Denver. She serves on the finance and judiciary committees. Duran is involved with AFSCME, the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, the GI Forum, the Small Business Democratic Caucus, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, NALEO, the Metropolitan State College of Denver Caucus, and the Colorado Latino Forum. She has served on the board of directors for LA RASA, Democrats Work, and Voto Latino. She has held posts in the Women for Obama and Latino Vote steering committees as well as at Progressive Majority and New Era Colorado. In 2004, she worked on Ken Salazar's US Senate campaign and in 2007, The Statesman recognized her as one of "Colorado's Movers and Shakers." She served as political director for Senator Mark Udall's 2008 US Senate campaign, organizing women, diverse community members, labor, seniors, and the LGBTQ community. @crisantaduran



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JENNI DYE

COUNTY SUPERVISOR
FITCHBURG, WISCONSIN

Jenni Dye serves on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, representing Fitchburg, a suburb of Madison, Wisconsin. Dye won election to the board in 2012, unseating a conservative 10-year incumbent. She chairs Dane County's Human Services Board and Food Council, and serves on several additional committees focused on public safety and education issues. In addition to her role on the county board, she is the executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin. Prior to joining NARAL, she was an attorney with Community Justice, a non-profit law firm providing services to low and moderate income individuals. She also serves on the boards of directors of United Wisconsin and Independent Disability Services. @legaleagle



JAMIE ELDRIDGE

STATE SENATOR
MIDDLESEX, MASSACHUSETTS

Jamie Eldridge was elected to the Massachusetts Senate in 2009. Previously, Eldridge represented the 37th district in the state House of Representatives. When he was elected to that office in 2002, he became the only clean elections candidate to achieve public office in Massachusetts history. He currently serves as the co-chair of the joint committee on housing; vice-chair of the committees on global warming and climate change; and a member of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy. Senator Eldridge is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Boston College Law School, where he served as president of the Public Interest Law Foundation for two years. Prior to his election, he worked as a public interest attorney with Merrimack Valley Legal Services in the city of Lowell, Massachusetts, a nonprofit organization that provides free legal services to the poor and the elderly. @JamieEldridgeMA



MEGAN ENGLAND

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
ROELAND PARK, KANSAS

City Councilmember Megan England was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas and graduated with a degree in studio art from Baker University. In 2007, she was elected to the Roeland Park City Council, where she works hard to protect the environment, create a strong public art program, and build a stronger sense of community within her neighborhood. She currently serves as co-chair of the administration committee and is a member of the Roeland Park arts committee, the parks and trees advisory committee, and the sustainability committee.



JEREMY FARMER

CITY COMMISSIONER
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Jeremy Farmer serves as city commissioner for Lawrence, Kansas. He is also the chief executive officer of Just Food, a Douglas County food bank that serves more than 10,000 people per month through its food pantry and various partner agencies. Farmer has experience in nonprofit administration, having worked for various churches and food banks. He is also an ordained minister with a bachelor's and a master's degree in clinical pastoral counseling. Farmer graduated from the Leadership Lawrence professional development program in early 2012 and was elected to the Leadership Lawrence advisory board for a three-year term.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

WESLEY FARROW

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILMEMBER

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Treasurer Wesley George Farrow graduated from the University of Michigan in 2005 with degrees in economics and psychology. Following a year working overseas in the nonprofit sector, Farrow moved to Los Angeles to earn a teaching credential and work in secondary special education after being recruited by Teach for America. Following more than half a decade working full-time in the public school system, he transitioned to substitute teaching and took on the role of CEO at Soltura Languages Incorporated. Farrow serves as treasurer of the Neighborhood Council and co-chair of the education committee in his hometown of Del Rey. Farrow is committed to improving education through his work as a contributing founder of NewTLA and as a board member at the Ed Agency, Students of the World, and Coro Southern California. @wesleyfarrow



JOE FITZGIBBON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

BURIEN, WASHINGTON

State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon was first elected to represent Washington State's 34th district in 2010. Prior to his election, he served as a legislative staffer in state and local government and as the chair of the Burien Planning Commission. As a state representative, he serves on the transportation committee, finance committee, government operations and elections committee, and as the vice chair of the local government committee. He has advocated passionately and successfully for cleaning up Puget Sound, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting and improving Washington's land use laws, and expanding access to the electoral process for historically disenfranchised populations. @joefitzgibbon



MAE FLEXER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT

State Representative Mae Flexer, before being elected to the state legislature, was the youngest person in Connecticut ever elected as a town committee chairwoman. She previously served as a field organizer for the Courtney and Sullivan campaigns and as a legislative aide for Senate President Don Williams, and worked six sessions at the state capitol in various roles, including a stint with the judiciary committee and in the legislative commissioner's office. Flexer recently returned to the University of Connecticut to pursue a master's degree.



DOMINIC FRONGILLO

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER

CAROLINE, NEW YORK

Dominic Frongillo made history in 2005 when, at age 22, he became the youngest person ever elected to the Town Council in Caroline, New York. He now serves as his county's youngest-ever Deputy Town Supervisor. Frongillo has worked locally to globally, most notably as a delegate to the United Nations climate negotiations in Durban, Cancun, Copenhagen, and Bali. An outspoken advocate for energy independence, Frongillo was selected by Gov. David Paterson to help develop New York State's far-reaching 2050 Climate Action Plan and is trained by Vice President Al Gore as a climate presenter for The Climate Reality Project. In 2012, the international ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability recognized Dominic Frongillo as one of 20 most influential young elected officials advancing sustainability globally. @dfrongillo



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

KALEN GALLAGHER

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Kalen Gallagher is a school board trustee of the Campbell Union High School District in San Jose, California. Gallagher is the founder of ClassDojo, an education-technology startup that helps teachers improve behavior in their classrooms. As a classroom tool, ClassDojo aims to capture and generate data on behavior that teachers can share with parents and administrators. In 2013, Forbes magazine named ClassDojo one of the “100 Most Promising Companies in America.” Before founding ClassDojo, Gallagher taught 7th and 8th grade social studies at a KIPP school in East San Jose. He is also the co-founder and co-director of the Silicon Valley chapter of New Leaders Council. Gallagher received his Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2005 and his Juris Doctorate in 2009, both from UC Davis. @kalengallagher



SEAN GARBALLEY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Sean Garballey is a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing the 23rd Middlesex district. He was first elected in a special election in March 2008 at the age of 23. He earned his BA in political science from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and is currently enrolled in a master’s program at Suffolk University. Garballey has been a member of his party’s Town Committee and currently serves on the health care financing, municipalities and regional government, and ways and means committees for the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

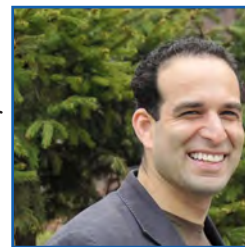


CARMELO GARCIA

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY

School board member Carmelo Garcia is a native of Hoboken, New Jersey, and a proud graduate of the Hoboken Public School System. He graduated from Seton Hall University with a BA in criminal justice and sociology, and received a dual master’s degree in management and information systems from Stevens Institute of Technology. Garcia was the first minority employee to be appointed as the City of Hoboken’s director of health and human services. He holds several certifications in HR management and public housing management. He now works as the director of the Hoboken Housing Authority and is CEO of 21st Century Consulting Group. Garcia is a founder of Hoboken’s Save the Youth Academy for at-risk students.



ANGELA GARRETSON

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY

Councilmember Angela R. Garretson is an at-large member of the Hillside City Council. Prior to her election in 2009, Garretson was president of the Hillside School Board, where she worked with students, parents, community leaders, local and state government, and nonprofit organizations to preserve and strengthen quality education in her community. Garretson also worked for the Eagleton Institute of Politics and for several community organizations and political campaigns. She graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor’s degree in business communications and from Rutgers University with a master’s in public policy and administration. Garretson is currently working toward a PhD.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DARRELL GASTON

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Darrell Gaston is now in his second term as advisory neighborhood commissioner for the single member district (SMD) 8B03 in Washington, DC, which serves the approximately 2,000 residents of the Woodland, Langston Lane, Hartford, and Garfield Heights communities. He was elected in 2008 and reelected in 2010 to advocate and work on behalf of his constituents on issues such as education, health care, roads and parkways. Gaston was elected by his peers to serve as chair of the commission. Under his leadership, the commission has created budgets that supported community organizations and social programs, curbed wasteful spending, and instituted strong ethics and fiscal reforms. @darrellgastondc



MIKE GAUGHAN

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Mike Gaughan has served as a county commissioner in Douglas County, Kansas since 2009. He previously worked in the offices of Governor Kathleen Sebelius, Governor Mark Parkinson, and Attorney General Steve Six. From 2005 to 2008, Gaughan worked as the executive director for a state political party. During Gaughan's tenure as a commissioner, Douglas County has made significant strides in energy efficiency as well as other key sustainability goals related to local food systems, waste reduction, and policy development. Gaughan is a senior partner with Kansas Grassroots, a full service campaign management and engagement firm dedicated to helping clients build, maintain, and utilize powerful grassroots advocacy networks to create public policy change across the state. Gaughan graduated from the University of Kansas in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in history. @mikegone



ERIC GENRICH

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

Eric Genrich was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in November 2012. He received his bachelor's degree in 2002 and later went on to receive his master's degree in library information sciences, both from the University of Wisconsin- Madison. Prior to holding elected office, Genrich worked as a librarian, a legislative aide to Wisconsin State Senator Dave Hansen, and a field representative to Congressman Steve Kagen. He is currently a member of NeighborWorks Green Bay, the Brown County chapter for his political party, Fisk Addition Neighborhood Association, and the Current Young Professionals Network. @RepGenrich

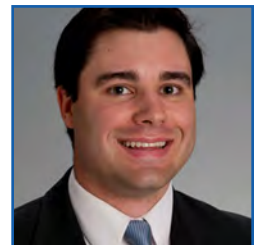


CHRISTOPHER GENTILE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Christopher M. Gentile has been a member of the Board of Education in East Hartford, Connecticut since 2011. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in history from Boston College in 2010. While in college, Gentile worked at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, in the Office of Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) in Washington, DC, and served as the Boston College co-coordinator for the national nonprofit organization Peer Health Exchange. After graduation, Gentile taught 8th grade US history as a 2010 Teach for America corps member. Currently, Gentile works for The Vinci Group as a political consultant to local, state, and congressional candidates throughout Connecticut. In August, he will enter the MBA program at the Yale School of Management. @gentile_chris



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ANDREW GILLUM

CITY COMMISSIONER

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Andrew Gillum became the youngest person ever elected to the Tallahassee City Commission at the age of 23. Since his first election in 2003, Gillum has held prominent leadership roles in the Tallahassee area including mayor pro tem, chairman of the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, and lead commissioner for the long range community based planning and the financial viability in government target issue committees. Commissioner Gillum previously served as deputy political director for one of the major political parties in the state of Florida. He was a field organizer and statewide director of the “Arrive With 5” program, and currently serves as the executive director of the Young Elected Officials Network, both programs of People For the American Way Foundation. Gillum also serves on the board of directors for The Schott Foundation for Public Education. He is a graduate of Florida A & M University, where he served as president of the student government, and was the first student member of the Board of Trustees. @a_gillum

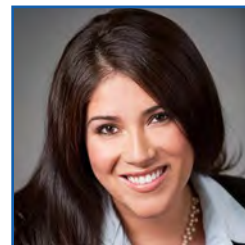


DARCIE GREEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Darcie Green represents Area 6 as a trustee on the Santa Clara County Board of Education. She is one of the youngest County Board of Education members in California and is proud to be a voice for some of the most economically disenfranchised communities in her county. Green previously served as an elected member of the Alum Rock Union School District Board of Trustees, making an impact in the areas of community engagement, ethical governance, professional development for educators, and the exchange of academic practices which promote health in schools. Green also serves as a member of the California Latino School Boards Association Board of Directors.

