



2011

National Convening

Unite • Rebuild • Inspire

JUNE

2-5. 2011

WASHINGTON, DC

A PROGRAM OF





SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CONVENING SPONSORS



FORD FOUNDATION

THE NEW WORLD
FOUNDATION



THE SANDLER FOUNDATION

Ambassador James Hormel



**BARBARA LEE
FAMILY FOUNDATION**



Phillipe & Katherine Villers Lawrence & Suzanne Hess

Marilyn Clements & Jefferey Clements



WELCOME

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Sixth Annual Young Elected Officials Network National Convening! We are thrilled that 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 and progressive elected leaders of our country. It is our goal to see a continued and sound pipeline of progressive public servants advancing positive change in our communities and throughout our nation, and this year's National Convening is an important step on the way to that goal.

Americans have always been known for our pioneering spirits: we push forward even when we must surmount the greatest of challenges. This is a unique time for our country, and we are at a turning point that will require hard work and a renewed dedication to service from our elected leaders. We increasingly are fighting regressive legislation that challenges our civil rights, punishes working families, and inhibits economic recovery. But, as all pioneers know, you cannot truly appreciate the mountaintop experience without first going through the valley.

Now is the time to **Unite, Rebuild, and Inspire** our country to even greater heights and shape a stronger progressive movement going forward.

The National Convening will provide a space for YEOs to join together as a united front to learn and discuss ways to rebuild our country and become the inspirational leaders our communities need in these challenging times. You will have the opportunity to converse about experiences, access policy development assistance, share best practices, and expand your knowledge base – both personally and professionally.

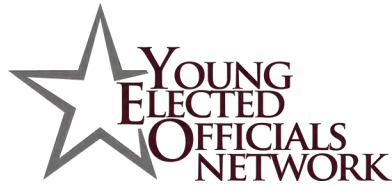
Unite, Rebuild, Inspire serves as the theme for our weekend, and it is a motto I hope you will take to heart as you return to your states, counties, cities, and school boards. It is our earnest desire that this weekend serve to rejuvenate your spirits and renew your dedication to public service. If there is anything that we can do to enhance your experience while you are here, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to connecting and growing with you as we all climb the mountain together.

Again, welcome!

Yours in service,

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





SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Young Elected Officials Network Team would like to extend a very special thank you to the program participants, workshop presenters, and all the participants of our 2011 YEO Network National Convening. We thank each of you for your contribution to the progressive movement and for helping to make this convening and the YEO Network a tremendous success.

Thank you to our 2011 National Convening Planning Committee and the Young Elected Officials State Directors. We appreciate the role you have played throughout the year to ensure that the National Convening and the overall YEO program remain “of us, by us, for us.”

2011 National Convening Planning Committee

Danielle Adams	Darrell Gaston	Marlon McWilson	Brian Rowland
Andy Ball	Alyssa Hernandez	Monisha Merchant	Mark Stevens
Alan Brock	Karen Liot Hill	Nina Morris	James Sullivan
Gina Calder	Evan Low	Quentin Phipps	Jeff Thigpen
April Capone	Tony Madrigal	Rachel Quintana	Igor Tregub
Angela Garretson	Amanda McGill	Paul Roales	Jenna Vendil
			Dave Woodward

Young Elected Officials State Directors

Danielle Adams	Marina Dimitrijevic	Chris Larson	Craig Rice
Phil Bartlett	Megan England	Matthew Lesser	Brian Rowland
Oscar Braynon, II	Michael Frerichs	Evan Low	Carl Sciortino
E. Alan Brock	Angela Garretson	Michael Makarski	Kyrsten Sinema
Gina Calder	Heather McTeer	Levon Manzie	Jeremy VanMeter
Karim Camara	Anders Ibsen	Roy Paul	Airick Leonard West
David Carlucci	Chris Jones	Tony Payton, Jr.	Rachel Weston
Melvin Carter	Scott Kawasaki	Michael Pembleton Jr.	Faith Winter
Maria Chappelle-Nadal	Timothy Keller	Kesha Ram	Dave Woodward
Henry Davis, Jr.	Kevin Killer	Michele Reinhart	

Thank you to the staff of People For the American Way Foundation and our volunteer staff from the Front Line Leaders Academy. This conference would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the People For family.

Extra special thanks to:

YEO Network

Ryan Hurst
Linda Inge
Alisha Thomas Morgan
Elisabeth Pope
Raquel Simon-Petley

Young People For

William Dennis
Zachary Dryden
Sakeena Gohagen
Joy Lawson
Rebecca Thompson

PFAW Foundation

Marge Baker
Miranda Blue
Diallo Brooks
Lindsey Catlett
Drew Courtney
Justin Greenberg
Jen Herrick
Michael Keegan
Debbie Liu
Sergio Lopez
David Perlman
Nick Ucci
Ann Walters
Scott Yanish

YEO Network

Extended Family

Cierra Alexander
R. Jai Gillum
Djawa Hall
Elizabeth Landers
Chris Petley
Cierra Robinson
Nick Savelli
Cory Saunders
Alphonso B. Whitaker
Angela Whitaker

FLLA Alumni

LaDawn Blackett Jones
Rhett Buttle
Dustin Cox
Jon Hoadley
Allen Kathir
Quiana McKenzie

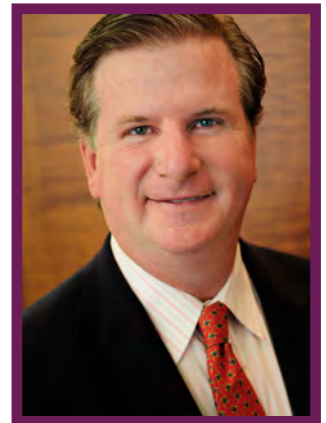


LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Young Elected Officials,

Welcome to Washington, DC! We are delighted to have you all here at the sixth annual convening of the Young Elected Officials Network.

This year's theme, "Unite, Rebuild, Inspire," reflects both the unique challenges that progressive elected officials face today, and the unique role that we hope the YEO Network can play in confronting those challenges. Across the country, progressive values are under attack: working people are fighting to keep their rights and their paychecks, young people are fighting to keep their right to vote, and people across the country are fighting to expand equality and opportunity for all. But those who are fighting for their rights have a valuable ally: you.



In just six years, the YEO Network has grown to include over 600 young, progressive, passionate and hardworking elected officials across the country. All of you work tirelessly in your own communities to defend equality and expand opportunity, but as a member of the YEO Network you know that more than 600 others like you have your back. We hope that this weekend, you can unite with other hard-working progressive elected leaders, inspire each other with your experiences and ideas, and go back to your communities filled with energy and ideas for rebuilding progressive values.

The work you do day in and day out is the definition of "the American Way." Your dedication inspires me, and your leadership makes me optimistic for the future of progressive ideals in this country. Thank you for being here, and for sharing your energy, stories and ideas. All of us at People For the American Way Foundation are looking forward to working with you in the coming year as you develop policy initiatives, build leadership strategies and work to advance progressive values in your communities. I think we have a good year – and many years – ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Michael Keegan
President, People For the American Way Foundation





Greetings

Young Elected Officials Network Annual National Convening

June 2, 2011

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Young Elected Officials Network on the occasion of your Annual National Convening.



