



Biden Administration

Key Policy and Health Policy Personnel

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

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

Nominations Team

Olivia Alair Dalton, a former aide to Biden in the Senate, leads the communications strategy, and **Reema Dodin**, the floor director for Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin, will lead legislative strategy. **Jorge Neri**, a former senior adviser to Biden's campaign, is deputy outreach director for confirmations. Others on the team include **Andrew Bates**, the rapid response director for Biden's campaign; **Sean Savett**, former rapid response director on Pete Buttigieg's campaign; and **Saloni Sharma**, former deputy communications

director for Elizabeth Warren's campaign. The team is also coordinating with **Stephanie Valencia**, who handles the Biden transition team outreach.

Climate Nominees and Appointees

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

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

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

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

- Christopher Frey, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development
- David Uhlmann, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance

[Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality](#), is an accomplished public servant and environmental lawyer, who served as a top Environmental Protection Agency lawyer and as Council on Environmental Quality Chief Counsel in the Obama-Biden Administration. She previously served as Director of Regulatory Policy at the Southern Environmental Law Center. She is the first African American to hold the position since its creation more than half a century ago.

- Amanda Aguirre, Senior Advisor to the Chair for Environmental Justice

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

Domestic Nominees and Appointees

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

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

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

- James Anderson, Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary
- John Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Veterans Experience Office
- Melissa Bryant, Senior Advisor, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Michael Frueh, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration
- Joshua Jacobs, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary
- Kimberly McClain, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
- Aaron Scheinberg, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Congressional and Legislative Affairs
- Christopher Villatoro, COVID-19 Response Coordinator, Office of the Secretary
- Kurt DelBene, Chief Information Officer
- Guy Kiyokawa, Assistant Secretary for Enterprise Integration
- Shereef Elnahal, Undersecretary for Health Quality, Safety, and Value
- Tanya Bradsher, Deputy Secretary

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

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

- James Kvaal, Under Secretary of Education

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

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

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

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

- Maria Luisa Pagan, Deputy United States Trade Representative, Geneva Office
- Christopher Wilson, Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator

Economy Nominees and Appointees

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

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

- Kathi Vidal, Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Derrick Brent, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Deputy Director

[Julie Su, Secretary of Labor Nominee](#):

- James Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health
- Leah Ford, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Chief of Staff
- Nikki McKinney, Associate Deputy Secretary
- Joseph Shantz, Counselor to the Deputy Secretary
- Kristin Garcia, Chief of Staff of the Wage and Hour Division
- Tanya Goldman, Policy Office Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Doug Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health
- Larry Turner, Inspector General

[Isabel Guzman, Small Business Administrator](#) was Director of California's Office of the Small Business Advocate. She helped to coordinate California's economic recovery plan amid the COVID-19 crisis, and previously served as senior advisor and deputy chief of staff of the SBA during the Obama-Biden Administration.

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

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

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

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

- Topher Spiro, Associate Director for Health
- Nani Coloretti, Deputy Director
- Richard Revesz, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Administrator

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

[Rohit Chopra, Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#), is a former Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission. He has actively advocated to promote fair, competitive markets that protect families and honest businesses from abuses. Chopra was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in 2018, and he has pushed for aggressive remedies against lawbreaking companies, especially repeat

offenders. Together with state and international law enforcement partners, he has worked to increase scrutiny of dominant technology firms that pose risks to privacy, national security, and fair competition.

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

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

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

Health Nominees and Appointees

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

Office of the Secretary

- Sean McCluskie, Chief of Staff
- Angela Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Dawn O'Connell, Senior Counselor, COVID-19 Response
- Sarah Despres, Counselor for Public Health and Science
- Kristin Avery, White House Liaison
- Kathryn Alvarez, Deputy Chief of Staff, COVID-19 Response
- Perrie Briskin, Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff
- Shannon Myricks, Deputy White House Liaison
- Esmeralda Orozco, Special Assistant for Scheduling
- AJ Pearlman, Chief of Staff, COVID-19 Response
- Brian Kaplun, Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff
- Kashif Syed, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary
- Lizeth Zardeneta, Advance Representative
- Rachel Pryor, Counselor for Health Policy
- Cynthia Palafox, Director of Scheduling and Advance
- Karuna Seshasai, Executive Secretary
- Alia Schechter, Special Assistant to the Secretary
- Stephen Cha, Counselor on Food and Drug Administration Issues
- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Counselor on Issues Affecting Obamacare Insurance Markets
- Mary Wakefield, Counselor on Unaccompanied Minors