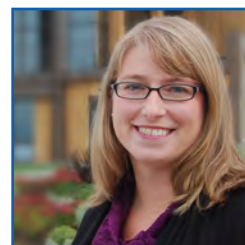


JENNIFER GREGERSON

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

MUKILTEO, WASHINGTON

Jennifer Gregerson has served on the Mukilteo City Council since 2004, including two years as mayor pro tem. As a councilmember she serves on the public safety, sustainability, and Paine Field Airport committees. Gregerson also represents the city as a delegate to Snohomish County Tomorrow, and serves on the Washington State Shoreline Hearings Board. As a committee member for the National League of Cities, Councilmember Gregerson is a national leader on issues of municipal information technology and communications. She earned a bachelor's degree in French from New York University and a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Washington. Gregerson owns two small businesses in Mukilteo and volunteers locally with the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival and Mukilteo Farmer's Market. Jennifer Gregerson is a lifetime resident of Mukilteo, where she currently resides with her partner, Jeff. @CouncilJen



JENNIFER GUNBY

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

ROELAND PARK, KANSAS

City Councilmember Jennifer Gunby is an engineer and leader of the energy studio at GBA Architects & Engineers. She graduated with honors from the University of Kansas with a BS in civil engineering and a BA in business administration. Gunby is a registered engineer and a LEED accredited professional. In addition to serving on the city council as co-chair of the public works committee, Councilmember Gunby is active on the sustainability committee and leads the 2012 Residential Retrofit project in partnership with Historic Green. She serves on the University of Kansas' School of Engineering Recent Graduate Advisory board, is a Mid-America Regional Council Sustainable Communities Leader, and is an acting member of the US Green Building Council and American Public Works Association. Gunby has been active in Roeland Park, including serving on the 2007 Roeland Park comprehensive plan steering committee and as chair of the sustainability committee.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DAYVIN HALLMON

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

In 2008, County Board Supervisor Dayvin Martin Anthony Hallmon was first elected to office at the age of 23. Supervisor Hallmon is currently pursuing a Bachelors of Arts in sociology and a Bachelors of Arts in humanities at the University of Wisconsin. Hallmon takes an integrative approach to his work, combining multiple disciplines to enhance programs, policy, and community development. As chair of the Kenosha County human services committee, Hallmon oversees the budgeting and various functions of the health and human service programs in the county. @DayvinHallmon

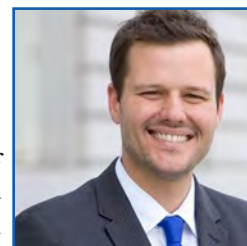


MATT HANEY

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

School board member Matt Haney has fought on behalf of public education for the past 10 years as an advocate, educator, organizer, and policy analyst. As the executive director of the University of California Student Association, he works directly for the entire student body of the UC system. Haney is the co-founder and chair of Citizen Hope, a Bay Area organization which fosters civic engagement and community service. He also serves on the SFUSD Public Education Enrichment Fund (Prop H) Community Advisory Committee, advising the district on how to spend critical funds on libraries, sports, music, arts, and preschool. Haney previously served as a legislative aide, a member of the education policy team, and State Senate Fellow for State Senator Joe Simitian in Sacramento. As an appointee to SFUSD's restorative justice taskforce, Haney helped develop new policies to improve school culture and change the paradigm of school discipline. Haney earned a BA from UC Berkeley, an MA from Stanford University School of Education, a JD with a focus on educational law from Stanford Law School, and an LLM in human rights from National University of Ireland. @matthaneyf



STEVE HANSEN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Councilmember Steve Hansen was elected to represent District Four on the Sacramento City Council in November of 2012. Prior to being elected, Hansen served as the neighborhood representative for the board of directors of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the downtown community. As a member of the board, Hansen led the effort to create the Downtown Sacramento Foundation, an organization which supports arts and cultural activities while working to reduce homelessness. For more than two years, Hansen worked for Equality California, a statewide advocacy group for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians. In addition to being an elected official, Hansen works as a senior regional manager at the California-based biotechnology company Genentech. Hansen is a graduate of University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and has a bachelor's degree in international relations from Gonzaga University. @Steve4Sac



MATTHEW HANSON

SELECTMAN

CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Matt Hanson is currently serving his second term as a member of the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen. Hanson is a homeowner, taxpayer, lifelong Chelmsford resident and a graduate of Chelmsford High School. After high school, he attended the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in regional economic and social development. Selectman Hanson is the chairman of the board as well as the vice-chairman of the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments. @votehanson



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JOHN HARABEDIAN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA

Recently elected to office, City Councilmember John Harabedian was born and raised in Sierra Madre. As an attorney, Harabedian volunteers a significant amount of his time to pro bono matters, and his legal practice focuses on commercial and criminal litigation. He previously served as a law clerk to a federal district court judge in the Central District of California. Prior to becoming an attorney, Harabedian served as a policy analyst for the city of Los Angeles where he specialized in public safety and homeland security. Specifically, he worked with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments to formulate and implement policies focused on crime reduction, terrorism prevention and deterrence, and emergency preparedness. Harabedian graduated from Loyola High School, received a BA in political science from Yale University, received a master's degree in public policy from Oxford University, and received a JD from Stanford Law School. He serves on the board of directors of Orphans Against AIDS, Inc., an international nonprofit organization that provides academic support for children in developing countries who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. @johnharabedian



KARALEE HARGROVE

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA

Karalee Hargrove is currently a school board member representing the Morongo Unified School District. Hargrove has kept to her campaign promises, recently passing a two percent raise for all school employees in her district. In addition to her school board duties, Hargrove is also a delegate for the 42nd Assembly district in California, the mother of five children, and a full time college student. She is active in the local chapter of her political party, the county central committee, and is passionately working towards the founding of a coalition for youth members of her party in her area. Hargrove's current goals include working on the Morongo Unified Foundation, as well as working alongside the superintendent to increase test scores and improve overall employee morale.



LEE HARRIS

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Councilman Harris was elected to the Memphis City Council in 2011. He is the former president of the Memphis and Shelby County youth chapters of a major political party and a volunteer "big sibling" for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. Harris is also the former chair of one of Memphis' only early childhood education programs for lower-income families. As the leader of that program, Councilman Harris visited classrooms, scrutinized budgets, and frequently met with parents to discuss their children's education. Harris has been nominated to the Memphis Leo Bearman, Sr. chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization committed to ethics. Councilman Harris is a tenured professor at the University of Memphis Law School, where he started a legal clinic to give free legal advice and support small business owners in the area. Harris is a proud product of the Memphis city schools, including Alcy Elementary, John P. Freeman Middle, and Overton High schools. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and his law degree from Yale University. Harris is married to Professor Alena Allen, and they have two children, Lee Allen Harris and Claudia Harris. @LeeHarris4MTOWN



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

STEPHANIE HAUSNER

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
CLARKSTOWN, NEW YORK

City Councilmember Stephanie Hausner was elected to the Clarkstown Town Council in 2007, making her the youngest town councilperson in the history of Clarkstown. Hausner is a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt legacy committee, the American Israel public affairs committee, and the National Jewish Democratic Council Young Leadership program. On the city council she is the liaison to the architecture and landscape commission, fire board of appeals, historical review board, justice court, economic development committee, and the traffic and traffic fire safety advisory board. Hausner is also a featured blogger on the NJDC blog. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in international relations. @StephHausner



MIKE HAYS

COUNCILMEMBER
SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Mike Hays is a borough councilman in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Since his election in 2009, Hays has focused on revitalization projects and transparent governance. He chaired the sanitation and surface water committee for two years and worked to combat aging infrastructure. He also serves on the Local Library Board of Trustees as well as the executive committee of the Chester County chapter of his political party. In 2012, Councilman Hays was a candidate for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, running against a 20-year incumbent. Although he fell short at the polls with 44 percent of the vote, Hays continues to recruit progressive candidates for all levels of government. @mhays422



DANIEL HERNANDEZ

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Daniel Hernandez, a recently published author, is a Sunnyside Unified School District governing board member. He first became politically engaged in response to Arizona's immigration policies and began his political work on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. While studying political science at the University of Arizona, Hernandez served as a campaign manager for State Representative Steve Farley and as an intern for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Hernandez was a member of Tucson's City Commission on LGBTQ Issues. Hernandez is an outspoken advocate for gun control and immigration reform. @djblp



EDDIE HOLGUIN, JR.

CITY REPRESENTATIVE
EL PASO, TEXAS

Eddie Holguin Jr. is a city representative for District 6 in El Paso, Texas. Holguin was elected to his third term in office in the summer of 2011. During his tenure in elected office, he has focused on infrastructure to address congestion, public safety, and economic development. Holguin has been an outspoken advocate for the rehabilitation of recreational areas, reduced tax burdens for the elderly and disabled, and general economic wellbeing for the community. Holguin attended El Paso Community College and is a businessman by profession.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

CANDACE HOLLINGSWORTH

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Candace Hollingsworth is a city councilmember in the city of Hyattsville, Maryland. Hollingsworth completed a master's degree in public policy at Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree at Emory University. During her career in organizational development, she successfully managed project portfolios as large as \$18 million while leading business process improvements for national nonprofit organizations, medical research centers, and government agencies. Hollingsworth served as vice president of the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA and the Hyattsville Civic Association.

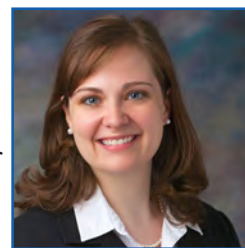


SARA HOWARD

STATE SENATOR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Senator Sara Howard represents the 9th district as a freshman member of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. She replaced her mother, Senator Gwen Howard, when she won election in November of 2012 with over 66 percent of the vote. She received a BA from Smith College in 2003 and a JD from Loyola University of Chicago in 2008. Senator Howard currently works as a development specialist at OneWorld Community Health Centers, Inc., an organization that works to provide quality health care to the underserved. Prior to her work at OneWorld, Howard worked at the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, advocating for maternal and infant health policy. Senator Howard is a member of several civic organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, and she volunteers for the Friends of the Omaha Public Library, Film Streams Ruth Sokolof Theatre, and the Joslyn Castle Trust.



KANIELA ING

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

KIHEI, HAWAII

Representative Kaniela Ing, born and raised in Maui, was elected to serve the 11th House district in 2012. At 24 years old, he is currently the youngest member of the state legislature. Representative Ing believes that in order to bolster our local economy and advance a fair society, we must care for the disadvantaged, invest in education, and encourage sustainable agriculture and energy. As a new-age progressive, Representative Ing seeks to usher in a new era of public service and to restore public trust in government by promoting election reform policies and clean governance. He attended the Kamehameha Schools Maui, Maui Community College, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and American University in Washington, DC. He has worked in various roles in the community with business, government, and the nonprofit sectors. @Votekanielaing



CHRISTINE INGRASSIA

ALDERWOMAN

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Christine Ingrassia currently serves as the alderwoman of the 6th ward in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to her election in April 2013, she was a volunteer for the Gate District East Neighborhood Association as well as the 6th ward democratic organization. Ingrassia also worked for the Vashon Jeff Vanderlou Initiative as the director of community outreach. In this capacity, she was responsible for managing community revitalization and stabilization efforts while focusing on serving and empowering low to moderate income residents. @chryssi



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JERRY JOHNSON

COMMISSIONER

ROBBINS, ILLINOIS

Jerry Johnson has served as commissioner of the Robbins Park District in Robbins, Illinois since April 2011. He is the owner of his own photography business and has worked as a concierge at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in nearby Calumet City. Johnson graduated from Southern Illinois University in 2005 with a BA in graphic design and from DePaul University in 2009 with a BA in computing.



KARIN JOHNSON

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Karin Johnson was appointed to the county board in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the young age of 19. A year later, she won the election to keep her seat. Supervisor Johnson represents District 5, which encompasses all students living on the campus of UW-La Crosse. She is a former member of the board's judiciary and law committee and she now vice-chairs the health and human services board, chairs the family policy board executive committee, and serves on the municipal transit utility board and neighborhood revitalization commission. Supervisor Johnson is triple majoring at UW-La Crosse in public administration, political science, and English writing as a member of the class of 2014. She has collaborated on several successful local electoral races and has worked as the communications and graphics coordinator for two winning regional races. Johnson is interning this summer with Minnesota's Central Corridor Light Rail Project.



LUCY JOHNSON

MAYOR

KYLE, TEXAS

Born and raised in Kyle, Texas, Mayor Lucy Johnson is passionate about being an active, helpful member of her community. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Parsons School of Design in 2006, Johnson moved back to Kyle to pursue a master's degree in public administration from Texas State University. While taking courses at Texas State, Johnson became involved with the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of Kyle's first transportation committee. In the summer of 2008, at the age of 24, she won an at-large seat on the Kyle City Council. In February 2010, she was elected mayor. Mayor Johnson works regularly with local nonprofits including Meals on Wheels, Hope & Love for Kids, Seton Hospital, CTMC Hospice, the Kyle VFW Post, United Way of Hays County, and the Katherine Anne Porter House. Outside of politics, Johnson works as a graphic designer. @LucyofKyle



VONZELLE JOHNSON

CITY COMMISSIONER

DELAND, FLORIDA

Commissioner Vonzelle Johnson was recently recognized as a "young elected official to watch" by the Florida League of Women Voters and as Volusia/Flagler County Business Report's Young Business Leader of the Year. Johnson serves as a DeLand city commissioner and chair of the Volusia County executive committee for his political party. Johnson formerly worked as the corporate fundraiser for President Wendy Libby of Stetson University. In this role, Johnson cultivated relationships with corporate donors, championed fundraising efforts for financially disadvantaged students, recruited prospective board of trustees' members, provided support to the school of business administration's board of advisors, and lobbied to local, state, national, and international officials to advance the institution. Johnson has an interdisciplinary background, consisting of public policy, counseling, success coaching, fundraising, and nonprofit development. Professionally, Johnson is a managing partner at the public relations firm Strategic Philanthropic Solutions, LLC. @vonzellejohnson



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

TISHAURA O. JONES

TREASURER

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Tishaura O. Jones is the first African American female to represent the city of St. Louis as treasurer. Her political career began in 2002, when she was appointed as a party committeewoman of the 8th ward in the city of St. Louis. She was a Missouri State Representative from 2008 to 2012 and was the first female African American assistant minority floor leader. During her tenure at the state legislature, Jones was a strong advocate for education, women's health, and economic development. She has more than fifteen years of experience in banking, healthcare, and human resources. Treasurer Jones received a bachelor's degree in finance from Hampton University in 1994 and a master's degree in health administration from the St. Louis University School of Public Health in 2001. @tishaura



ROBERT JORDAN

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Robert A. Jordan was elected in November 2011 to be the advisory neighborhood commissioner for single member district 7B06 in Washington, DC. As a senior consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, Jordan has worked in the diplomacy and international development market on global humanitarian relief and economic development projects. He received a master's degree in business administration from Morehouse College, a master's degree in information systems management from Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College of Public Policy, and is currently pursuing his doctorate from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Jordan is the author of "A New Model," which examines community and small business financing.