This event offers federal, state, and local elected officials who share a passion for building communities that reflect the values of freedom, fairness, and opportunity the chance to network, develop relationships, and share best practices. As you gather to reflect on your accomplishments and discuss new ideas, we appreciate your continued dedication and commitment to supporting our nation's elected public officials.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive event.



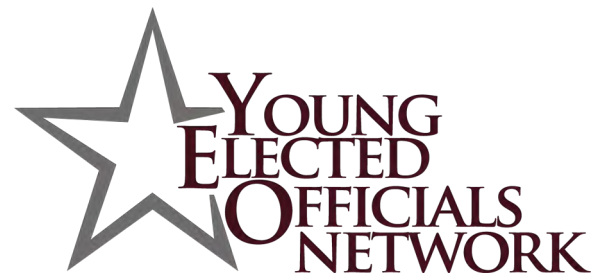
Vincent C. Gray
Vincent C. Gray
Mayor, District of Columbia

2011 National Convening

JUNE

2-5, 2011

WASHINGTON, DC



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONVENING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY • JUNE 2

**THE WASHINGTON COURT HOTEL
525 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW – WASHINGTON DC 20001**

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

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Registration Open

Washington Court Hotel, Lobby Level

PRE-CONFERENCE TRACKS:

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Women's Pre-Conference

Meeting in the Sagamore Hill

12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Orientation Pre-Conference

Meeting in Springwood I

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

YEO Foreclosure Pre-Conference

Meeting in the Ashlawn Room

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Opening Awards Reception

6:00pm- Cocktail Reception

7:00pm- Awards Reception Dinner



2011
National
Convening

CONVENING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY • JUNE 3

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast

Grand Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Opening Plenary

“Leadership in the Face of Challenges: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century”
Keynote Speaker: Comcast Executive Vice President, David Cohen

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM Workshop Series 1: Issue Policy Sessions

Local and State Policy Strategies to Build Financial Access and Economic Opportunity

Ida Rademacher, Center for Enterprise Development

Sagamore Hill

Is It Easy Being Green? Creative Renewable Energy Solutions for Policymakers

Councilmember Dominic Frongillo, NY
State Representative Scott Kawasaki, AK

Springwood 2&3

The State Fiscal Situation: Clearing Up Misunderstandings and Options for Reform

Elizabeth McNichol and Ashali Sigham, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Madison

Criminal and Juvenile Justice at a Crossroads: An Opportunity to Make Public Policy Lemonade Out of Budgetary Lemons?

Liz Ryan, Campaign For Youth Justice
Maryland Shaw, Morgan State University
Tracy Velazquez, Justice Policy Institute

Springwood 1

Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Strategies for Successful State Implementation of the Affordable Care Act

Francesca Holme, Herndon Alliance
Susan Sherry, Community Catalyst
Lillian Shirley, National Association of City and County Health Officials
Dara Taylor, Community Catalyst

Ashlawn

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM Workshop Series 2: Skill-Based Sessions

Ready for your Close Up? Refining Your Camera Interview Skills

Joel Silberman, Media Talent 2.0

Ashlawn

Media in the 21st Century: New Media and the “All of the Above” Strategy

Kevin Cate, Kevin Cate Communications

Springwood 1

The Next Level: Fundraising for Higher Office

Adam Goers, Friends of Martin O’Malley

Springwood 2&3

Smart Coalition Building to Create More Progressive Communities

Aldерwoman Gina Calder, CT
Councilwoman Karen Liot Hill, NH
Councilwoman Angela Garretson, NJ

Sagamore Hill

CONVENING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY • JUNE 3

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Lunch Plenary

Keynote Speaker: United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan

*Grand
Ballroom*

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Workshop Series 3: Issue Policy Sessions (Some Sessions Repeated)

Local and State Policy Strategies to Build
Financial Access and Economic Opportunity

Ida Rademacher, Center for Enterprise
Development

Sagmore Hill

Is It Easy Being Green? Creative Renewable
Energy Solutions for Policymakers

Councilmember Dominic Frongillo, NY
State Representative Scott Kawasaki, AK

*Springwood
2&3*

The State Fiscal Situation: Clearing Up
Misunderstandings and Options for Reform

Elizabeth McNichol and Ashali Sigham,
Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Madison

Dare to DREAM: Surveying the Current
Immigration Reform Landscape

Joanne Lin, ACLU
Suman Raghunathan, Progressive States
Network

Springwood 1

Corporate Power, Corporate Personhood, and the
Corporate Court: A Discussion of Citizens United
and Its Aftermath

John Bonifaz, Free Speech for People
Sen. Jamie Raskin, Maryland State Senate
Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, Democracy
Unlimited

Ashlawn

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM Caucus and State Pictures

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM General Plenary

Keynote Speaker: Senior Advisor to the President, David Plouffe

*Grand
Ballroom*

CONVENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY • JUNE 4

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast

*Grand
Ballroom*

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM Workshop Series 4: Skill-Based Sessions Repeated

Ready for your Close Up? Refining Your Camera Interview Skills

Joel Silberman, Media Talent 2.0

Ashlawn

Media in the 21st Century: New Media and the “All of the Above” Strategy

Kevin Cate, Kevin Cate Communications

Springwood 1

The Next Level: Fundraising for Higher Office

Adam Goers, Friends of Martin O’Malley

*Springwood
2&3*

Smart Coalition Building to Create More Progressive Communities

Aldерwoman Gina Calder, CT
Councilwoman Karen Liot Hill, NH
Councilwoman Angela Garretson, NJ
State Senator Angie Buhl, SD

Sagamore Hill

10: 45 AM – 11:00 AM YEO Network Leadership Awards

*Grand
Ballroom*

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM General Plenary: Leading from your Progressive Values

Trainers:

County Commissioner Dave Woodward, Center for Progressive Leadership
Dante James, Center for Progressive Leadership

*Grand
Ballroom*

12:45 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch Plenary

Keynote Speaker: Services Employees International Union
President, Mary Kay Henry

*Grand
Ballroom*

CONVENING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY • JUNE 4

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Workshop Series 5: Issue Policy Sessions

Talking About Choice: Fending Off Attacks on a Woman's Right to Choose	State Representative Tishaura Jones, MO Nancy Keenan, NARAL Pro-Choice	<i>Springwood 2&3</i>
Voting Reform and Redistricting: Meeting the Needs of an Increasingly Mobile Electorate and Protecting Communities of Interest	Megan Donovan, Fair Elections Legal Network Allison Riggs, Southern Coalition for Social Justice	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
This Moment in the LGBT Movement	Andrew Lane, Johnson Family Foundation Ineke Mushovic, Movement Advancement Project	<i>Ashlawn</i>
Filling the Cracks: Critical Issues and Strategies to Ensure Excellence in Education	Councilmember Leslie Colwell, YEO School Board Member Courtney English, GA State Senator Bill Ferguson, MD School Board Member Eric Isham, MI State Senator David Schapira, AZ	<i>Springwood 1</i>

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Workshop Series 6: The State of the Union

Young Electeds participate in small group breakouts based on their level of office, discussing issues important to their level of government and sharing best practices to address them.