- Josie Villanueva, Counselor on Unaccompanied Minors, Human Services, and Economic Stability Initiatives
- Steven Lopez, Counselor on Equity Issues
- Dr. Stephen “Steve” Cha, Counselor to the Secretary, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Food and Drug Administration/National Institutes of Health
- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Counselor to the Secretary, Affordable Care Act/Marketplaces/Office for Civil Rights/Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
- Steven Lopez, Counselor to the Secretary, Equity/ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health/ Health Resources and Services Administration/ Indian Health Service
- Ben Scott, Advance Representative
- Josie Villanueva Prescott, Counselor to the Secretary, Administration for Children and Families/Administration for Community Living
- Dr. Mary Wakefield, Counselor to the Secretary
- Laurence Wilson, Advance Representative
- Christi Grimm, Inspector General
- Kacey Wulff, Counselor to the Secretary
- Caroline Dvorsky, Deputy White House Liaison

Office of the Deputy Secretary

- Angela Botticella, Chief of Staff

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

- Josh Peck, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Engagement
- Ian Sams, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (COVID-19 Response)
- Zachary Dembner, Press Assistant
- Luisana Pérez Fernández, Press Secretary
- Tericka Lambert, Director of Digital Engagement
- Kamara Jones, Acting Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
- Liz Smalley, Press Secretary
- Marisa Aleguas, Assistant Speechwriting
- Hannah Kim, Strategic Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
- John Kraus, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs for Public Health
- Samira Burns, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs for Human Services
- Brian Reich, Director of Speechwriting
- Anne Feldman, Senior Adviser
- Israel Iguale, Principal Deputy Speechwriting
- Gabriela Sibori, Press Secretary for Human Services
- Adrian Eng, Senior Adviser for Broadcast and Specialty Media
- Jorge Zurita-Coronado, Adviser for Strategic Planning
- Jeffrey A. Nesbit, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
- Sara Lonardo, Deputy Assistant Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation

- Melanie Egorin, Assistant Secretary for Legislation
- Kimberly Espinosa, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation
- Kelsey Mellette, Special Assistant

- Rose Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

- Ben Sommers, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- Dr. Tisamarie “Tisa” Sherry, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (Office of Behavioral Health, Disability, and Aging Policy)
- Rebecca Lee Haffajee, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- Miranda Lynch-Smith, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

- Dawn O’Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
- Jay Butler, Senior Adviser

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration

- Thomas Berry, Special Assistant
- Karen Comfort, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer
- Andrea Goldstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration
- Robert Samonte Tagalicod, Chief of Staff

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

- Max Lesko, Chief of Staff for the Surgeon General
- Jessica Scruggs, Senior Advisor and Director of Scheduling and Advance for the Surgeon General
- Sarah Boateng, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Adam Beckman, Special Advisor to the Surgeon General
- Arsenio Mataka, Senior Advisor for Health Equity and Climate
- Jessica “Jess” Swafford Marcella, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs
- B. Kaye Hayes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infectious Disease and Director of the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy
- Ana Mascareñas, Senior Adviser for Environmental Justice
- Lynn Rosenthal, Director of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
- Sheila Garrity, Office of Research Integrity Director

Office of the General Counsel

- Lisa Barclay, Deputy General Counsel
- Paul Rodriguez, Deputy General Counsel
- Barbara McGarey, Deputy General Counsel
- Samuel Bagenstos, General Counsel
- Marie C. Scott, Associate General Counsel
- Patricia J. Zettler, Deputy General Counsel

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

- Destiny Gregg, Confidential Assistant
- Sherice Perry, Senior Advisor for the Equity Task Force
- Molly Doris-Pierce, Special Assistant

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

- Micky Tripathi, National Health Information Technology Coordinator
- Jordan Hefcart, Special Assistant

Office of Global Affairs

- Karoun Tcholakian, Special Assistant to the Director
- Loyce Pace, Director of Global Affairs
- Kevin Segura, Special Assistant
- Michael Beard, Chief of Staff

Administration for Community Living

- Alison Barkoff, Principal Deputy Administrator
- Reyma McCoy McDeid, Commissioner of the Administration on Disabilities
- Anjali Forber-Pratt, Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research
- Rita Landgraf, Assistant Secretary for Aging

Administration for Children and Families

- Rebecca Jones Gaston, Commissioner
- Larry Handerhan, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor
- Jose Garibay Medrano, Special Assistant for the Office of Refugee Resettlement
- Lanique Howard, Director of the Office of Community Services and Senior Advisor on Asset Building
- Jenifer Smyers, Chief of Staff for the Office of Refugee Resettlement
- Jennifer Cannistra, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
- JooYeun Chang, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Bernadine Futrell, Director of the Office of Head Start
- Katie Hamm, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development
- Debra Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs
- Aysha Schomburg, Associate Commissioner of the Children's Bureau
- Kathryn "Kate" Wolff, Senior Advisor
- Jeff Hild, Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

- Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator
- Erin Richardson, Chief of Staff
- Jon Blum, Principal Deputy Commissioner
- Liz Fowler, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
- Arielle Woronoff, Director of the Office of Legislation
- Hannah Katch, Senior Advisor
- Daniel Tsai, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
- Meena Seshamani, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicare
- Bethy Lynk, Director of the Office of Communications and Senior Adviser to the Administrator
- Ellen Montz, Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight

- Dara Corrigan, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Program Integrity
- Natalie Chalmers, Chief Dental Officer
- Kirsten Beronio, Senior Adviser on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Issues
- Maggie Herman, Health Insurance Specialist, Office of Legislation

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Sonia Chessen, Chief of Staff
- Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use
- Capt. Christopher Jones, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Office of Refugee Resettlement

- Cindy Huang, Director

Office of Civil Rights

- Laura Durso, Chief of Staff
- Stephanie Akpa, Senior Advisor
- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director

Food and Drug Administration

- Dr. Robert Califf, Commissioner
- Patrizia Cavazzoni, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
- Erica Jefferson, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs
- Jacqueline Corrigan-Curay, Principal Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
- Vid Desai, Office of Digital Transformation Chief Information Officer
- Michael Felberbaum, Assistant Commissioner for Media Affairs
- Grail Sipes, Assistant Director for Biomedical Regulatory Policy
- Elizabeth Jungman, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Associate Director for Policy and Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy
- Kimberlee Trzeciak, Associate Commissioner for Legislative Affairs
- Michele Mital, Acting Director of the Center for Tobacco Products
- Brian King, Director, Center for Tobacco Products
- Namandjé N. Bumpus, Chief Scientist
- Hilary D. Marston, Chief Medical Officer
- David Kaslow, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research Office of Vaccines Research and Review

Health Resources and Services Administration

- Jordan Grossman, Deputy Administrator
- Elaina Boutte, Special Assistant
- Carole Johnson, Administrator
- Elena Ross, Director of Strategic Communications
- Diana Espinosa, Principal Deputy Administrator
- Garrett Devenney, Chief of Staff
- Shauna Rust, Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the Administrator

Indian Health Service

- Loretta Christensen, Chief Medical Officer
- Roselyn Tso, Director

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- Dr. Bob Otto Valdez, Director

Office of Climate Change and Health Equity

- Sharunda Buchanan, Office of Environmental Justice Interim Director

Administration for Native Americans

- Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner

Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services

- Shawndell Dawson, Director

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

- Renee Wegrzyn, Director
- Barbara Menard, Director of the Office of Legislative and Government Affairs
- Andy Kilianski, Program Manager

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

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

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

- Melea Atkins, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Phillip Jerez, Deputy Director of Engagement

[Mandy Cohen, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

- Michael Iademarco, Acting Director of the Office of Laboratory Science and Safety
- Henry Walke, Director for the Center for Preparedness and Response
- Barbara Mahon, Pandemic Response Chief
- Nirav Shah, Principal Deputy Director
- Sherri Berger, Chief of Staff

- Leandris Liburd, Acting Director of the Office of Health Equity
- Jennifer Layden, Acting Director of the Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology
- Debra Houry, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for Science and Programs
- Robin Bailey Jr., Chief Operating Officer
- Aaron Bernstein, Director of the National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- Demetre Daskalakis, Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
- Niall Brennan, Senior Adviser to the Director
- Andi Lipstein Fristedt, Deputy Director for Policy, Communications, and Legislative Affairs

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

Justice Nominees and Appointees

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

- Steve Dettelbach, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director

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

- Kevin Chambers, Associate Deputy Attorney General and Director of COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement

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

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

National Security Nominees and Appointees

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

- Mary Beth Goodman, Acting Global COVID-19 Coordinator
- Jimmy Kolker, Senior Adviser
- John Nkengasong, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR))
- Angeli Achrekar, Principal Deputy Global AIDS Coordinator
- Tracy Carson, PEPFAR Chief of Staff
- Nikki Tyler, PEPFAR Director of Partnerships
- Gelila Teshome, PEPFAR Executive Director

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

- Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Defense
- Dr. Liz Clark, Director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office
- Lester Martinez-Lopez, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

[Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security](#), served as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security under the Obama-Biden Administration. He is the first immigrant and Latino to lead the Department of Homeland Security.

- John K. Costello, Chief of Staff, Office of the National Cyber Director
- Jen Easterly, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency Director
- Rob Silvers, Undersecretary for Policy
- Jonathan Meyer, General Counsel
- Pritesh Gandhi, Chief Medical Officer
- Kemba Eneas Walden, Principal Deputy National Cyber Director

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

- Harry Coker, Jr., National Cyber Director

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

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

Distinguished Service Awards and the highest civilian honors from the Pentagon and the U.S. intelligence community.