ANDY KATZ

UTILITY DISTRICT DIRECTOR

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Director Andy Katz was elected to the East Bay Municipal Utility District in 2006. He is a clean air attorney and public health advocate for Breathe California, and is a former chair of Sierra Club California. Prior to his election, he served for five years as a member of the City of Berkeley zoning adjustments board. Katz has supported the district's efforts to expand water conservation programs and double recycled water projects, protect water quality, and expand efforts to protect our climate, such as solar energy and the conversion of food scraps into renewable energy. He initiated policies protecting tenants in apartment buildings from water service termination and addressing gaps in a program which provides lifeline rates for low-income households. Katz has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of City Planning from UC Berkeley and a law degree from Santa Clara University. @andykatz



SCOTT KAWASAKI

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Scott Kawasaki is currently serving his third term as a member of the Alaska State House. He was first elected in 2006 as the youngest member of the legislature and is still the youngest Democrat. He serves on the Resources and Education Committees and the Special Committee on Fisheries. Previously, Kawasaki served for six years on the Fairbanks City Council, its youngest-ever member. He earned a BS in biomedicine at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. In college, he chartered the first national collegiate fraternity in Alaska, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and was involved in leadership and internship programs statewide. @alaskascott



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

GABE KEARNEY

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

Councilmember Gabe Kearney was appointed to the city council of Petaluma, California in 2011. He currently serves on the transit advisory committee, the transient occupancy tax subcommittee, the Sonoma County solid waste advisory group, and the health action council. Kearney works as an emergency preparedness coordinator, and was re-elected to the city council in 2012. @gabekearney



ARIANA KELLY

STATE DELEGATE

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Delegate Ariana Kelly has spent her career advocating for the diverse needs of women and families. In 2010, she was elected to Maryland's House of Delegates representing the 16th district. Kelly serves on the legislature's health and government operations committee, and the insurance and health disparities subcommittees. Her legislative interests include women's health equality and the interests of children with special health and educational needs. Her background in public health includes service as environmental health campaign director at MomsRising and executive director at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland. She has also served as executive producer for the national PBS news program "To The Contrary," and on the staff of Girls Inc., Traveler's Aid International, and Legal Momentum. Kelly serves as co-chair of the Maryland Insurance Commission's Workgroup on Access to Habilitative Services and lives in Bethesda with her children, Maeve and Leo. @DelArianaKelly



MARTHA KENT

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Born and raised in Ward 7, Commissioner Martha Kent is passionately committed to improving the quality of services offered to residents living east of the Anacostia River. She has been a mentor, foster parent, and an advocate for at risk youth. Kent currently serves on the state advisory panel for special education, where she focuses on improving education for children with disabilities and encouraging parental engagement. Kent currently works as a women's fair practice coordinator, where she addresses female employment issues. She also devotes her time to serving as a realtor helping district residents to find affordable housing, because she believes that everyone should have a place to call home. As an advisory neighborhood commissioner, Martha Kent works as treasurer of her ward and looks forward to helping make her community a better place. @yourmdrealtor



KEVIN KILLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

State Representative Kevin Killer is currently serving his third term in the South Dakota State Legislature. In addition to serving on the judiciary and state affairs committee for the legislature, Killer serves on the executive committee for the Native American Caucus of State Legislators as treasurer and on the State Agricultural and Rural Leaders Association. Killer, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, was the president of the student senate and a member of the board of trustees at Oglala Lakota College. Additionally, he has worked for South Dakotans Against Discrimination, a major political party for the state of South Dakota, a successful presidential campaign, as well as the campaigns of several prominent Senate and House members. He is currently a trainer for the Native American leadership program for Wellstone Action. Killer also took part in the Young People For (YP4) fellowship program and is a graduate of PFAW Foundation's Front Line Leaders Academy. @kevinck04



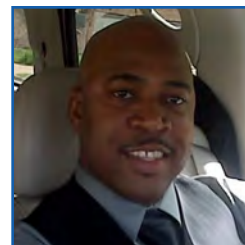
YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JEFFERY KILPATRICK

MAYOR

DREW, MISSISSIPPI

Mayor Jeffrey Kilpatrick was first elected to serve the city of Drew in 2005 and was re-elected for a second term in 2009. He earned a Bachelor of Science in health, physical education, and recreation and a Master of Science in criminal justice from Mississippi Valley State University. Kilpatrick is a graduate of the Mississippi Police Academy. He rose through the ranks as a correctional lieutenant at Mississippi State Penitentiary, where he has been employed for the last eighteen years. In 2007, Mayor Kilpatrick founded the Drew Boys and Girls Club, where he now serves as a role model and mentor for young men in the community.



JANE KIM

BOARD SUPERVISOR

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Jane Kim was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in January 2011. She represents District 6, which includes Alcatraz Island, Civic Center, Mission Bay, South of Market, the Tenderloin, Treasure Island, and Yerba Buena Island. She serves on the land use, city and school district, Transbay joint powers, and transportation authority committees. Prior to her election to the board of supervisors, she served as president of the San Francisco Board of Education. Kim's main policy priorities include immigrant rights, economic justice, and government accountability. @SupeJaneKim



DAVID KNEZEK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

State Representative David Knezek is serving his first term representing Michigan's 11th house district. The district includes the cities of Garden City and Inkster, as well as parts of Dearborn Heights, Livonia, and Westland. At the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Knezek served as president of the student body while earning a bachelor's degree in political science. Before serving in the legislature, Knezek served in the US Marine Corps, completing two tours of duty in Iraq as a scout sniper platoon member. After being honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, Knezek worked as a substitute teacher in Wayne County. Knezek, a lifelong resident of Dearborn Heights, is the first Iraq War veteran to serve in the Michigan legislature and the youngest member of his party's House Caucus. Knezak serves on the education and health policy committees for the legislature. @DavidKnezek

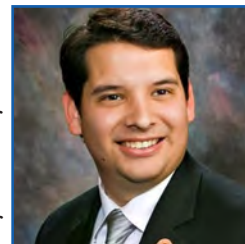


JONATHAN LARKIN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

GLENDALE, ARIZONA

Elected in 2013, Jonathan Larkin currently represents District 30 of the Arizona House of Representatives. Shortly after high school, Larkin was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with the US Marine Corps. He served as an integral participant in the invasion of Fallujah, Iraq, a nine month long operation with the goal of bringing safety and democracy to the citizens of Iraq. Upon completion of his tour, Larkin volunteered for a humanitarian mission in the Philippines. Following his discharge as a decorated Marine in 2007, Larkin settled down in Glendale, where he continues to work as a union pharmacy technician. @RepLarkin



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

CHRIS LARSON

STATE SENATOR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

State Senator Chris Larson was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in November 2010 after defeating an incumbent from his own party during the primary. He was later elected to serve as the Senate Leader for his state party for the 2013-2014 legislative session. Larson was one of the 14 Senators in his party who bravely left the state in February 2011 to stand up for the rights of Wisconsin workers, giving them a voice in the legislative process when the governor and Republican legislators were trying to silence them. Previously, Larson was a Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, focusing on fully funding area parks and transit systems. As a state senator, Larson focuses on the environment, drunk driving, mass transit, campaign finance reform, and recruiting more people to engage in the political process. In his downtime, Larson trains for marathons and is working towards running one in each of the 50 states. @ChrisJLarson



ROBERT DANIEL LAVELLE

CITY COUNCILMAN

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

City Councilman Robert Daniel Lavelle is a lifetime resident of the hill district section of Pittsburgh. He has served as a legislative aide for a former councilman, chief of staff for a state representative, and as the western political director for Americans for Democratic Action. Lavelle also works in real estate brokerage for his family's business, Lavelle Real Estate, Inc. Lavelle ran for Pittsburgh City Council in 2009 and took office in January of 2010. He is currently chair of the land use and economic development committee and vice chair of the urban redevelopment authority board. Councilman Lavelle was recognized by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest in 2002, named one of Pittsburgh's 40 Under 40 in 2009 by Pittsburgh Magazine, and chosen as a 2010 Man of Excellence by The New Pittsburgh Courier. Lavelle earned a BA from Kent State University in 2000. @Rdlavelle



IVONNE LEDESMA

VILLAGE COUNCILWOMAN

MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA

Ivonne Ledesma was elected to the Miami Shores Village Council in 2013. She is the owner of Sage Lifestyles, a yoga studio and boutique located in downtown Miami Shores. Before starting her business, Ledesma was a personal financial analyst for four years and worked in marketing for Canon Latin America. She began her advocacy work when she founded the Amnesty International chapter at Florida State University in 1997. She received a BA international relations from Florida State and a master's degree in international administration from the University of Miami. Ledesma went on to work with Forum Asia for Human Rights and Development.



KIMBERLY LEHMKUHL

CITY CLERK

PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA

Kimberly Kehmkuhl is the city clerk of Pleasant Hill, California. She attended Columbia Law School and worked for three years at a public interest law firm in Berkeley, California. She is currently a campaign manager for a national civil rights and voting rights group. @KimPHClerk



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ROLAND LEMAR

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Roland Lemar was first elected in 2010 to represent the 96th Assembly district of Hamden and New Haven. After state-wide redistricting in 2012, he was re-elected to the General Assembly, serving New Haven and East Haven. Representative Lemar serves as an assistant majority whip and as the vice chair of the finance, revenue, and bonding committee. He also serves on the government administrations and elections and transportation committees, as well as the finance sub-committee for transportation bonding. Before becoming a state representative, Lemar served as a member of the New Haven Board of Aldermen, chairing the board's legislation committee, and as a member of the city planning commission. @rolandlemar



MATTHEW LESSER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

State Representative Matt Lesser is vice chairman of the government administration and elections committee. First elected as the state's youngest legislator at the age of 25, Lesser successfully fought to professionalize Connecticut's election laws following the disputed 2010 gubernatorial election. Lesser is working with Governor Malloy and the secretary of state on pro-voter priorities, such as making voter intimidation and harassment a felony, allowing election-day and online voter registration, and amending the state constitution to allow early voting and expanded access to absentee ballots. In addition to his work on election issues, Lesser serves on the energy and technology, education, and public health committees. Lesser is the Connecticut state director of the Young Elected Officials Network. @mattlesser



ALEXANDER LEWY

CITY COMMISSIONER

HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA

Alexander Lewy was elected to the Hallandale Beach City Commission in November 2010. Lewy, who was elected at the age of 29, is the second youngest and only Hispanic commissioner in the city's history. @AlexLewy



SAM LIEBERT

COUNCILMEMBER

JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

In 2011, Sam Liebert became the first person of color ever elected to the Janesville City Council. Liebert is also a private contractor for the Rock County Health and Human Services Department. He previously worked as a staffer for Mayor Tom Barrett and for Senator Russ Feingold, and served in the Obama administration as a deputy White House liaison to the US Department of Agriculture. @samliebert

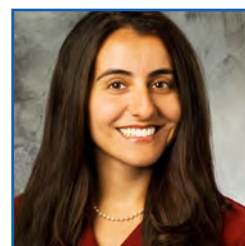


MONIQUE LIMÓN

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Monique Limón is the school board president for the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education. Elected in 2010, she is the youngest member of the five-member board. Limón also works as the assistant director of the McNair Scholars Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), and previously served as UCSB's graduate division director of diversity recruitment and retention. Along with her work on education equity, Limón is a strong advocate for women, helping to create awareness of public and private resources for women in the county and surrounding areas. She holds a master's degree in education from Columbia University and a Bachelors of Arts degree from UC-Berkeley.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

KAREN LIOT HILL

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

LEBANON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Karen Liot Hill is a city councilor in Lebanon, New Hampshire, one of the Granite State's thirteen cities. She was first elected in 2005, earning nearly two-thirds of the vote to defeat an incumbent. After spearheading the city's first-ever strategic planning effort in 2006, she was re-elected in 2007, in highly competitive race. She was appointed by her colleagues on the council to serve a one-year term as mayor in 2008. In 2009, she was re-elected to the city council – this time to an at-large seat – with over 76 percent of the vote. Hill is the mother of two daughters. She sits on the boards of WISE, a nonprofit organization serving victims of domestic and sexual violence, and Vital Communities, which seeks creative solutions to regional challenges. She is a member of the New Hampshire state committee for her political party and recently co-chaired that party's State Convention. @NHkaren



ANDREW LONDRE

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Andrew Londre was elected to the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors in 2012. He serves on the planning, resources and development committee and the Southwest Badger resource conservation and development committee. Londre also serves on the City of La Crosse Tax Commission and is the vice chair of the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission. Londre is a senior at UW-La Crosse, where he studies political science and public administration. @AndrewLondre



ANTONIO LOPEZ

BOARD TRUSTEE

HELM, CALIFORNIA

Antonio Lopez is board president of the Golden Plains Unified School District. He was elected in 2010. Lopez has worked as an after school paraeducator and a substitute teacher. He graduated from the University of California with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, and is currently attending Fresno Pacific University, pursuing a credential in elementary education and teaching.