<i>State Legislative Level</i>	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
<i>County Level</i>	<i>Springwood 1</i>
<i>City Level</i>	<i>Springwood 2&3</i>
<i>School Board Level</i>	<i>Ashlawn</i>

5:30 PM – 5:45 PM Group Picture

Lobby Staircase

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM YEO Open Spaces Available (Optional)

YEOs will have the space to meet in their caucuses or task forces, as needed.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM YEO Regional Dinners

Young Electeds have the opportunity to network with their regional colleagues over dinner.

<i>Northeast</i>	<i>Senate Room</i>
<i>South</i>	<i>Montpelier</i>
<i>Midwest</i>	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
<i>West</i>	<i>Madison</i>

CONVENING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY • JUNE 5

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Breakfast

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Workshop Series 7: Skill-Based Sessions

Young Elected Managers: How to Manage and Train Your Staff	Angie Whitaker, City of Tallahassee	<i>Springwood 1</i>
Shaping your Successors: Creating Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development	School Board President Janet Chin, CA	<i>Springwood 2&3</i>
Governing As a Progressive: How to Compromise without Being Compromised	Peggy Flanagan, Wellstone Action	<i>Sagamore Hill</i>
Communications Training for National Security Issues: Effectively Connecting Through Emotion and Non-Verbal Cues	Michael Moschella, Truman National Security Project	<i>Ashlawn</i>

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Closing General Plenary: Progressive Messaging

Keynote Speaker: Celinda Lake, Lake Research Partners

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Closing Lunch





SESSIONS AND TRAINERS: DETAILED AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
------	---------	----------

OPENING PLENARY

8:30am - 9:30am	Leadership in the Face of Challenges: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century	Grand Ballroom
-----------------	--	-----------------------

The world is going digital. Today, everything from education and entertainment to tax forms and job applications occurs online. Yet despite the growing importance of the internet, over 35% of Americans don't have broadband service. This creates a digital divide between those with access and those without. This opening plenary, led by Comcast Corporation Executive Vice President David L. Cohn, will seek to inspire the National Convening participants and set the tone for the rest of the weekend. As the former Chief of Staff to Ed Rendell during his tenure as Mayor of Philadelphia, Cohen will speak about how as leaders in your community you can do something about this by driving broadband adoption to create a platform of inclusion, opportunity and possibility. Leadership in the Face of Challenges: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century

**DAVID COHEN
COMCAST CORPORATION**



David L. Cohen is Executive Vice President of Comcast Corporation, one of the world's leading media, entertainment and communication companies. He is the majority owner and manager of NBCUniversal. Cohen has a broad portfolio of responsibilities, including corporate communications, government affairs, public affairs and corporate administration, while also serving as senior counselor to the CEO. Before assuming this position in July 2002, Cohen served as partner and chairman of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, one of the 100 largest law firms in the country.

From January 1992 to April 1997, Cohen served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. In that role he provided critical support in significant budgetary and financial issues, in economic development activities, in collective bargaining negotiations and in a wide variety of other policy and operational issues.

Cohen serves as Chairman of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and is a member of the Board of Trustees for Penn Medicine — an umbrella governance structure overseeing both the University of Pennsylvania Health System and the University's School of Medicine. Additionally, Cohen serves on the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the national board of the National Urban League, and is a member of the corporate advisory board of the National Council of La Raza. He has served as chair of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, chair of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross, co-chair of the host committee for the National Conference of Volunteerism and Service and vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

WORKSHOP SERIES 1: ISSUE POLICY SESSIONS

8:45am - 11:15am

Local and State Policy Strategies

Sagamore Hill

2:30pm - 4:00pm

to Build Financial Access and
Economic Opportunity (*repeated session*)

Elected officials have a powerful role to play in financially empowering and protecting their residents by promoting financial education, asset building and easy and safe access to mainstream banking options. During this session, YEOs will discuss the integrated framework of what households need to achieve financial security and opportunity, examples of ways to integrate and align policies across levels of government, as well as opportunities for better integration and action across sectors.

IDA RADEMACHER

CORPORATION FOR ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (CFED)

Ida Rademacher is the Vice President for Policy and Research at CFED, a national nonprofit based in Washington, DC dedicated to expanding economic opportunity for low-income families and communities. Ms. Rademacher leads CFED's efforts to advance comprehensive policy and research agendas that inform the work of policy makers, advocates and practitioners working to expand economic opportunity and promote asset and wealth building for all Americans. For the past three years, she has been the Director of Research for CFED, where she led the development of the Assets and Opportunity Scorecard and authored several highly praised research and policy publications. Ms. Rademacher has more than 15 years of experience researching the efficacy of programs and policies that build assets and expand economic opportunities for disadvantaged populations. She graduated from James Madison University with an undergraduate degree in anthropology and economics and received her master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland.



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:45am - 11:15am	The State Fiscal Situation:	Madison
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Clearing Up Misunderstanding and Options for Reform (<i>repeated session</i>)	

Recent articles about the fiscal situation of states and localities have created the misguided impression that drastic and immediate measures are needed to avoid an imminent fiscal meltdown. These articles mistakenly lump together states' and localities' current, largely recession-related fiscal problems with longer-term issues relating to bond indebtedness, pension obligations and retiree health costs. They also overstate the potential harm caused by long-term fiscal issues such as underfunded pensions. These misunderstandings draw attention away from important issues such as the need to modernize state and local budget and revenue systems. In this workshop, the presenters will address these misunderstandings and offer suggestions for addressing states' structural budget problems.

ELIZABETH MCNICHOL

CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES

Elizabeth McNichol is a Senior Fellow with the State Fiscal Project at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC. She specializes in state fiscal issues including the impact of the economy on state budgets, state pension funding, and long-term structural reform of state budget and tax systems. McNichol joined the Center in January 1996. Before coming to the Center, she served as Assistant Research Director of the Service Employees International Union in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she was a staff member of the Joint Finance Committee for the State of Wisconsin Legislature.



ASHALI SINGHAM

CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES

Ashali Singham works as a Research Assistant for the State Fiscal Project at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC. She joined the Center in July 2009. Her research has covered multiple topics related to state fiscal policy, including state taxation of low-income people and state revenue trends. Before joining the Center, Singham worked at a public finance consulting firm. She has a BA in political science from Yale University.