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

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

- Atul Gawande, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Global Health
- David Walton, U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator
- Beth Cameron, Senior Adviser for Global Health Security
- Alexandria Phillips, Director of Strategic Communications

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

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

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

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

and was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service by Secretary Robert Gates.

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

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

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

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

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

Science Nominees and Appointees

[Arati Prabhakar, Office of Science and Technology Policy Director](#)

- Dr. Francis Collins, Presidential Science Advisor
- Jerry Sheehan, Assistant Director for Scientific Integrity and Data Access
- Matthew Hepburn, Senior Adviser to the Director on Pandemic Preparedness
- Katherine Tyner, Office of Science and Technology Policy Senior Policy Adviser
- Catharine Young, Office of Science and Technology Policy Assistant Director for Cancer Moonshot Engagement
- Dominique Duval-Diop, Office of Science and Technology Policy Deputy Chief Data Scientist
- Subhan Cheema, Office of Science and Technology Policy Communications Director
- Maryam Zaringhalam, Assistant Director for Public Access and Research Policy
- Danielle Carnival, Deputy Assistant to the President for the White House's Cancer Moonshot Initiative and Office of Science and Technology Policy Deputy Director for Health Outcomes

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

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

Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., Director of the National Institutes of Health

- Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Principal Deputy Director
- Joni L. Rutter, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
- Brian K. Goodger, Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center Director
- Jeanne Marrazzio, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Kate Klimczak, Associate Director for Legislative Policy and Analysis and Director of the NIH Office of Legislative Policy and Analysis
- Tara A. Schwetz, Deputy Director for Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives
- W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD, Director of the National Cancer Institute

Asad Ramzanali, Office of Science and Technology Policy Chief of Staff

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

White House Senior Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Stefanie Feldman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the Director of the Domestic Policy Council](#), has worked for President-elect Biden for most of the past decade, most recently serving as the National Policy Director for the Biden-Harris Campaign. She previously worked as the inaugural Policy Director for the Biden Institute at the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden School of Public Policy and Administration.

[Anne Filipic, Director of Management and Administration](#), recently served as the Chief Program Officer and the Chief Operating Officer at the Obama Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, she led Enroll America, a national healthcare coalition designed to maximize the number of Americans who enroll and retain healthcare coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

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

[Neera Tanden, Staff Secretary](#), will retain her current title of White House senior adviser after being named the next White House staff secretary. Tanden was previously nominated to lead the Office of Management and Budget but withdrew from consideration after bipartisan objections to her use of Twitter to criticize political opponents.

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

[Shuwanza Goff, Director of Legislative Affairs](#)

[Reema Dodin, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#), previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Floor Director to the Senate Democratic Whip, Senator Richard Durbin.

Prior to that, Dodin served as Senator Durbin’s Floor Counsel, Research Director, and as an aide to his Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law.

[Ashley Jones, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#)

[Lee Slater, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs](#)

[Jeff Zients, Chief of Staff](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Lisa Barclay, Deputy Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response](#)

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

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

[Neera Tanden, Director of the Domestic Policy Council](#)

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

[Carmel Martin, Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council for Economic Mobility](#), was a senior policy advisor for the Biden for President campaign. Prior to joining the campaign, she was the National Policy Director for Beto for America. Martin served as the assistant secretary for policy and budget at the U.S. Department of Education during the Obama-Biden Administration. Martin was a founding employee and, after her service in the Obama-Biden Administration, she was the executive vice president for policy at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank in Washington, D.C.

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

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

[Tom Perez, Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs](#)

[Emmy Ruiz, Director of Political Strategy and Outreach](#), is a former campaign aide to Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris, Secretary Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama, and Democratic Chairman Tom Perez. She is a co-founder and partner of NEWCO Strategies, a minority-majority political

firm. During the 2018 and 2020 election cycles, Ruiz helped support the work of groups mobilizing communities of color to vote and running and electing progressive women to office.

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

[Evan Ryan, Cabinet Secretary](#), is a Senior Advisor for the Biden-Harris Transition. Prior to this, she helped launch and lead Axios, as Executive Vice President. Ryan served under Secretary of State John Kerry as Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs and worked in the Obama-Biden White House as Assistant to the Vice President and Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. Ryan served as Deputy Campaign Manager for then Senator Biden's 2008 presidential campaign and served on the John Kerry for President campaign and Hillary Clinton's 2000 senatorial campaign.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Ashish Jha, Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President](#)

[Lorraine Voles, Chief of Staff to the Vice President](#)

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

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

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

[Mala Adiga, Policy Director to Dr. Jill Biden](#), is the former Director for Higher Education and Military Families at the Biden Foundation. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Adiga served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large, and as Director for Human Rights on the National Security Staff.

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

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

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

Rahul Gupta, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy

Tom Hill, Senior Policy Adviser to the Office of the National Drug Control Policy

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