EVAN LOW

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CAMPBELL CITY, CALIFORNIA

In 2006, Evan Low became the first Asian American and youngest person ever elected to Campbell's city council. In 2009, he made history when his council colleagues selected him to be the youngest Asian American and youngest openly gay mayor in the country. Councilman Low serves as vice president of the National League of Cities Asian Municipal Officials. Low was appointed in 2008 to the Democratic National Committee Convention rules committee and in 2009 to the Democratic National Committee. On June 5, 2006, then-San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom honored Low's community leadership with a proclamation naming the day "Evan Low Day" in the city and county of San Francisco. He earned degrees from De Anza Community College and San Jose State University before going on to graduate from the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. @evan_low



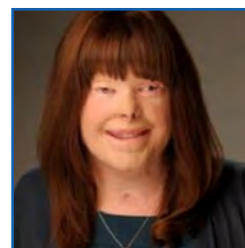
YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

STEFANIE MACH

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

State Representative Stefanie Mach was elected in November 2012 to the Arizona state legislature, where she represents the 10th district. As an undergrad at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Mach was a leader on campus and in student government. She interned for both the Embassy of Peru and Senator Russ Feingold. After completing her BA in International Relations and Spanish, Mach dedicated a year to community service through AmeriCorps. The sum of this work led her to pursue a Master of Public Policy at Brown University. She serves on the appropriations, commerce, and budget committees, and is a proud 2011 graduate of the Front Line Leaders Academy.



MARIA G. MACHUCA

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

MECCA, CALIFORNIA

Maria Machuca serves on the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. She also works as a community program specialist at the Mecca Family & Farmworker's Service Center for the County of Riverside-Department of Public Social Services. In 2004, she was appointed by the board of supervisors to be the chair of the Mecca Community Council. In 2008, she was elected to the school district board of trustees with 78% of the vote. In 2012, Machuca ran unopposed for another four-year term. In her spare time, she volunteers for the Sacred Heart Food Bank in Mecca, where over 500 families are provided with food baskets once a week. She has organized several health fairs and community events, including Fiesta Campesina Health Fair, Dia Del Nino Resource Fair, Mecca's Desfile de Luces, Festival de la Una, Día de Los Reyes Magos Toy Event, and many more. She received a BA in social science and a MPA from California State University, San Bernardino. @Meccapanther

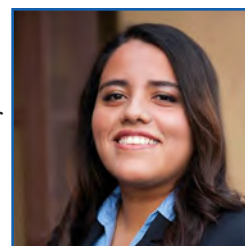


KARINA MACIAS

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA

City Councilwoman Karina Macias was elected to the Huntington Park City Council in March of 2012. She grew up in Huntington Park as an only child of immigrant parents. She attended local schools and graduated from Mount St. Mary's College with a degree in psychology and political science and a master's in international studies. Her life has been dedicated to social justice.

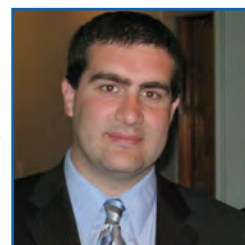


PAUL MARK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Representative Paul W. Mark is serving his second term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he is vice chair of the joint committee on higher education. Before his election, Mark worked for 10 years as a splice service technician at Verizon. He is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, where he has served as a union steward, press secretary, executive board member, and a political director. While working full-time, Mark went back to school and completed an associate's degree in telecommunications, a bachelor's degree in economics, a master's degree in labor studies, a law degree, and a doctorate in law and policy. His doctoral dissertation, titled "Predicting Labor Law Reform," is an analysis of why the Employee Free Choice Act did not pass the 111th Congress despite strong Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress. Representative Mark passed the Massachusetts bar exam in July 2009 and was sworn in as an attorney in December 2009. @RepPaulMark



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YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

STEPHEN MASON

COUNCILMEMBER

CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

Steve Mason was elected to the Cedar Hill City Council in 2010. He has served Cedar Hill as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and is currently on the executive board of the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce. Because of his involvement with the chamber, he was appointed to the Best Southwest board. Mason is the president of Mas-Tek Engineering, a local business that provides geotechnical engineering and construction material testing services. He serves in Place 5 and will be up for reelection in May of 2016.



JOSH MAXWELL

MAYOR

DOWNINGTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Josh Maxwell was elected as Downingtown's youngest-ever mayor at the age of 26. He is a graduate of West Chester University, where he earned a BA in political science with a minor in international business. Mayor Maxwell got his start on Downingtown's planning commission, where he wrote the area's first energy efficient resolution designed to encourage green building initiatives. @maxwelljosh



AMANDA MCGILL

STATE SENATOR

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Amanda McGill has served in the Nebraska legislature for seven years. She serves as the chair of the urban affairs committee and also serves on the judiciary, business, and labor committees. She is an advocate for legislation on human trafficking, children's mental health, prenatal care, high school career academies, and supporting military families. Senator McGill also serves as the director of program advocacy and giving for the YWCA in Lincoln, Nebraska. McGill has received awards from the University of Nebraska Alumni Association and Nebraska Army National Guard. This spring, she received the 2013 Lincoln Education Association Friend of Education Award. @amanda_mcgill



MARLON MCWILSON

EDUCATION BOARD TRUSTEE

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Marlon McWilson is a trustee of the Alameda County Board of Education, where he represents Alameda and portions of Oakland, California. McWilson is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where he played football on an athletic scholarship. At UC Berkeley, he discovered his calling to education, community work, and mentorship and became an integral part of a mentoring program at McClymonds High School in West Oakland. These experiences led him to enter the teaching profession in the Oakland Unified School District, where he taught at the elementary and high school levels. Currently, McWilson is a business owner in Oakland and the associate academic liaison for Cal Football.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JUAN MENDEZ

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

State Representative Juan Mendez is a first generation American and a native Arizonan. He received an associate degree from Phoenix College, and later graduated with a BA in political science and a minor in justice studies from the Arizona State University. His passion for politics and social justice is reflected in his commitment to building strong communities. On the City of Phoenix Human Services Advisory Committee, Mendez worked with fellow community leaders to recommend improvements to senior and family service centers as well as programs for the homeless. He also manages the nonprofit Community Voice Mail, where he connects thousands of people living in poverty. @mendezforaz



LACEY MERICA

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

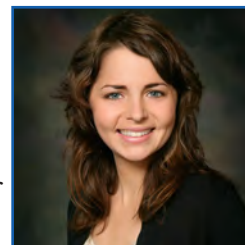
Lacey Merica was elected in May 2013 to represent Subdistrict 8 on the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) Board of Education. OPS is the largest school district in the state of Nebraska, educating around 46,000 students. Merica serves on the finance, operational services, and claims committees, and is one of the OPS representatives on the Nebraska Association of School Boards board of directors. She earned a BS in biology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a MBA from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Due to restructuring implemented by the Nebraska legislature in 2013, she is looking forward to running for re-election to a full four-year board term in 2014.



TONI MOCERI

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
WARREN, MICHIGAN

County Commissioner Toni Moceri is serving her third term on the Macomb County Commission. Moceri is the chair of the health and human services committee and vice-chair of the finance committee. She serves on the board of directors of the Area Agency on Aging and the Michigan Association of Counties. Prior to her tenure in elected office, she was a strategic development coordinator at the Michigan Suburbs Alliance and a researcher for Shrinking Cities in Berlin, Germany. Moceri holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, a Master of Research in Humanities and Cultural Studies degree from the London Consortium, and has completed postgraduate work at the Bauhaus Kolleg in Dessau, Germany. In 2011, she was a recipient of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship.



ERIN MOLCHANY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Erin Molchany was elected in 2012 to represent the 22nd legislative district in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. She is currently the only woman representing Allegheny County in Harrisburg. While new to the legislature, she is a familiar face around the Pittsburgh region. She worked her way through school at the Duquesne University, then immediately went to work in the nonprofit sector. As executive director of the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP) she nearly doubled the operating budget, added staff, and led the organization to become 90 percent sustainable. Her priorities include fighting for comprehensive transportation funding, reinvestment in education, and building up infrastructure in the state so that Pennsylvania can be competitive in today's economy. @ErinMolchany



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MATT MOONEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PORTLAND, MAINE

Matt Moonen was elected in 2012 to the Maine legislature, where he represents district 118. Moonen serves on the judiciary and taxation committees, and on the joint select committee for joint rules. Previously, Moonen worked for EqualityMaine, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, and MassEquality. He has a Bachelor of Arts in political science and international studies from Northwestern University. @mattmoonen



DOMINICK MORENO

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Dominick Moreno was born and raised in Commerce City, Colorado. He attended Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in American government. Less than a year after his college graduation, Moreno was elected to the city council, and halfway through his first term he was appointed mayor pro tem. He worked as a legislative aide for the Colorado General Assembly before being elected to represent district 32 in the Colorado House of Representatives in November 2012. He is the youngest serving member of the state legislature. In his first session, Moreno sponsored legislation to expand school breakfast in low-income schools, to increase transparency in the oil and gas industry, and to provide unemployment benefits to involuntarily locked-out workers. @domoreno



ALISHA MORGAN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

AUSTELL, GEORGIA

Alisha Thomas Morgan made history at age 23 by becoming the first African American to represent Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives. Now 34, she is serving her sixth term and remains one of the youngest and most vocal female members of the Georgia General Assembly. In 2010, Morgan released her first book, "No Apologies: Powerful Lessons in Life, Love & Politics." She has been featured in national publications and media outlets including Ebony's "Nation's 30 Leaders who are under 30", AOL Black Voices' "America's Young Civil Rights Heroes" list, and Essence's fifteen women of the "New Power Generation." Morgan has earned numerous awards for her service, training and political advocacy. As a statewide leader in education reform, Morgan has received the "Champion for Choice" award from the American Federation for Children, the "Impact Award" from the Georgia Charter School Association, and the "Putting Kids First" award from the Ohio Coalition. Morgan is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and drama. @alishamorgan



NINA MORRIS

COUNCILMEMBER

LANCASTER, TEXAS

Nina Morris is currently serving her second term on the Lancaster City Council. Morris is a strong advocate for youth and persons with disabilities. Through her nonprofit organization, Persons In Need of Knowledge (PINK), she motivates individuals to become leaders and encourages them to reach their full potential. Morris has lived in Lancaster for 27 years, graduating from Lancaster Elsie Robertson High School and continuing her education at the Southern Methodist University, where she received a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Morris has also earned a Master of Arts degree in forensic psychology. She enjoys spending her spare time with her family and working with the Upsilon Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. @ninalrichardson



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

WENDELL MOSBY

TRUSTEE

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

In 2011, Wendell Mosby became the youngest person ever elected to the Board of Trustees at the Prairie State College. As one of seven trustees, he is responsible for overseeing a \$50 million budget. Mosby serves as chairman of the public relations committee for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in apparel production management from the Iowa State University. Currently, he is an educational consultant for Just WIMP and political advisor with the Matrix Project. As a motivational speaker, Mosby conducts workshops and presentations about leadership, bullying, and entrepreneurship. In February, Mosby was named a semi-finalist for the Echoing Green Fellowship for Black Male Achievement. Mosby is the Illinois state director for the Young Elected Officials (YEO) Network and chair of the Chicago's Young & Powerful Group. @friendofwendell

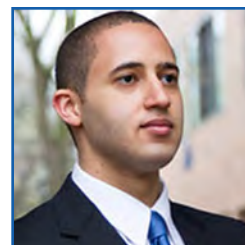


SVANTE MYRICK

MAYOR

ITHACA, NEW YORK

In January 2012, Svante Myrick, 26, became Ithaca's youngest mayor and its first mayor of color. Myrick was born and raised in the small town of Earlville, New York, where he attended public schools, graduating from Sherburne-Earlville High School in 2005. He then studied communication at Cornell University, where he was a leader of the Interfraternity Council and the Quill and Dagger Society. He began his public service career through volunteer activities, including working with the REACH program. Myrick graduated from Cornell in 2009. He was first elected at the age of 20 to the office of alderperson of Ithaca's Common Council. @SvanteMyrick



JEREMY NORDQUIST

STATE SENATOR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Jeremy Nordquist has represented District 7 in the Nebraska legislature since January 2009. Senator Nordquist is the chairman of the Nebraska retirement systems committee and is a member of the appropriations committee, state-tribal relations committee, and children's behavioral health oversight committee. In 2010, Senator Nordquist was also selected to serve as chairman of the health committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He currently works for Building Bright Futures, a community initiative that seeks to improve overall academic performance and reduce the academic achievement gap. He is completing a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in health care, at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He also serves on the board of directors for One World Community Health Center in South Omaha. @SenatorJeremy



SAL PACE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PUEBLO, COLORADO

Sal Pace was appointed to the board of Pueblo County Commissioners in January 2013. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Fort Lewis College and his master's degree in American political theory from the Louisiana State University. Before he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2008, Pace was a legislative aide for US Congressman John Salazar's district offices across the state. During his terms in the statehouse, he served as vice chair of the House agriculture and natural resources committee, as well as on the appropriations, local government, and judiciary committees. He is currently a member of Sons of Italy of Southern Colorado, the Knights of Columbus, and the Cathedral of Sacred Heart Parish. He taught American government at Pueblo Community College and Colorado State University-Pueblo as an adjunct professor. He also served on Pueblo City Schools' Strategic Plan Core Team, was an organizer for Enable America, and was the Colorado regional director for his political party in 2002. @PaceForColorado



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

PATRICK PASCHALL

CITY COUNCILMAN

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Patrick Paschall was elected in 2013 to represent Ward 3 on the Hyattsville City Council. As a former ethics commissioner, he has a great interest in ethics laws and policies. Paschall is a proud member and union delegate for Service Employees International Union Local 1199, representing his fellow unit members in negotiations with management. Councilman Paschall has worked with numerous LGBT rights organizations, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Center for Transgender Equality, Lambda Legal, Family Equality Council, and Pride at Work. Patrick earned his JD from Hofstra University School of Law where he was awarded a coveted spot in the LGBT Rights Fellowship. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M University in political science with a certificate in European Union politics and a minor in history. He is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.