8:45am - 11:15am	Criminal and Juvenile Justice at a Crossroads: An Opportunity to Make Public Policy Lemonade Out of Budgetary Lemons?	Springwood 1
-------------------------	--	---------------------

With ongoing budget difficulties facing most state and local policymakers, many legislators have successfully advanced criminal and juvenile justice reforms that would simultaneously save money and make these systems fairer and more effective. The questions facing us now include: Will these reforms last? Under what circumstances can policymakers advance a more progressive juvenile and criminal justice agenda? And how have policymakers passed or held onto those justice policies that, in the short run, are not revenue-neutral? In this session, directors of the Campaign for Youth Justice and the Justice Policy Institute will discuss their recent research, policy reports, and work in various jurisdictions in areas including limiting the transfer of youth to adult court and reducing the use of the justice system and incarceration for drug offenses. Participants will be asked to share their successes and the challenges they have faced in passing juvenile and adult justice policies. Finally, they will explore how participants with an interest in justice reform can continue to exchange info and learn from each other moving forward.

2011
National
Convening

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:45am - 11:15am	Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Strategies for Successful State Implementation of the Affordable Care Act	Ashlawn

Health care reform presents incredible opportunities – and challenges – for the country. In this session, YEOs will explore the political and economic context of implementing reform and its benefits from the state perspective; the county and/or local level experience of addressing health reform implementation and its implications on local populations; and identify effective messaging points that tap constituent values and work against opposing legislative initiatives. The session will conclude by identifying the challenges and opportunities for officials as they work to implement effective policies - and potential resources to help in this effort.

FRANCESCA HOLME

HERNDON ALLIANCE

As project director of the Herndon Alliance, Francesca Holme engages a wide range of groups – including doctors, nurses, and public health professionals – in using effective health care messaging. Previously, she worked for the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, where she facilitated trainings with public health practitioners across the Pacific Northwest. Her experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua and as the director of a small non-profit serving Sudanese refugees instilled a passion for improving health in underserved communities, both internationally and locally.



DARA S. TAYLOR

COMMUNITY CATALYST

As Community Catalyst's Health Advocacy Regional Manager, Dara Taylor, oversees the advocacy efforts of the Southern Health Partners program, which is comprised of consumer advocacy organizations within 11 southeastern states working toward proactive regional, state, and national health care reform. Taylor provides direct technical assistance on a range of advocacy capacities such as coalition building and maintenance, organizational strategic planning, and designing and implementing successful health advocacy campaigns to consumer health advocates within Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia. Prior to joining Community Catalyst, Taylor served as a Health Policy Fellow at the Missouri Foundation for Health in St. Louis, Missouri. She has community organizing and fundraising experience on issues related to children's health, HIV/AIDS, and physical and mental disabilities. Taylor holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wellesley College and a master's degree with a concentration in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

WORKSHOP SERIES 2: SKILL BASED SESSIONS

(sessions repeated on Saturday)

11:30am - 12:45pm

**Ready For Your Close-up?
Refining Your Camera Interview Skills**

Ashlawn

What makes a great television appearance? Seventy percent of listening is done with the eyes and thirty percent with the ears. Often, the messenger we see on camera says more with their physical delivery than with their actual words. In this session, Media Strategist and Trainer Joel Silberman will teach the skills used by masterful actors on camera both in film and television. The session will be interactive and experiential. Participants will have the opportunity to be trained on camera and then watch their performance on video with feedback from Joel.

JOEL SILBERMAN **MEDIA TALENT 2.0**

Joel Silberman comes to political communications from a disciplined theatrical and musical career and is now a widely respected communications strategist and media consultant for progressive organizations and candidates. He serves as director of Media Talent 2.0, a media-training program for new progressive political voices in Washington, DC. Silberman has been a senior media fellow at the New Organizing Institute, senior consultant and creative director for Media Matters for America, and is a recipient of the Kos Media Fellowship, where he was media/message strategist for Markos Moulitsas and the DailyKos.com contributing editors. Other clients include: People for the American Way Foundation, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Democracia USA, Center for Progressive Leadership, National Women's Law Center, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. In addition to his media training, Silberman currently prepares progressive electoral candidates and organization leaders for public speaking and media appearances.



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
11:30am - 12:45pm	Smart Coalition Building to Create More Progressive Communities	Springwood 2&3

Elected officials with effective coalition-building skills add value to the position, their constituents, and the places they serve. This workshop will highlight successful coalitions and identify the skills to build elected officials' capacity to engage in coalitions and partnerships in their home communities. The goals of the workshop include: creating S.M.A.R.T. goals, researching and identifying partners, cultivating a relationship and taking action, sharing and celebrating success and documenting the outcome. Through case studies, small group work, and leveraging personal and professional experiences, YEOs will explore and build skills to be more effective progressive leaders in their communities.

GINA L. CALDER

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Aldermwoman Gina Calder, the youngest African American elected official in Connecticut, began her term on the New Haven Board of Aldermen in 2008. She is the founder and Chairman of the Dwight Central Management Team Youth Concerns Committee, with the goal of exposing youth to positive experiences. Aldermwoman Calder is also co-founder and an executive committee member of The CALLED, a Connecticut-based organization of young professionals of African descent that focuses on meeting the needs of the state's urban areas.

She is an administrative fellow with the Yale New Haven Health System and a Connecticut Health Foundation leadership fellow. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and MPH from Yale University.



KAREN LIOT HILL

LEBANON CITY COUNCIL

Karen Liot Hill is a City Councilor in Lebanon, New Hampshire. She was elected to represent her ward in 2005, defeating an incumbent Councilor with nearly two-thirds of the vote. After spearheading the city's first-ever strategic planning effort in 2006, she was re-elected to the ward seat in 2007. She was appointed by her colleagues on the Council to serve a one-year term as Mayor in 2008, where she broke with tradition and served as a visible and active mayor, advocating for the people of Lebanon with state and federal officials and focusing on community outreach and engagement.

In 2009, she was re-elected to the City Council—this time to an at-large seat—with 76% of the vote. In addition to serving her community on the city council, she also sits on the boards of WISE, a non-profit 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 Democratic Party's State Committee and recently co-chaired the NHDP state convention.



ANGELA GARRETSON

HILLSIDE CITY COUNCIL

Councilwoman Angela R. Garretson is an at-large member of the Hillside City Council in New Jersey. Prior to her election in 2009, Garretson was president of the School Board and served as a member for the last five years, where she worked with students, parents, community leaders, local and state government and non-profit organizations to preserve and strengthen quality education in her community. Previously, Garretson worked for the Eagleton Institute of Politics, as well as several community organizations and political campaigns. She graduated

from Syracuse University with Bachelor of Science in Business Communications and from Rutgers University with a Masters in Public Policy and Administration. Garretson is currently obtaining her PhD.



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
------	---------	----------

LUNCH PLENARY

1:00pm - 2:15pm

**United States Secretary of Education,
The Honorable Arne Duncan**

Grand Ballroom

Under the leadership of President Barack Obama, there has been an unprecedented focus on investing in, improving and sparking innovation in public education. This session will feature the United States Department of Education Secretary, Arne Duncan, who will update YEOs on the effort to reauthorize ESEA (formerly known as No Child Left Behind) and other initiatives of the current administration to prepare America’s students for college, career and life. He will also discuss the roles that local and state level Young Elected Officials can play in these reforms. Expect this session to be interactive and informative, as YEOs will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer period with Secretary Duncan and highlight what’s happening in communities across the nation.

**ARNE DUNCAN
U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**



Arne Duncan was nominated to be secretary of education by President Barack Obama and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on January 20, 2009.

In his confirmation hearings, Duncan said education is “the most pressing issue facing America,” adding that “preparing young people for success in life is not just a moral obligation of society” but also an “economic imperative.” Duncan expressed his commitment to work under the leadership of President Obama and with all those involved in education “to enhance education in America, to lift our children and families out of poverty, to help our students learn to contribute to the civility of our great American democracy, and to strengthen our economy by producing a workforce that can make us as competitive as possible.”

Prior to his appointment as secretary of education, Duncan was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley to serve as the chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools (CPS). As CEO, Duncan’s mandate was to raise education standards and performance, improve teacher and principal quality and increase learning options. In seven and a half years, he united education reformers, teachers, principals and business stakeholders behind an aggressive education reform agenda that included opening more than 100 new schools, expanding after-school and summer learning programs, closing down underperforming schools, increasing early childhood and college access, dramatically boosting the caliber of teachers and building public-private partnerships around a variety of education initiatives.

Prior to joining Chicago Public Schools, Duncan ran the non-profit Ariel Education Initiative, an education foundation which helped fund college for a class of inner-city children under the I Have A Dream program. He was part of a team that later started a new public elementary school built around a financial literacy curriculum, the Ariel Community Academy, which today ranks among the top elementary schools in Chicago.



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
------	---------	----------

WORKSHOP SERIES 3: ISSUE POLICY SESSIONS

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Repeated Sessions:

- Financial Access and Economic Opportunity
- Renewable Energy Solutions
- The State Fiscal Situation

Sagamore Hill
Springwood 2&3
Madison

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Dare to DREAM: Surveying the Current Immigration Reform Landscape

Springwood 1

President Obama recently called the need for comprehensive immigration reform an economic, security and moral imperative for the “millions who live in the shadows.” YEOs have a unique opportunity to make lasting, significant and progressive change. While this is a national issue, policy shifts at the state and local level have a significant impact on the lives of immigrants. In this session, immigration policy experts will provide an overview of the current immigration reform landscape, as well as share local and state policies that encourage integration, promote economic justice and growth, and protect the rights of immigrants of all nationalities.

SUMAN RAGHUNATHAN

PROGRESSIVE STATES NETWORK

Suman Raghunathan, Immigration Policy Specialist with the Progressive States Network, leads the organization’s work on immigration policy and has deep experience advancing immigrant rights via grassroots, advocacy and policy organizations. The daughter of Indian immigrants and the former Interim Executive Director of Chhaya Community Development Corporation, Raghunathan’s expertise lies in crafting policy platforms and advocacy strategies. She has also developed programs to engage immigrants in the electoral process at the NY Immigration Coalition and OneAmerica, including managing the nation’s largest voter registration project for new citizens. Most recently, Ms. Raghunathan was an immigration policy consultant, developing progressive policy agendas for Demos and the Drum Major Institute. She holds a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Brown University and a master’s degree in nonprofit management from Milano - The New School for Management and Urban Policy.



JOANNE LIN

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)

Joanne Lin has served as legislative counsel with the ACLU Washington Legislative Office since 2007. She works with Congress and executive agencies on a broad range of immigration and human rights issues including racial profiling, state and local immigration enforcement, access to higher education, immigration detention conditions, sexual assault in immigration detention, immigration due process, access to counsel, border enforcement and excessive use of force by border patrol. Prior to joining the ACLU, Lin directed immigration policy at Legal Momentum’s Immigrant Women Program in Washington, DC. She was a principal drafter of the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005. Previously, she practiced immigration law at Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, one of the nation’s premier immigration law firms and worked at Bay Area Legal Aid. Lin also clerked for the Honorable Shirley S. Abrahamson, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.



She earned her JD from the New York University School of Law, MA from the Stanford School of Education and BA from Stanford University.

2011
National
Convening

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Corporate Power, Corporate Personhood, and the Corporate Court: A Discussion of Citizens United and Its Aftermath	Ashlawn

Over the past several years and continuing to the present, the dangerously conservative Roberts Court has regularly bent the law, ignored precedent and turned logic upside-down in order to strike down Americans’ efforts to impose reasonable checks on corporate power. Perhaps the most notorious example was last year’s Citizens United case, where a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that giant corporations have the same First Amendment rights as people to engage in political speech. This had a deleterious impact on the 2010 elections. In this session, YEOs will learn about different efforts to amend the Constitution – either to specifically reverse Citizens United or, more expansively, to abolish corporate personhood in general. YEOs will also discuss remedial legislation that could mitigate the impact of the Supreme Court’s decisions short of a constitutional amendment.

JOHN C. BONIFAZ

FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE

John Bonifaz is co-founder and director of Free Speech for People, a national, non-partisan campaign seeking to restore democracy to the people through a constitutional amendment, designed ensure that government represents the people’s interests, and not just corporations. Bonifaz has worked as legal director of Voter Action, a national voting rights and election integrity organization in the United States, and as executive director and general counsel of the National Voting Rights Institute (NVRI). Bonifaz has been at the forefront of key voting rights battles in the United States for nearly two decades—pioneering a series of court challenges that have helped to redefine the campaign finance question as a basic voting rights issue of our time. He led the fight in the federal courts for a recount of the 2004 presidential vote in Ohio, and prevailed in federal court in Pennsylvania on the eve of the 2008 election to ensure that Pennsylvania voters would receive emergency paper ballots when they faced long lines caused by voting machine breakdowns. Bonifaz is a 1992 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School.



JAMIE RASKIN

MARYLAND STATE SENATE

Jamie Raskin is a state senator in Maryland and a professor of constitutional law at American University’s Washington College of Law (WCL). A progressive state senator who came to office in 2006 in a landslide upset victory against a 32-year incumbent in the primary, Senator Raskin has twice been elected with more than 99% of the general election vote. Raskin is the Director of WCL’s Program on Law and Government and an accomplished author. Raskin’s books include Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court versus the American People (2003), a bestselling analysis of Bush v. Gore and right-wing judicial activism, and We the Students (3d ed. 2008), which examines cases affecting America’s students and has been called “the bible of the new movement for constitutional literacy.” Raskin founded the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, which has sent more than a thousand law students from various law schools into public high schools across the country to teach a course in constitutional literacy. Raskin is also a Senior Fellow at People For the American Way.



KAITLIN SOPOCI-BELKNAP



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
------	---------	----------

2:30pm - 4:00pm

**Corporations Are Not People:
Reclaiming Our Democracy and Our Constitution**

Ashlawn

DEMOCRACY UNLIMITED

Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap is executive director of Democracy Unlimited, a community organizing group located in Humboldt County, California. She grew up in Santa Fe, NM and studied education and community at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. In January 2004 she graduated from the New College of CA and received a BA degree in Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Community. In November 2004 Sopoci-Belknap was elected to serve on the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Board. She is the youngest member to serve in this position, as well as the first woman to take this office. She was re-elected in 2008 and has served as board president since 2009. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Move to Amend campaign that is working to amend the US Constitution to abolish corporate personhood.