ERIC PAYNE

DISTRICT TRUSTEE

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Trustee Eric Payne is a Fresno native who was recently elected to the State Center Community College District. After growing up in a single parent home and graduating from Washington Union High School, Payne got a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry and a master's in microbiology at the University of Alabama. Payne is the southwest Fresno site director for the Building Neighborhood Capacity Program and represents southwest Fresno on the city's general plan update advisory committee. He also volunteers in his neighborhood, mentoring three high school students. @MrMagooooo



AMELIA PELOQUIN

TOWN COUNCILOR

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Amelia Peloquin recently completed her first year in office, serving as town councilor-at-large in her hometown of Southbridge, Massachusetts. She holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College, and her professional experience has included regional work for public libraries and interactive media agencies. She inadvertently fell in to politics in 2011 after Tea Party-affiliated groups launched a voter intimidation campaign targeting Hispanic voters in Southbridge. She was honored with a Defender of Civil Liberties award from the ACLU of Massachusetts for her work during that election cycle. In addition to her work on the Southbridge Town Council, Councilor Peloquin serves on the advisory council for ASPIRA of Massachusetts and on the Southbridge chapter of his political party. She focuses on civic engagement, sustainable land use, solid waste disposal facilities, and local tax policy.



QUENTIN PHIPPS

CITY TREASURER

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

Quentin "Q" Phipps serves Middletown Connecticut as the city treasurer. Phipps attended Bryant University of Smithfield, Rhode Island and earned a BS in business administration. After graduating from Bryant, he continued working in the banking sector. Phipps is involved with numerous charitable and service organizations. He serves on the board of directors for Mount Saint Johns, the Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater, and the Middlesex Substance Abuse Action Council. He is also an active member in Cross Street Zion A.M.E. Church. In 2007, Phipps filled a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission and in 2009, he was unanimously elected commission chair. As city treasurer, he develops strategies to provide tax relief, invest in local businesses, and utilize best practices on fiscally responsible use of bonding. @quewp1



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESHEA L. POORE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Meshea L. Poore was sworn into the West Virginia House of Delegates as the 31st district representative, appointed by the state's 34th governor, Joe Manchin, III. Poore received a bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University in Washington, DC. While in the nation's capital, Delegate Poore worked for Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina and interned for a national political party. She went on to obtain a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She returned to West Virginia in 2004 and began working as a public defender for Kanawha County. Poore left the public defender's office in November 2009 and is now the sole practitioner and owner of The Law Office of Meshea L. Poore. Delegate Poore is a member of the West Virginia State Bar and the Alabama State Bar Association. @MesheaPoore



SAMUEL PRADO

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

City Councilman Samuel Prado, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, was first elected to represent the Fifth District in 2004. During his tenure, Prado has helped to address the need for new and improved law enforcement services, the declining rate of home ownership, absentee landlords, new streams of revenue for the city, beautification of streets and neighborhoods, and youth employment initiatives. Prado was previously employed by the AIG Life Insurance Company in the area of customer service. He is a 1999 graduate of the University of Delaware, from which he received a B.A. in political science. Prado also gives back to his community as a board member of the Salvation Army, West Side Health Services, and the Latin American Community Center's Community Development Corporation. He has also taken an active leadership role within the Westside Neighborhood Coalition, the civic organization that represents Wilmington's Hilltop neighborhood.



REV. DR. SIMEON QUEEN

CITY COUNCILMAN

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

Rev. Dr. Simeon Queen is a city councilman and the mayor pro tem of Prairie View, Texas. He is also the chairman of the board of adjustments & appeals for the city. Dr. Queen is the author of a groundbreaking book, *Christians We Be Clubbin*, which seeks to highlight a new consciousness in spiritual enlightenment for the younger generation. Queen attended Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) for his bachelor's and master's degrees and received a doctorate in missionology from The Lord's Outreach School of Theology in Lake Charles. Queen is involved in various organizations, including F.O.C.G: Sigma Rhomeo Inc., and is the national chaplain of the PVAMU National Alumni Association. Dr. Queen is currently the pastor of congregational & community support at St. John's Downtown UMC, one of the most progressive churches in the country. @pastorsimq



MARTIN QUEZADA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

State Representative Martín Quezada is a native of Phoenix, Arizona. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, Quezada worked as a research analyst and policy advisor to a party caucus in the Arizona Senate and the Arizona House of Representatives before being accepted into the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. After earning his law degree, Quezada served a judicial clerkship for Judge Patricia Orozco on the Arizona Court of Appeals from 2008 to 2009. Quezada has been a community activist for several years and serves on numerous boards and commissions in the community. In 2009 he was named as one of the Univision Radio and Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce top 40 Hispanic leaders under age 40. @RepQuezada29



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ANDRÉS QUINTERO

TRUSTEE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Andrés Quintero is a lifelong resident of East San Jose and trustee for the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District. Quintero graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1999. After graduating from Evergreen Valley College, he transferred to San Jose State University where he graduated with a BA in political science and a Masters of Public Administration degree. He began his career in public policy working for San Jose Councilmember Forrest Williams and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 2009. He serves as vice chair of the San Jose International Airport Commission and as treasurer of the Latino Leadership Alliance. @a5ero



KHALIF RAINEY

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

County Supervisor Khalif Rainey represents the 2nd district on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Rainey earned his bachelor's degree in public policy and urban affairs from Southern University. He previously worked as a staffer in the local district office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore. Rainey's policy priorities include efficient public transportation, economic development, and senior care. @Khalif_Rainey



KATHRYN RAMIREZ

BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

School Board Member Kathryn Ramirez began her career in education as a teacher at a local college in Salinas, where she first realized the need to improve public schools. In November 2003, Ramirez began her public service career as a trustee for the Salinas Union High School District. She currently serves as vice president of the board of education for the Salinas Union High School district, secretary of the California Latino School Board Association board, delegate to the California School Board Association, and as a board member of the Monterey County School Boards Association. Ramirez is currently pursuing a master's in public administration at Golden Gate University. @kathryn.ramirez



SALVADOR RAMIREZ

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA

Salvador Ramirez was elected as a school board member in November 2007 and, following reelection in 2011, is currently the board clerk of the El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees. Ramirez served eight years in the United States Marine Corps and attended Long Beach State University on the GI Bill. After college, he worked at the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Interior, and in the nonprofit sector.



DAN RAMOS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Assistant Minority Whip Dan Ramos was elected state representative in 2010, taking the oath of office in January of 2011. Ramos is a graduate of Lorain Admiral King High School and The Ohio State University. Prior to elected office, Ramos began his legislative service as a legislative aide to then Representative Joseph F. Koziura (D-Lorain), and later worked as a senior policy and budget analyst under Minority Leader Beatty and Speaker Budish. In addition to his work in the Ohio House of Representatives, Representative Ramos has also been a caseworker at the Lorain County Department of Job and Family Services. @repdanramos



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JERMAINE REED

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Councilmember Jermaine Reed represents over 78,000 residents in Missouri's third district. The district boasts a rich cultural and athletic history including the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, American Jazz Museum, and both the Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals stadiums. Reed is the youngest member of the city council, elected at the age of 26. After overcoming poverty and homelessness, Reed strives to be an example of what young people can achieve with perseverance and dedication. He is a first generation college graduate, earning a degree in political science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. @JermaineReed



CRAIG RICE

COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND

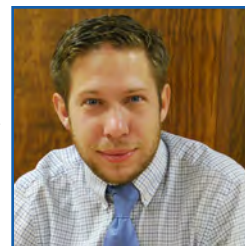
Councilmember Craig Rice's political career began in the fall of 2006 when he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, defeating a 12-year incumbent. There he served on the ways and means committee and was a member of the education and fiscal revenue subcommittees. In 2010, Rice left the state legislature to run for the Montgomery County Council. His victory made him the youngest African American to ever serve on the nine member council and only the second African American man to serve in that role. On the council, he serves as vice president as well as on the education and health and human services committees. He is an alumnus of the University of Maryland, where he majored in computer science. Prior to holding elected office, he worked for Marriott International, Aramark Corporation, and as a business development manager for the government of Puerto Rico. @RicePolitics



MIKE RICHARDS

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

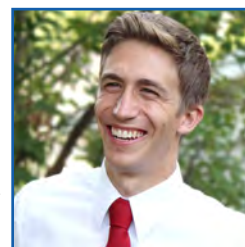
County Board Member Mike Richards serves as chairman for the Champaign, Illinois County Board. He is currently the director of legislative affairs for Illinois Governor Pat Quinn in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Previously he worked as political director for Congresswoman Robin Kelly in her 2010 state Treasurer race and as campaign manager for David Gill (IL-13) in 2012. As a board member, Richards has worked with the General Assembly to pass legislation that expands early voting and same day voter registration. He is president of the Illinois Association of County Board Members and vice president of his state party's Illinois youth chapter. @mrocketrichards



DANIEL RIEMER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Born and raised in Milwaukee, State Representative Daniel Riemer represents Wisconsin's seventh assembly district. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago, working his way through college as a soccer coach, cafe clerk, and house painter. He then enrolled in law school at the University of Wisconsin. Riemer ran for the Wisconsin legislature, representing the hard-working people of the seventh district, to help make people's lives better in the same community that gave so much to him. He was sworn in in January of 2013, and serves on the health, transportation, ways and means, and international trade committees. @RepDanielRiemer



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

SARAH ROBERTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

SAINT CLAIRE SHORES, MICHIGAN

State Representative Sarah Roberts is serving her second term representing Michigan's 18th house district, which includes the communities of St. Clair Shores, Eastpointe and a portion of Grosse Pointe Shores. Roberts was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2008 and returned in 2012. Prior to serving in the legislature, Roberts served on the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for two years. During her term, she helped create the first Macomb County Women's Commission and served on the Macomb County Water Quality Board, the Blue Ribbon Commission for Lake St. Clair, and the board for Macomb County NOW. Roberts began her advocacy career while working as a community organizer for Michigan Clean Water Action and later as an organizer for her party's caucus in the Michigan House. Roberts earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa.



JACQUE ROBINSON

VICE MAYOR

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson is serving her second term as member of the Pasadena City Council. She is chair of the Foothill Workforce Investment Policy Board and a commissioner to the Burbank Bob Hope Airport Authority. Vice Mayor Robinson is a graduate of now President Barack Obama's Hopefund – Yes We Can training program and the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute. She is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 2011, Robinson was selected as one of four US fellows for the New Generation Seminar at the East-West Center studying Asia Pacific-US policy and was chosen by the American Council of Young Political Leaders for international exchange to China. A proud public school graduate, she earned her BA from the University of California, Berkeley, and MA in public administration from California State University, Northridge. In addition to her city council commitments, she serves as a policy director to Los Angeles Unified School Board Member Steve Zimmer. @JacqueRobinson



BRIAN ROWLAND

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

Brian Rowland is in his second term as a city councilmember in Prairie View, Texas. He holds a BS in business administration from Tarleton State University and a Master of Community Development (MCD) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Prairie View A&M University. Currently, he is an educational leadership PhD student. Rowland was an instrumental force in the successful restoration of Prairie View A&M students' right to vote. He has received the Young Champions of Justice Award from The Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights and has been actively involved in the NAACP for the past 18 years. Currently, Rowland is the assistant treasurer for the Texas State Conference for NAACP branches. He is determined to achieve professional and personal growth as he strives to impact the future of Prairie View and this country. @BRowlandSpeaks



NATALIA RUDIAK

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak represents the fourth district on the Pittsburgh City Council. She was elected in 2009 with over 98 percent of the vote. On the council, she serves as chair of the performance and asset management committee, which deals with implementation and oversight of government services such as facilities, cable, and information systems. She previously worked at Deloitte Consulting, in the United States Senate, and for a public health organization in New York. Councilwoman Rudiak was named to the 40 under 40 by PUMP and Pittsburgh Magazine in 2009 and was voted Young Democrat of the Year in 2011. She is currently a board member of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She earned a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and a master's degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University. @nataliarudiak



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DIANE RUSSELL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PORTLAND, MAINE

State Representative Diane Russell is serving her third term in the Maine legislature, representing Munjoy Hill and downtown Portland. She is returning to the veterans and legal affairs committee for a third term, and serves on the energy, utilities, and technology committee. She was named “most valuable state representative” in the country by The Nation in its 2011 Progressive Honor Roll for her work on voter disenfranchisement. Russell actively publishes progressive opinion pieces in major daily papers in Maine, as well as in Roll Call, The Hill, and Huffington Post. Her primary issue areas include legalization of marijuana, voting rights, campaign finance reform, worker’s rights, and economic security. She received a BA in media studies from the University of Southern Maine. @MissWrite