GENERAL PLENARY

4:45pm - 6:00pm

**Senior Advisor to the President,
David Plouffe**

Grand Ballroom

DAVID PLOUFFE

SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT

David Plouffe is senior advisor to President Obama. He assumed office in January of this year, after running the Obama for American campaign in the historic 2008 election. Previously, he worked on numerous professional campaigns, beginning with Senator Tom Harkin's re-election campaign in 1990, as well as Deval Patrick's successful bid to be Massachusetts' governor in 2006. He worked in the private sector with colleague David Axelrod at AKPD Message and Media in 2003, where he ran Barack Obama's successful Illinois Senate campaign. Other positions that he has held include the director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and Deputy Chief of Staff for Democrat leader of the House, Dick Gephardt.



SATURDAY, JUNE 4

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

LUNCH PLENARY

12:45pm - 2:00pm

SEIU President, **Mary Kay Henry**

Grand Ballroom

Unions are currently facing unprecedented attacks, much to the detriment of American workers and their families. During this plenary, the president of the Service Employees International Union, Mary Kay Henry, will help outline the historic triumphs of organized labor, as well as provide insights and recommendations on strategies to both protect and grow the labor movement in states and communities.

MARY KAY HENRY

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)

In 2010 Mary Kay Henry was unanimously elected to serve as International Executive President of Service Employees International Union (SEIU), a 2.2 million-member union of health care workers. She was named one of the nation's "Top 25 Women in Healthcare" by Modern Healthcare in 2009. For nearly 30 years, Henry has represented health care workers at SEIU, where she helped lead the fight to expand health care for millions of children and strengthen the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Henry has devoted her life to helping America's health care workers form unions, improve their jobs and the quality of care, and advocate for a more rational and humane health care system. Henry began working with SEIU in 1979 and rose to become a leader and chief health care strategist. She was elected to the international executive board in 1996, and in June 2004 she was elected to serve as an international executive vice president of SEIU, leading the union's efforts to build a stronger voice for health care workers.



An active champion of health care reform, Henry envisions a U.S. health care system that provides universal coverage and gives front-line caregivers a real voice in patient care. Recognizing that today's global economy demands a new and different model of labor-management relationships, Henry is leading a national effort by SEIU to build new kinds of partnerships with hospital employers—partnerships that will improve the quality of patient care, strengthen the hospital's competitive performance and give workers a voice in decisions that affect care and working conditions.

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
------	---------	----------

WORKSHOP SERIES 5: ISSUE POLICY SESSIONS

2:15pm - 3:45pm **Talking About Choice:
Fending Off Attacks on a Woman’s Right to Choose** **Springwood 2&3**

The pro-choice community is facing one of the worst climates we have seen in years, and therefore, elected officials who support a woman’s right to make her own reproductive decisions are also facing great challenges. This session will give YEOs the information, tools, messaging and guidance they need to confidently fend off attacks and stand up for pro-choice values. The session will include an overview for YEOs national trends and provide them with values-based messaging tools on how to talk about reproductive rights as elected officials.

ANGIE BUHL

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE SENATE

Senator Angie Buhl, 26, is a 4th-generation South Dakotan and has been active in the progressive movement for five years. In 2010, Senator Buhl made history by becoming the youngest woman ever elected to the South Dakota State Senate. In her first term in the legislature, she fought for a variety of social justice issues including women’s rights, LGBT rights, workers’ rights, immigrant rights and for a fair and open redistricting process. Senator Buhl has consulted with a variety of non-profits, and currently works as the executive director of a youth advocacy organization and serves on the board of NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota.



TISHAURA O. JONES

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Tishaura Jones is currently serving her 2nd term in the Missouri House of Representatives. She is the first African-American and the first woman in Missouri history to hold the position of Assistant Minority Floor Leader. As a member of the leadership team, she is the second in command among her party members of the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Jones has a master’s degree in health administration from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and has a bachelor’s degree in finance from Hampton University. She has more than ten years of healthcare experience working in hospitals and community health centers. Currently, she is the Vice President of Public Finance at Blaylock, Robert, Van, LLC, the third largest minority-owned investment banking firm in the county. She is the mother of one son, Aden.



NANCY KEENAN

NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA

A native of Montana, Nancy Keenan brings her experience as state legislator and statewide elected official to her role as president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, a pro-choice political organization with one million members and supporters across the country. The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, The New York Times and Talking Points Memo turn to Keenan as a thoughtful, strategic voice of the pro-choice movement. The Detroit News described her as both “forthright and politically savvy.” The American Prospect wrote that her organization’s values-based pro-choice message is “a cunning strategy” that allows “pro-choice advocates to define the terms of the debate.” Prior to becoming president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, Nancy served as a Montana state legislator and state superintendent of public instruction. She ran a strong campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Montana State University. She also has a master’s degree in education administration from the University of Montana. Before seeking elected office, Nancy taught children with disabilities in her hometown.



SATURDAY, JUNE 4

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
2:15pm - 3:45pm	Voting Reform and Redistricting: Meeting the Needs of an Increasingly Mobile Electorate and Protecting Communities of Interest	Sagamore Hill

Trainers from the Fair Elections Legal Network and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice will review some of the voting reform issues being seen across the country. The trainers will discuss how new voting-related legislation being pushed in state legislatures are affecting various voting reform efforts. Particular emphasis will be paid to common election administration issues that disenfranchise voters, as well as traditional laws and practices that no longer meet the needs of an increasingly mobile electorate. Trainers will also discuss the impact of new laws and voting reform efforts on the redistricting process. The twin goals of the session are to help elected officials and their constituents overcome these challenges by providing tips to ensure that voter registration and GOTV efforts account for likely obstacles and to recommend legislative and administrative reforms.

MEGAN DONOVAN

FAIR ELECTIONS LEGAL NETWORK

Megan Donovan is a staff attorney with the Fair Elections Legal Network. Ms. Donovan began her career as a legislative advocate for the Center for Reproductive Rights and as a consulting attorney for the Campaign Legal Center. She has interned and volunteered with a variety of public interest organizations and has been published in the *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* (student note) and *Frontera Norte* (co-authored). She first began working on voting rights issues as a legal intern with the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice. Ms. Donovan is a 2002 graduate of Trinity College Dublin and obtained a J.D. and a M.A. in Latin American studies from the University of Arizona in 2009. She has been a member of the New York Bar since January 2010 and her admission to the D.C. Bar is pending.



ALLISON RIGGS

SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Allison Riggs is a staff attorney with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham, North Carolina. Her primary areas of practice are redistricting and voting rights. Ms. Riggs received her BS, MA and JD from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. She has worked on a variety of voting rights issues, from redistricting to felony disenfranchisement.