J. TODD RUTHERFORD

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Representative James Todd Rutherford is a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he serves as minority leader for his political party. Representative Rutherford also serves on the judiciary committee. He previously worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman Robin Tallon and owns Rutherford Law Firm. Rutherford has a BA from Howard University and a JD from the University of South Carolina. @RepRutherford



PETER SACCO

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Peter Sacco is an advisory neighborhood commissioner for District 2A08 in the District of Columbia. At age 19, he is currently the youngest elected official in the District of Columbia and, according to NPR, may also serve as the youngest openly gay elected official in the nation. In addition to serving on the ANC, Sacco was appointed by the mayor to be a state service commissioner on the DC Commission on National and Community Service, which oversees AmeriCorps funding for DC-based organizations. Sacco serves as a resident advisor at George Washington University, where he is a junior. He was an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, and was born and raised in the greater Boston area. On campus, he serves as a commissioner on the university’s Public Service Grant Commission, and is also the incoming vice president of community affairs for GW’s student association. @PeterSaccoANC2A



REBECCA SALTZMAN

BOARD DIRECTOR

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

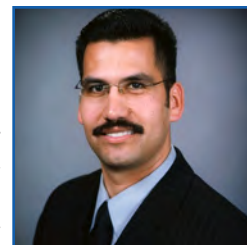
Board Director Rebecca Saltzman was elected to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board in November of 2012. Prior to her election, Saltzman spent years as a public transit and policy advocate, coalition builder, grassroots organizer, and manager with local, state, and national issue-based organizations. In addition to her service on the transit board, Saltzman works as the government affairs manager for the California League of Conservation Voters, the non-partisan political action arm of California’s environmental movement. Director Saltzman served as vice-chair of the Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee from 2011-2013, where she advised the City of Oakland on pedestrian and bicycle policy and infrastructure. She graduated with a BA in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. @rebeccaforbart



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

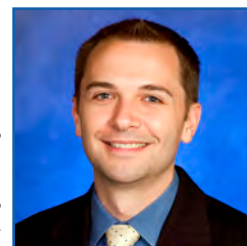
LUIS D. SANCHEZ
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MIDLAND, TEXAS

Luis D. Sanchez was born and raised in Midland, Texas, where he now serves as County Commissioner. He is a first generation American and the first in his family to attend college. Sanchez graduated from Midland College and Texas Tech University with a BA in political science and Spanish. He is currently the youngest Midland county commissioner and the only Hispanic man ever to serve in that capacity. After being defeated in 2004, he ran again for Precinct 3 and assumed office in 2009. As an elected official, Sanchez has focused on public health, wastewater infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic justice.



CARL SCIORTINO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Carl Sciortino is in his fourth term as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing the Boston-area communities of Somerville and Medford. He has been an advocate for a range of issues related to social and economic justice, including raising the minimum wage, closing corporate tax loopholes, passing Massachusetts' landmark universal healthcare law, pushing for improvements in education and testing policies, and increasing access to public transportation. After defeating an anti- marriage equality incumbent in 2004, Sciortino is one of the few LGBT members of the legislature. He took a leadership role in preserving marriage equality and has passed legislation extending equal rights to transgender residents. He has received numerous distinctions for his work including being awarded as the "Best of the New" by Boston Globe Magazine and "Legislator of the Year" by the National Association of Social Workers and the Mass. Association of School Psychologists. Representative Sciortino served as Massachusetts state director of the Young Elected Officials Network for two terms and has been active in the Network since its inception in 2006. @carlsciortino



BRANDON SCOTT
CITY COUNCILMAN
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

City Councilman Brandon Scott was elected at the age of 27, making him the youngest person ever to serve on the Baltimore City Council. A proud Baltimorean, he is a graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School (MERVO) and St. Mary's College of Maryland. Scott began his public service as a site program specialist for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland. In this capacity, he recruited, screened, and trained mentors for school-based mentoring programs. He subsequently represented Northeast Baltimore as a community outreach liaison in the office of the city council president and continued to do so in the mayor's office of neighborhoods. He has received many accolades for his service to the Baltimore area. @councilmanbms



KATRINA SHANKLAND
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

Representative Katrina Shankland is the youngest state legislator in Wisconsin. She got her start in politics by organizing the recall against Governor Scott Walker from November 2011 to May 2012. Shankland has a nonprofit background centered on renewable energy and sustainability policy and has also led an international nonprofit for English education. She has a degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has spent time in rural Mexico as a volunteer teaching English. She serves on the following assembly committees: state affairs, workforce development, natural resources and sporting heritage, energy and utilities, and constitution and ethics. Her legislative priorities are conservation, energy issues, clean government, and campaign finance reform. Shankland is currently a state political leader fellow with the Center for Progressive Leadership and a fellow with the Progressive Change Campaign Committee. @repshankland



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

NATE SHINAGAWA

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

ITHACA, NEW YORK

Nate Shinagawa has served on the Tompkins County legislature for over seven years and is administrative director of Robert Packer Hospital. Under his direction, the hospital decreased infection rates, reduced medical errors, and increased employee safety. He has brought this health care expertise to government where he works to broaden health care access, reduce costs, and improve quality as chair of the health and human services committee. In 2012, Shinagawa was his party's nominee for Congress in New York's 23rd congressional district. Despite being outspent three to one, he received 48% of the vote. Legislator Shinagawa also currently serves as campaign chair for a major congressional campaign. @NateShinagawa

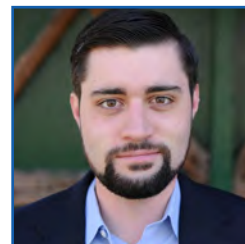


STEPHEN SHINN

COUNCILMEMBER

WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Councilmember Stephen Shinn was elected to the West Chester Borough Council in May 2011. He is chair of the planning, zoning, business, and industrial development committee and serves on the parking and environmental protection committees.

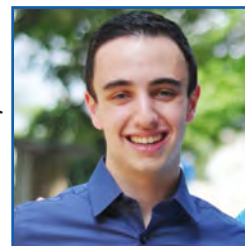


RORY SLATKO

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Rory Slatko is an advisory neighborhood commissioner and treasurer for ANC 3D in the District of Columbia, representing over 2,000 constituents. He attends American University in Washington, DC, where he is a junior pursuing a B.A. in Political Science. Rory was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware, and was introduced to politics through local campaigns early in his youth. His interests led him to seek a college education within the District, where he has found a multitude of opportunities to learn and grow as a young leader. Slatko also serves as the regional director of the Central Atlantic affiliate of NACURH, Inc. and is currently interning at the Truman National Security Project. During the academic year, he indulges his love for singing as a member of American University's all-male a cappella group, On A Sensual Note.



AARON SNOW

COUNCILMEMBER

CAROLINE, NEW YORK

Councilman Aaron Snow has served as a councilmember of Caroline, New York since January 2012. He is a liaison of the Caroline Town Highway Department, The Recreation Partnership, and the Carolina Youth Commission.

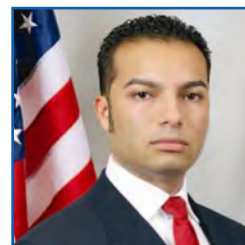


JOSE SOLACHE

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA

School Board Member Jose Luis Solache made history as the youngest Latino school board member in the history of Lynwood, California. He is currently the president of the school board, representing more than 18,000 students, 850 teachers, and many service employees. Solache worked with his colleagues in the school board, the Lynwood Teachers Association, Service Employees International Union, and the California School Employees Association to raise salary levels and offer a fair benefits package for all district employees. He is currently completing his teaching credentials and serves as the HIV/AIDS program coordinator at the Oldtimers Foundation. @JL_Solache



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ALEJANDRO SOTO-VIGIL

RENT BOARD COMMISSIONER

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Commissioner Alejandro Soto-Vigil was elected to the Berkeley Rent Board in November 2012. Professionally, he works as a legislative aide to the Berkeley city council where he focuses on policies that support gender equity, disability rights, healthy living, equitable taxation, and immigration causes. He has served on Berkeley's housing advisory and public works commissions, along with the regional transit accessibility advisory committee. He holds a BA in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a JD from the University of District of Columbia Law School. His main policy goals are concerned with supporting access to affordable housing for low-income individuals in his community.



RUSSELL STAMPER

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Russell W. Stamper II was elected to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on April 3, 2012. Supervisor Stamper currently serves as vice chair of the county board's health and human needs committee and as a member of the finance, personnel, and audit committee and the parks, energy, and environment committee. He is a graduate of Messmer High School and Alabama State University. Upon graduating from Alabama State with a Bachelor of Science, he returned to Milwaukee and completed a Master of Business Administration at Cardinal Stritch University. He also holds a certificate in professional grant writing from UW-Milwaukee. Stamper previously served as the program supervisor for New Concept Self Development Center, where he managed and administered effective delivery of adult and youth social service programs. @supvstamper



LUKE STEPHENSON

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

DANVILLE, INDIANA

School Board Member Luke Stephenson was born in Danville, Indiana and has lived there ever since. He graduated from Danville Community High School in 2012. While attending school he served on the Danville Institute, a think tank for the school. He was also nominated by then-State Senator Connie Lawson to serve on the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council (ILYAC), which advised the Indiana General Assembly on matters affecting Hoosiers under the age of 18.

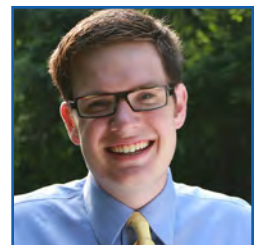


LEE STORROW

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

Councilmember Lee Storrow was elected to the Chapel Hill Town Council in 2011. Storrow is an alumnus of UNC-Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in political science. He currently works as the managing director of the North Carolina Alliance for Health. Storrow serves on the board of directors of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina and Youth Empowered Solutions. Previously Storrow worked as a development assistant at IPAS and as the youth board liaison to the American Legacy Foundation board of directors. Councilmember Storrow is actively involved in the American Heart Association's national advocacy coordinating committee and was the winner of the Heart Association's 2010 Dr. Robert Blackburn Award for outstanding achievement in advocacy in North Carolina. In 2013 he was selected to be a political partner with the Truman National Security Project. @leestorrow



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JAMES TAYLOR

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

James Taylor was elected in 2009 to the Winston-Salem City Council, where he currently serves as a member of the general government, housing, community development committee and as the vice chair of the public safety committee. A dedicated father and community advocate, Taylor's professional career has been centered on working with the youth in his community through the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, the Salvation Army Community Corrections Center, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, and Winston-Salem State University. Taylor was born and raised in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a proud product of the Forsyth County public schools. He graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University with a BS in criminal justice. He was a three-year letterman and student athlete for the North Carolina Central University football team.



KAYING THAO

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

ROSEVILLE, MINNESOTA

School Board Member Kaying Thao was born in a Thai refugee camp and immigrated to the United States with her parents, making her a generation 1.5 Hmong immigrant. She is an alumna of St. Catherine University and Metropolitan State University and holds a master's in public and nonprofit administration. She will begin the doctorate in education program at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota in the fall of 2013. Thao currently works in the Minnesota House of Representatives as a legislative aide. She is the youngest and first Hmong-American to be elected onto the Roseville School Board – a district with nearly 7,000 students. Her passion for social justice and her experiences inform her holistic approach in governing and policy-making. She also serves as a Human Rights Commissioner for the City of Roseville, as a board member on various nonprofit organizations, and is the Minnesota State Director for the YEO Network. @onlyoneky



JEFF THIGPEN

REGISTER OF DEEDS

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Jeff Thigpen is currently serving his third term as Register of Deeds in Guilford County, North Carolina. He was the youngest member ever elected to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners at age 27 and served for six years as a Commissioner. Thigpen has both BA and BS degrees in political science and justice and policy studies from Guilford College, along with a Master of Public Affairs from UNC-Greensboro. He is a trained mediator and a leader in addressing foreclosure and mortgage fraud. Thigpen is the author of On Point: The Voices and Values of the Young Elected Officials, which profiles sixteen young elected officials and the YEO Network. @jeffthigpen

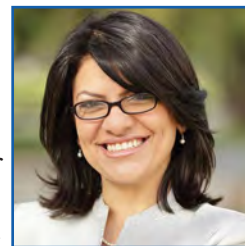


RASHIDA TLAIB

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Representative Rashida Tlaib, born and raised in southwest Detroit, was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2008. She currently represents the sixth House district and serves as the vice chair of the house appropriations committee. A daughter of Palestinian immigrants, Tlaib made history by becoming the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan legislature. She is the only legislator that operates a fully staffed community-based service center providing anti-poverty programs. Prior to being elected, Representative Tlaib worked as an attorney, social worker, and community organizer at a number of nonprofit organizations. She was given the Role Model award from Alternatives for Girls, the Women of Wayne Headliners award, the United Community Housing Coalition's Maryann Mahaffey Award, Zeta Phi Beta's Woman of the Year award, Hero of the Year award by Immigrants' List and was recognized as one of Crain's Detroit Business "Women to Watch." Representative Tlaib received her bachelor's degree in political science from Wayne State University in 1998 and her law degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in 2004. @RashidaTlaib