SATURDAY, JUNE 4

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
2:15pm - 3:45pm	Filling the Cracks: Critical Issues and Strategies to Ensure an Excellent Education for All Students	Springwood 1

This session features a panel of Teach For America alumni currently serving on school boards and in local and statewide elected office. Panelists will discuss critical education reform issues and strategies for developing and passing legislation to ensure that all children have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. This session will provide elected officials with best practices and model legislation that they can bring back to their communities to advance education reform across the country. It will also highlight strategies for building coalitions, working across the aisle, as well as bringing together advocacy groups, constituents and unlikely allies to pass meaningful reform.

LESLIE COLWELL

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Leslie Colwell was elected to the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council as an Arts, Cultural, and Education Interests Director. On the Council, she serves as chairperson of the Education Committee. Councilwoman Colwell works on Teach For America's Public Leadership Initiative, a national team that works to promote civic engagement and inspire alumni to view leadership in the fields of politics, policy, and advocacy as accessible and impactful. Prior to joining staff, she was a Teach For America corps member teaching 6th grade math and science at Bethune Middle School in south Los Angeles. Originally from Denver, Colorado, Colwell attended American University in Washington, D.C., where she rowed on the varsity crew team, lived abroad in Madrid twice.



COURTNEY ENGLISH

ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Courtney English sits on the Board of Education for Atlanta Public Schools, where he has worked to eradicate the achievement gap for students since November 2010. English was the first educator elected to the Board while teaching full-time, and will now represent the city of Atlanta as the youngest member on the Atlanta Board of Education. Prior to being elected, English served as grade-level chairperson, a member of the school's Disciplinary Committee was on the school's initial design team. He has also received training from the nation's leading organizations for education services, such as the National Association of Social Studies Teachers, Leadership for Ensuring Educational Equity and the National Association for Single-Sex Public Educators. English is a member of the 2007 Atlanta Corps of Teach for America and now directs his efforts toward enhancing the quality of education.



BILL FERGUSON

MARYLAND STATE SENATE

Bill Ferguson chose to make Baltimore his home in 2005, when he joined the Teach For America program after graduating from Davidson College with a double major in political science and economics. From 2005 to 2007, Ferguson taught U.S. history and U.S. government to ninth and tenth graders in a breakout academy of one of Baltimore's most challenged high schools. Unsettled by the condition of the school's infrastructure, midway through his first year of teaching he reached out to Baltimore elected officials to advocate for facility improvements for his students. Sen. Ferguson's passion for progressive education reform led the Baltimore City Council President's Office to hire him as a part-time community liaison. In December 2006, he received a Distinguished Presidential Citation from the Council President for his superior work in communities.



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
-------------	----------------	-----------------

2:15pm - 3:45pm	Filling the Cracks: Critical Issues and Strategies to Ensure an Excellent Education for All Students	Springwood 1
------------------------	---	---------------------

ERIC ISHAM

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elected to the Leslie Public Schools Board of Education in 2008, Eric Isham has served as Trustee, Treasurer, and is now the board president. In his tenure on the board, he was instrumental in offering Head Start, improving services for students with special needs, revamping the contract negotiations process and rebuilding the board’s relationship with staff and the community. Isham earned his master’s in public policy in 2010 from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He uses his policy degree and his teaching experience as an Education Consultant with Red Cedar Solutions Group. Upon graduating from Defiance College with a bachelor of science in integrated language arts and history, Isham joined Teach For America and worked at Madison Shannon Palmer High School in Mississippi. After leaving the classroom, he returned to his native Michigan to take a position as a recruitment director with Teach For America.



DAVID SCHAPIRA

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

David Schapira is a State Senator and the Senate Minority Leader in the State of Arizona. He served two terms in the Arizona House of Representatives, having been first elected in 2006. Schapira’s focus at the Legislature is educating Arizona’s children. As a former public school teacher, he knows the future of education in Arizona depends on investing in student learning, reducing class sizes, paying teachers reasonable wages and working to make the state’s universities leaders in higher education and research. A product of Arizona public schools, Schapira also attended Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University before receiving his bachelor’s degree in political science from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Schapira served as a public high school teacher in the Valley, as an aide to US Senator Tom Daschle in Washington, DC and as manager of Terry Goddard’s 2002 campaign for Arizona Attorney General. In 2003, Schapira founded Democracy Online Campaigns, a consulting business that designs websites and communication strategies for campaigns and small businesses across the country.



WORKSHOP SERIES 6: THE STATE OF THE UNION

4:00pm - 5:30pm	State of the State State of the County State of the City State of the Schools	Sagamore Hill Springwood 2&3 Springwood 1 Ashlawn
------------------------	--	--

This session will facilitate a round-table discussion between elected officials serving in the same level of office, with specific sessions for state, county, city, and school board.



SUNDAY, JUNE 5

TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

WORKSHOP SERIES 7: SKILLS BASED SESSIONS

9:30am - 10:45am

**Young Elected Managers:
How to Manage and Train Your Staff**

Springwood 1

Drawing from James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner's book "The Leadership Challenge," this session offers five key concepts on how leaders can build relationships that encourage employees to strive for excellence in performance and productivity. This session will also offer generic points and legal issues to consider for hiring, disciplining and terminating staff or volunteers.

ANGELA G. WHITAKER

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

Reverend Angela Whitaker serves as Aide to Tallahassee City Commissioner Andrew D. Gillum and is a co-founder and minister with Peacemakers, Inc. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Florida A&M University and a Doctorate of Religious Philosophy in Christian Psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. Whitaker earned her Certified Public Supervisor and Manager designations from the Florida Center for Public Management at Florida State University. She is an active member of the North Florida Chapter of the Florida Society of Certified Public Managers. Whitaker has been employed with the City of Tallahassee for 24 years and has served as Gillum's aide since his election in 2003. Her previous roles include organizational development consultant, employee relations analyst as well as supervisory posts and as administrative support staff. Whitaker is the author of the book Rolling In Greatness.



9:30am - 10:45am

**Shaping Your Successors:
Creating Youth Empowerment and
Leadership Development**

Springwood 2&3

This session will focus on identifying elements of organizations that are youth empowered. The session will begin by presenting a national and international case study. It will also provide useful tips on how to organize and sustain a continuous stream of youth involvement through outreach and civic engagement. These programs become a means to build life skills, create a better community, and maintain the youth empowerment effort in any organization.

M. JANET CHIN

GARVEY SCHOOL BOARD

M. Janet Chin was elected to the Garvey School Board in 2007 and is currently serving a second year as board president. She has served two years as a director on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, is a U.S. Army Veteran and serves on the US Army Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion Community Advisory Board. Chin is the founder and president of the M. Janet Chin Youth Foundation, a 501(c)3 educational public charity that empowers youth in low opportunity areas through after school enrichment, civic engagement, service learning and leadership training. She is a member of PTA, a Neighborhood Watch Captain, a Sheriff Citizen Academy graduate, a Citizen's Academy graduate and part of the Community Emergency Response Team. Chin is also a board member of CalSunshine Education, Inc., an American education center in China. She lives in Rosemead, California with her husband and three sons.