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ELIZABETH ROMERO TOLEDO

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

THERMAL, CALIFORNIA

In 2006, Board Member Elizabeth Toledo was elected to the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. Upon re-election to a second term, she was appointed to the Riverside County Board of Education. Toledo began her career working as a youth promotora with Planned Parenthood of Riverside and San Bernardino counties at the age of 15. She earned a degree from the University of California at Riverside and recently completed a master's degree in politics, economics and business at Claremont Graduate University. She spent over seven years working in county government as a legislative assistant for the late Supervisor Roy Wilson and Supervisor John J. Benoit, where she focused on health and human services. Presently, Toledo is managing the Building Healthy Communities Initiative in the Eastern Coachella Valley, a new 10-year initiative funded by The California Endowment. Toledo is a policy fellow with the Women's Policy Institute sponsored by the Women's Foundation of California. @eromero760



KAREN R. TOLES

COUNCILMEMBER

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Council Member Karen Toles represents the seventh district of Prince George's County, Maryland. She was elected to her first four-year term in 2010. Toles is the chair of the public safety and fiscal management committee and serves as vice-chair of the planning, zoning and economic development committee. She represents the county on various local and national boards. During her tenure on the council, she has been instrumental in passing legislation that reduces crime, increases quality of life, and revitalizes recreation and activity centers throughout the county. Prior to her election to the council, Toles worked as a political and legislative coordinator for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), where she lobbied state elected officials to create and support legislation to strengthen working class families in Prince George's County and throughout Maryland. She also represented AFSCME on the Health Care for America Now (HCAN) committee to support President Barack Obama's health care legislation. @PGCouncilD7



ALEX TORPEY

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Alex Torpey is the 48th village president of South Orange, New Jersey and the youngest in the village's history. Alex was elected and sworn into office in May 2011. Torpey's past service to South Orange includes serving on the South Orange Public Library board, the citizen's public safety committee, and as the volunteer community emergency response team coordinator. He has been an active member and EMT at the South Orange Rescue Squad since June 2010. He acquired his BA in political science and government from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, where he served as student government president for two years. Torpey is an outspoken and vocal advocate for open and transparent government and has been recognized by various organizations for his work on the issue. @alextorpey

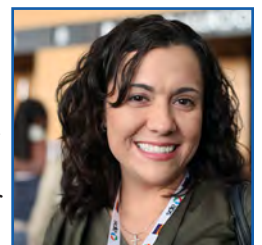


ANNA TOVAR

STATE SENATOR

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Anna Tovar joined the Arizona State Senate in January 2013. A lifelong Tolleson and West Valley resident, Senator Tovar was a teacher for five years, served on the Tolleson City Council for seven and a half years, and served in the Arizona State House from 2009-2012. Senator Tovar is proud of her roots in Arizona, proud to be a product of the public school system and proud to give back as a teacher, mentor, and leader in her community. She is dedicated to making sure members of the community feel included in the public process, and to informing and educating constituents when tough decisions are being made or when compromise is the better path. Senator Tovar is a member of the house judiciary and government committees. @senannatovar



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

NATHAN TRIPLETT

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

City Council Member Nathan Triplett serves as mayor pro tem of East Lansing, Michigan. He was first elected to the city council in 2007. Triplett began his service to East Lansing as a member of the city's human relations commission and community development block grant advisory committee. He authored East Lansing's first-in-the-state ordinance conditioning economic development incentives on the use of green building practices, as well as East Lansing's local purchasing preference policy. Recently, Triplett has focused on a mandate that calls for landlords to distribute voter registration forms and information to tenants in the city. He currently serves as a member of the Michigan Municipal League's board of trustees, as well as a member of the MML's legislative governance committee and land use & economic development policy committee. He holds a Master of Public Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and a JD from the Michigan State University College of Law. @NathanTriplett



MELISSA TURLEY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
JACKSON, WYOMING

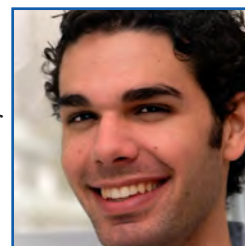
Commissioner Turley was elected to the Jackson Town Council in 2006. In 2009, she was appointed vice-mayor and was re-elected to the council in 2010. During her tenure, she served on the Energy Efficiency Advisory board, community integration team, and as liaison to Jackson Community Recycling and Jackson Hole Community Pathways. Turley is fluent in Spanish and has worked as a language development tutor for the Teton Literacy Program. She is a founding board member of Womentum, a local nonprofit that seeks to promote meaningful social change for women, and owns MET Solutions, which focuses on development for nonprofit organizations. @melissaturley



MICHAEL UNIS

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VERONA, NEW JERSEY

School Board Member Michael Unis was raised in Verona, New Jersey and has been a resident of Martin Road for 26 years. He spent the majority of his time in college founding and developing the nonprofit organization, Do Anything Nice (D.A.N.), earning over 1,000 hours of community service per year from 2005 to 2008. After graduating from Ithaca College in December 2008 he continued his work within the nonprofit field as well as in the for-profit sector through roles in management and business consulting. During his senior semester in college, he was accepted into Teach for America. Board Member Unis currently teaches at BRICK Avon Academy located in Newark, NJ. @michaelunis



EDDIE VANBOGAERT

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Councilman Eddie VanBogaert, 22, represents the first district of West Lafayette, Indiana. His constituency consists predominantly of Purdue University students and young professionals. Councilmember VanBogaert's primary focus is on improving community relationships and attracting commercial development to the area. As a recent graduate of Purdue University himself, VanBogaert works full time as a consultant for high-tech developers and social campaigns. He is scheduled to graduate from Purdue University in 2014 with a Master of Business Administration. @eddievb



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DAVID VELA

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

In 2007, David Vela was elected to the Montebello Unified School District Board of Education, and during his tenure, he helped create a perfect attendance campaign. Vela has also initiated a school task force that partners with the Bell Gardens police department to improve school safety. Prior to joining the school board, Vela began his public service career as the external coordinator for Chicanos for Community Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. After graduating, Vela served as a senior legislative assistant to former Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, where he worked on labor, transportation and economic development issues. In 2002, Vela became the vice president of the East Los Angeles Club for his political party and assisted in various political campaigns. Vela graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles and holds a master's degree in public policy from Pepperdine University.



JENNA VENDIL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER
PORTLAND, MAINE

School Committee Member Jenna Vendil was elected to the Portland Public School Board in 2009. Shortly after graduating from college in 2006, she worked with Opportunity Maine to organize college students and working families to advance groundbreaking legislation making college more affordable. During her time with the League of Young Voters as the Maine field director, she worked to empower young people to be involved in the political process and to get progressive candidates elected. Since 2006, she has spoken at leadership trainings, conferences, and events that have impacted over 300 young people across the state. During her tenure in office, Vendil has strived to create stronger pathways for student learning in the classroom and in the community. In addition, she coordinates the field outreach for Fair Share Now, a coalition of progressive organizations and labor unions advocating for tax fairness and economic justice. @jennavendil



MICHAEL VENEZIA

COUNCILMEMBER
BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Councilmember Michael Venezia serves on the Bloomfield Town Council. He received his bachelor's degree from Monmouth University and was a senior aide to United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg in Newark. @michaelvenezia



JENNIFER WADSWORTH

SOIL & WATER SUPERVISOR
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Jennifer Wadsworth is the youngest elected member of the Wake County Soil & Water Conservation District's board of supervisors. The Wake Soil & Water Conservation District endeavors to conserve, preserve, and protect the county's natural resources. The District provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and land users for managing natural resources (including wildlife). From an early age, Wadsworth was interested in soil and water conservation and understood the importance of maintaining best management practices on the land. She has met with local farmers to discuss the issues they face, talked with local vendors at the farmers markets about their concerns, and attended meetings on farmland preservation and local foods enhancement. @jennawadsworth



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

KEISHA WAITES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

State Representative Keisha Waites was elected in November of 2012 to the Georgia general assembly. Waites is a member of the juvenile justice, transportation and public safety, and homeland security committees. She has taken special interest in working with at-risk youth in her community and district. She has worked to secure in-kind sponsorships for socio-economically disadvantaged youth from strategic sponsors in the greater Atlanta area. Prior to her election, Waites worked for the Small Business Administration and the Department of Homeland Security. She currently serves on a contract basis with the legislative affairs division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and has utilized her experience, as well as her role in the legislature, to provide domestic support for national and international incidents. Waites' main policy focuses are on regional job training and eradicating poverty. @keishawaites



JAMES L. WALLS, JR.

MAYOR

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

James L. Walls, Jr., was re-elected mayor of the city of District Heights, Maryland in 2010. He is the youngest mayor in the city's history as well as the youngest person to ever serve as vice mayor and city commissioner. In 2008, he received the distinguished Martin Luther King Foundation of Prince George's County Civic Engagement Award. He serves on the executive board of directors and as vice president for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) and is the past president of the Maryland Black Mayors Association. In 2003, Mayor Walls received a presidential appointment to serve on the United States Selective Service Board for Maryland. In 2010, he was appointed by the Maryland Governor to the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council and is a former member of the Maryland State Board of Foresters. In 2011, he was elected the youngest president of the World Conference of Mayors, Inc.



ALONZO WASHINGTON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Alonzo T. Washington is a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing District 22. He was first appointed to the chamber on December 19, 2012. Washington earned his BA in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Maryland in 2007. His professional experience includes working as chief of staff and legislative aide to Prince George's County Councilman Will Campos. He serves on the ways and means committee, along with the education and revenues subcommittees. @DelegateATW



LEA WEBB

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Councilwoman Lea Webb is an award-winning activist, working to bridge the gap between local and state government to bring about positive and lasting change in her community. Her greatest achievements include being the first – and youngest – African American representative on the Binghamton City Council. Webb is currently a community organizer with Citizen Action of New York, where she coordinates the Health Care for All New Yorkers and the Racial/Ethnic Disparities task forces. Recently, Webb brought public and private partnerships together to address a 15-year food desert in her district by securing plans for a local grocery store. She was recognized as one of tomorrow's leaders by O, the Oprah Magazine and the White House Project, and was honored with the President's Award of the Broome-Tioga branch of the NAACP for her significant contributions to her community. @leawebb1014



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JASON WEST

MAYOR

NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

Jason West was first elected as mayor of New Paltz, New York in 2003. West is frequently acknowledged for his courageous persistence in performing same-sex weddings despite significant legal barriers. Mayor West was named the best new mayor of 2003 by Hudson Valley Magazine and has been honored by organizations such as the New York State Senate Conference for his political party, the California State Legislature, and many other community organizations. As mayor, West took part in the creation of the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords in San Francisco, and was one of sixty mayors from around the world who signed the original accords. He is also a founding member, and steering committee member, of the Young Elected Officials Network.



BRANDON WHIPPLE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

WICHITA, KANSAS

State Representative Brandon Whipple represents the 96th district, the south side of Wichita, Kansas. Prior to serving in the Kansas legislature, Representative Whipple was the vice chair and chair of the Sedgwick County chapter of his political party, as well as the fourth congressional district delegate to his state political party. He has represented Kansas as the national committeeman to the Young Democrats of America and as a delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention. Whipple is a graduate of Wichita State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in sociology and a Masters of Arts in liberal studies, focusing on cross-cultural studies and public administration. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Arts in leadership studies at Franklin Pierce University; his dissertation research focuses on organizational and political leadership. He has taught at the college level since 2008, where he currently teaches both liberal arts and social sciences when the Kansas House is not in session. @bwhippleks



JASON WIENER

ALDERMAN

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Jason Wiener joined the city council of Missoula, Montana in 2008 for a four-year term and was re-elected in 2011. Wiener owns a computer services company, The Techxorcist, and his previous work experience includes investment banking, teaching, and journalism. He earned an undergraduate degree from Wabash College in 1998, majoring in economics and philosophy. Wiener moved to Missoula in 2003 to study at the University of Montana, earning his master's in 2005.



LORI WILCOX

CITY CLERK

CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

Lori Wilcox was the first elected city clerk of Chicago Heights in 2011, as well as the youngest person to hold the position. Wilcox is the chair of the Chicago Heights Public Library Board of Trustees. She also serves as a member of the Chicago Heights South Suburban Family Wellness Alliance Coalition and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Steering Committee for Chicago Heights. Clerk Wilcox is a twelve year veteran of the United States Army Reserves with tours in several countries. She continues in her quest to help others by engaging in civic duties as president of the Rotary Club of Chicago Heights. She is most proud of her ability to delicately balance her duties as a wife and mother of three, all while continuing to serve the public.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ALAN WILLIAMS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

State Representative Alan B. Williams is a fifth generation Floridian and a recipient of both a BS and an MBA from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Upon graduation, Williams worked in the private sector until Tallahassee Mayor John Marks recruited him as an aide to serve as liaison between the community and the Office of the Mayor. In 2006, he founded MW Land & Investments, a Florida based property management and business development firm. As President and CEO, Williams promotes business ownership and drives businesses back into the local community. He ran for the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 8 and was elected in November 2008. A leader among his colleagues, Williams serves as the Democratic Whip. @Alan4Florida



MARK WILLIAMS

TRANSIT BOARD MEMBER

CASTRO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Mark Williams was elected in November 2010 to represent Ward 4 on the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit Board of Directors. He is a lifelong user of public transit with a special interest in addressing global warming and reducing dependence on fossil fuels. In 2008, he was appointed to serve as a member of the accessibility advisory committee of AC Transit and served as vice chair of the committee in 2010. Director Williams is the youngest official ever elected to the district's board of directors and currently attends Laney College in Oakland in pursuit of an undergraduate degree in political science. He has been active in community service organizations such as AmeriCorps and the American Red Cross.



FAITH WINTER

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WESTMINSTER, COLORADO

Councilmember Faith Winter was previously the mayor pro-tem of Westminster, Colorado and currently serves as the program director for Colorado Conservation Voters. Winter has spent her entire career inspiring people to action, from training thousands of women to run for office at The White House Project to turning out young voters in 2004. That same year, Winter was named one of 30 people under 30 showing political leadership by the Youth Vote Coalition. In 2008, she was named one of the top ten most influential women in Denver by the Denver Examiner, and in 2010 she was named woman of the year by the northwest chapter of Colorado Business and Professional Women. @FaithKWinter



ANNA WISHART

BOARD TRUSTEE

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Anna Wishart was elected to the Lincoln Airport Authority in 2011. Trustee Wishart also serves as the spokesperson for Lincoln's "Let's Move City" campaign, an initiative dedicated to obesity prevention initially launched by First Lady Michelle Obama. She works as a legislative aide to Nebraska State Senator Ken Haar and graduated from Middlebury College in 2007.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JOE WISNIEWSKI

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, DC

Joe Wisniewski is a senior majoring in political science at American University and has served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner since January of 2013. His focuses include creating sustainable, multi-modal transportation options for his community, as well as fostering student relations with the surrounding neighborhoods. His primary policy goal is to see the creation of bike lanes to connect the university to nearby bus routes and subway stations. As the only tenant on his local commission, Wisniewski has taken steps to ensure that the unique problems faced by tenants are heard by local government. Wisniewski is currently assisting in organizing tenants to prevent the closure of a crucial store in one of the District's largest apartment complexes. As a Commissioner, he has worked to ensure that the voices of tenants are heard and their opinions are taken into account at every level of government. @joe_wisniewski



CYNTHIA WOLKEN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

MISSOULA, MINNESOTA

Cynthia Wolken was sworn in as a Missoula City Councilwoman in 2011. She is chair of the board of directors of the Montana Human Rights Network and works for Equality and Economic Liberation, an organization devoted to economic justice issues. @cynthialwolken



THOMAS WONG

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA

Thomas Wong was elected to represent California's San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District in November 2012. Prior to serving for the water district, he served as chair of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission, where he worked to help families and businesses save money and live more healthily and sustainably. He continues to work to address local environmental and quality of life issues, including climate change and water quality. Wong received a BA in economics from the University of California Los Angeles and a Master of Public Administration at the University of Southern California.



DAVID WOODWARD

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

County Commissioner David Woodward previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives. At age 22, he was one of the youngest ever elected to that post. After serving the maximum three terms, in 2004 Woodward was elected to the Oakland County Commission and joined the Center for Progressive Leadership. He serves on the finance, planning & building, and caucus committees for the county commission for his political party. Woodward also serves as president of Oakland Health Plan, Inc. Commissioner Woodward is a graduate of Wayne State University, where he was president of the student council and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in economics.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JUSTEN A. WRIGHT

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Councilmember Justen A. Wright was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware and is the youngest elected official to ever serve on Wilmington's city council. Wright's issue areas include public works, transportation, housing, licenses and education. He represents approximately 72,000 constituents. Wright holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Wilmington University and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration. Professionally, he is a licensed funeral director and is actively involved in the community. @Wright4Wilm



JOSHUA YOUNG

CITY COMMISSIONER
COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Commissioner Joshua Young ran for Township Commissioner in the Caln Township of Chester County, Pennsylvania at the age of 23. As a commissioner, he serves as chair of the parks and recreation committee, the King's Highway Park master plan committee, the Caln community day committee, and the green taskforce. He is co-chair of the finance committee and a member of the police pension committee. Young is a founding member and vice president of the Western Chester County Council of Governments and serves as a trustee at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, appointed at the age of 25. He is a 2004 graduate of Slippery Rock with a BA in political science and is currently vice president of Young's Garage Inc., which his grandparents started in 1960. @votejoshuayoung



CLAIRE ZAUTKE

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Board Member Claire Zautke was elected to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in April 2013. She was raised in Milwaukee and attended Carthage College where she studied political science and French. During college, she interned with the office of Senator Russ Feingold where she worked with the Senator's environment and energy team, the Kenosha County Clerk of the Circuit Courts, and the US Department of State at an American Presence Post in France. Board Member Zautke also worked as a field organizer for her political party's Wisconsin 2010 coordinated campaign. Zautke organized Milwaukee's Latino community in support of Senator Russ Feingold, Tom Barrett for Governor, State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa, and State Senator Chris Larson. In 2011, she led the Sandy Pasch for State Senate campaign's highly successful field team of over 1,000 volunteers in the attempted recall of Republican State Senator Alberta Darling. She is a proud alumna of the YEO Network's Front Line Leaders Academy. @ClaireZautke



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TALLAHASSEE, FLA. CITY COMMISSIONER ANDREW D. GILLUM

YEO NETWORK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Andrew Gillum, Executive Director and founder of the YEO Network, is an alumnus of Florida A&M University (FAMU), former president of the Student Government Association, and FAMU's first student member of the Board of Trustees. He became the youngest person ever elected to the four-member Tallahassee City Commission in February 2003. Andrew has held prominent leadership roles on the Commission, including Mayor Pro Tem, Chairman—Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, and lead commissioner for the Long Range Community Based Target Issue Committee.

He has championed several community initiatives including the Nims Middle School Digital Harmony Pilot Program, the Landlord Tenant Mediation Program, the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program, and the creation of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Park. He served as Field Organizer and statewide Director of the “Arrive With 5” program with People For the American Way Foundation (PFAWF), where he organized the largest get-out-the-vote campaign in Florida's history. Currently, Andrew serves as Programs Director for PFAWF's Youth Programs as well as his role with the YEO Network.

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STEPHEN FITZMAURICE

YEO NETWORK TEAM: POLICY

Stephen Fitzmaurice, the Community Broadband and Digital Literacy Fellow, is here to assist our young elected officials with increasing their neighborhoods' access to broadband. Before joining the YEO Network, he worked for Senator Bill Nelson's successful 2012 reelection campaign after a year and a half in the Senator's D.C. office. There he served the people of Florida in several capacities while earning his master's degree in legislative affairs from the George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. Stephen also spent several years prior working on progressive campaigns in the Gainesville, Florida area while earning a degree in political science from the University of Florida.

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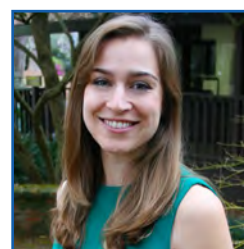


DAWN HUCKELBRIDGE

YEO NETWORK TEAM: POLICY

Dawn Huckelbridge, the YEO Network Policy Director, has professional and academic expertise in progressive public policy, as well as broad experience recruiting, training, and supporting candidates and elected officials. Most recently, she served as Senior Policy Consultant to the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, DC, providing policy support and technical assistance to a network of elected officials at both the state and international levels. She graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2010 with a master's degree in gender and social policy. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Director of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation and Political Office, supporting women's political leadership through research, training, education, and civic engagement projects. She also has worked in political and issue communications at GMMB in Washington and has consulted on a number of international political and public interest projects. She has served on the board of Emerge Massachusetts, an organization that trains and supports progressive women candidates. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, where she studied communications and political science.

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CONOR HURLEY

YEO NETWORK TEAM: POLICY

Conor Hurley is the Policy Coordinator for the YEO Network, providing assistance to YEOs through policy support, legislative tracking, and through our 501(c)4 affiliate, YEOAction, policy agendas. As the North Florida Political Director for Kendrick Meek's 2010 U.S. Senate race, Conor managed the congressman's endorsements, local contacts, and events for over a third of Florida's counties. During Meek's historic petition drive, Conor managed the North Florida field team, which collected over 25,000 petition signatures from across the Florida Panhandle. Prior to his work in Florida, Conor served as Director of Veterans for Jim Martin in the 2008 Georgia Senate runoff, as a field organizer for Michigan Congressman Mark Schauer's successful 2008 campaign, and as Director of Veterans and Field Organizer for Adam Cote's primary race in Maine's first congressional district.

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RYAN HURST

YEO NETWORK TEAM: MEMBERSHIP

Ryan Hurst is the Membership Services Coordinator for the Young Elected Officials Network. Originally from Plantation, Florida, Ryan is a graduate of the Florida State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science with a double major in political science and interdisciplinary social science. Ryan has worked on local, state, and federal campaigns, including helping to lead the Obama campaign to victory in Florida in 2008 as a field organizer for three of North Florida's largest counties. Before joining the YEO Network staff, Ryan served as an intern, assisting with the 2008 and 2009 National Convenings. Ryan is also an alumnus of the Front Line Leaders Academy, a nonpartisan program which he now co-manages.

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LINDA INGE

YEO NETWORK TEAM: ADMINISTRATION

Linda began working with People For the American Way Foundation in 2000 as a volunteer, but quickly turned her passion for civil rights into a career. Born and raised in North Florida, Linda's background is in accounting. She worked as an accountant for Hopping, Boyd, Green and Sams Law Firm in Tallahassee, Florida and for the Florida Association of Counties. Since joining People For the American Way Foundation and People For the American Way, Linda has worked on a number of campaigns, including election protection and Supreme Court nominations. She currently serves as the YEO Network Administrative Manager.

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ADAM LAROSE

YEO NETWORK TEAM: MEMBERSHIP

Adam LaRose is the Membership Services Associate for the Young Elected Officials Network. Previously, Adam served as a Legislative Affairs and Federal Budget intern with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC. In that position, he worked through Hill meetings, substantive policy analysis, and large-scale coalition building to advance budget policies benefitting low to moderate income citizens. Adam graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science in political science and a minor in international relations. He is a member of many honor societies, but is most proud to be a Garnet & Gold Scholar – excelling in academics, research, volunteerism, and service. While in school, he interned with U.S. Senator Bill Nelson and later with Tallahassee City Commissioner Andrew Gillum, working on both of their re-election campaigns.

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ALISHA THOMAS MORGAN

GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

YEO Network Team: Membership

Alisha Thomas Morgan made history at age 23 by becoming the first African American to represent Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives. She is currently serving her sixth term. In 2010, Alisha released her first book, *No Apologies: Powerful Lessons in Life, Love & Politics*. She has been featured in national publications and media outlets, including *Ebony Magazine's* "Nation's 30 Leaders who are under 30," AOL Black Voices' "America's Young Civil Rights Heroes" list, and *Essence Magazine's* 15 women of the "New Power Generation." Alisha is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology and drama.

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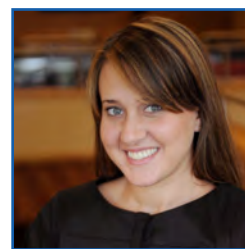


RAQUEL E. SIMON-PETLEY

YEO NETWORK TEAM: PROGRAMS

Raquel began her work at People For the American Way Foundation in 2005, coordinating a Supreme Court campaign in Florida and running statewide events for several state legislative issues, including voting rights, reduced class sizes, and gay adoption. She began her work in politics on the communications staff of the Florida Democratic Party and continued as a public relations representative in Tallahassee, working on local, state and national media campaigns. Raquel's current role as the YEO Network's Communications and Program Manager has allowed her to combine several of her passions, including event planning, graphic design, web management, and progressive politics. Raquel graduated from the Florida State University with a Bachelor of Arts in communications and theatre and a minor in Spanish. She currently serves on the board of the Sharing Tree, a community reusable resource center that provides environmental arts education and resources to area schools.

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Thank you to our 2013 National Convening Planning and Welcome Committees. We appreciate the role you have played throughout the year to ensure that the National Convening and the overall YEO Network program remain "of us, by us, for us."

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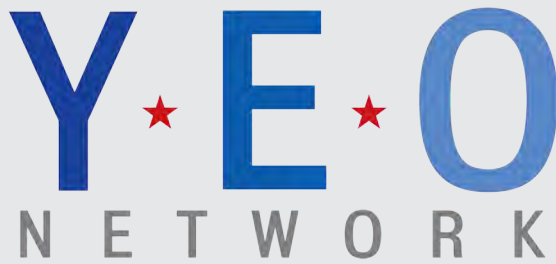
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The Young Elected Officials Network is committed to supporting YEOs in bringing freedom, fairness and opportunity to their communities. We're also doing our part to create a greener and more socially responsible National Convening.

Our hotel, the Washington Court, is union owned and operated by the International Union of Operating Engineers. All of the hotel associates are members in Local 25, 51, and 99.

The Washington Court's green efforts include reducing laundry consumption and a recycling program for all cans, bottles and paper products. In addition to using paper products made from recycled materials, the YEO Network is cutting down on transportation emissions by utilizing public transportation when transporting YEOs in large groups. We have put all supplemental training materials and policy resources in a portable jump drive to cut down on paper usage. The 2013 Policy Reader is more compact with full policy resources for each sample available online. Your Convening Program Book is also available online, so that those who would like to conserve resources may do so.

We would like to thank our YEOs from across the nation for their efforts to provide a more sustainable future for their communities. Your dedication to future generations and to creating a more progressive country is inspiring and greatly appreciated.



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