**2011
National
Convening**

TIME SESSION LOCATION

9:30am - 10:45am Governing As a Progressive: How to Compromise without Being Compromised Sagamore Hill

This session will tackle three key issues facing elected officials. In the first part we will address the question: How do we develop our own personal agenda? This will cover goal setting with progressive values, accountability, determining how your personal agenda fits in the larger established agenda, and developing a multi-year/multi-term plan. We will also discuss how to engage your constituency and build power in the community. Here we will discuss staying informed on their priorities, advocating on issues that are important to the community and seeing elected office as an extension of the community. Finally, we'll discuss how to compromise without being compromised.

PEGGY FLANAGAN WELLSTONE ACTION

Peggy Flanagan is the Director of the Native American Leadership Program and Deputy Director of Training at Wellstone Action. A former member of the Young Elected Officials Network, Flanagan is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation and is Anishinaabe from the Maiingan Dodem (Wolf Clan). Flanagan was elected to the Minneapolis School Board in 2004 and was the first Native American and youngest individual to serve on that body. She returned as an appointed member of the school board and served a second term in 2010. Flanagan was the First Americans GOTV coordinator for the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party on behalf of the Barack Obama Campaign for Change and Al Franken for Senate campaigns in 2008. In 2008, she was recognized by the Minnesota Jaycees as one of Ten Outstanding Young Minnesotans. Flanagan was also named one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Minnesota Politics" by Campaigns & Elections Magazine in 2010. She received her degree in American Indian studies and child psychology from the University of Minnesota in 2002.



SUNDAY, JUNE 5

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9:30am - 10:45am	National Security Communications: Effectively Connecting through Emotion and Non-Verbal Cues	Ashlawn

National Security Communication is a program designed to enable young leaders to communicate their views on national security to their constituents in a credible and effective way. It attempts to combat the impression that progressives are weak on national security by teaching young progressive policymakers how to conduct themselves effectively with regard to national security. The presentation stresses the importance of emotional connection to the constituents, as well as methods for good nonverbal communication and media interviews. In the first segment of NSC, the presentation deals with talking to people who disagree with or are ambivalent about the elected official's opinion or policy, using the counterintuitive process of emphasizing feelings over facts and values over policies in order to persuade. The section on nonverbal communication is a lesson in how to project strength without being aggressive. In dealing with media interviews, our program discusses various strategies for communicating effectively and likably in front of an audience.

MICHAEL MOSCHELLA

TRUMAN NATIONAL SECURITY PROJECT

Michael Moschella currently serves as political director for the Truman National Security Project, primarily managing political training programs. With the Truman Project, he has trained hundreds of elected officials, candidates for federal, state, and local office, Congressional staffers, political consultants, and progressive activists. Recently, Moschella launched the Truman Project Partners, a first-of-its-kind national security training program specifically for campaign and advocacy professionals. He previously served as a leading campaign consultant with specific expertise in large-district voter targeting, grassroots field mobilizations and online political organizing. Moschella has consulted with and managed Congressional campaigns in Florida and Massachusetts, a Gubernatorial race in Massachusetts and state-level races in both California and Massachusetts. In 2004 and 2005, he worked with the New Democrat Network (NDN) on a variety of projects including: creation of the New Politics Institute, a think tank for new political strategy; NDN Hispanic Project, then the largest Spanish-language political ad campaign in U.S. history; Restoring America's Promise campaign, which promoted progressive values in red states; and NDN-PAC, a fundraising organization for 40 U.S. Representatives and 18 Senators.



TIME

SESSION

LOCATION

GENERAL PLENARY

11:00am - 1:00pm

**Progressive Messaging with
Celinda Lake**

Grand Ballroom

What elected officials say often represents what they stand for, and comes to define their work and public image. Therefore, it is imperative that they frame their message strategically and appropriately. In this general plenary, pollster Celinda Lake will discuss how to effectively talk about progressive issues in a way that resonates best with the American public – particularly about the economy, job creation, unions, health care and good government. Additionally, there will be a discussion of recent polling, research and the types of messaging language YEOs should be using in their communities.

**GELINDA LAKE
LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS**



Celinda Lake is one of the nation’s leading political strategists. Her firm, Lake Research Partners, is known for cutting-edge research on issues including the economy, health care, the environment and education. She has worked for many organizations including the White House Project, AFL-CIO, SEIU, Human Rights Campaign, EMILY’s List, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Democratic National Committee.

Since its formation, Lake Research Partners has become one of the most respected polling firms in the country. Lake Research Partners has a long history of successful initiative campaigns. In 2008 Lake polled in California to beat parental notification initiatives three times in a row. In 2006 she helped with successful minimum wage campaigns in five states and was the pollster on the first successful effort to defeat an anti-gay marriage initiative in Arizona.

Lake has a long record of defeating incumbents and was an integral part of the successful partisan effort to take control of the House of Representatives in 2006. She is one of the nation’s foremost experts on electing women candidates and on framing issues to women voters. She is renowned for her groundbreaking research on single women voters and has helped elect numerous female candidates, including Senator Barbara Mikulski, former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, Senator Blanche Lincoln, Patricia Madrid (the first Hispanic woman Attorney General in New Mexico) and Senator Carol Moseley-Braun.

Prior to forming Lake Research Partners, Lake was partner and vice president at Greenberg-Lake. Her earlier experience includes serving as political director of the Women’s Campaign Fund, research director at the Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and as policy analyst for the Subcommittee on Select Education. Lake holds a master’s degree in political science and survey research from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and a certificate in political science from the University of Geneva in Switzerland. She received her undergraduate degree from Smith College in Massachusetts.





THE YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

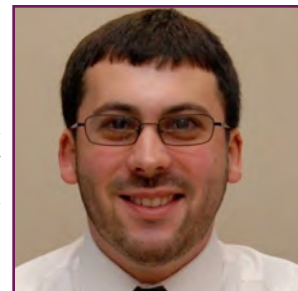
YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JAMES ALBIS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

James Albis was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly in 2010 to represent his home town of East Haven. He has most recently worked as the Community Development Coordinator for the town of East Haven, where he served as administrator of the town's Housing Rehabilitation Program handled other grant-funded programs, such as the Summer Youth Employment Program, and fielded complaints related to the town's anti-blight ordinance. Prior to heading East Haven's Urban Renewal & Community Development Office, Rep. Albis worked in the East Haven community in a variety of ways, including tutoring and serving as an instructor with the Yellowjacket Marching Band. He also worked for Yale University's Office of Development as a Human Resources Assistant. Rep. Albis has also served as a member of the East Haven Democratic Town Committee.



MICAH ALI

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

Micah Ali was elected to the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees in 2007. The CUSD jurisdiction includes communities for Compton, East Rancho Dominguez, Enterprise, Mona Park, North Carson, Rosewood, Stevenson Village, West Rancho Dominguez and Willowbrook.

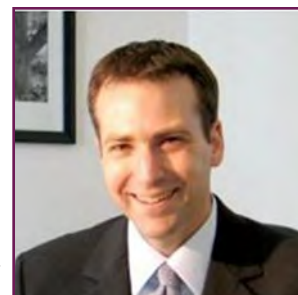


BEN ALLEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

In November 2008, in his first run for public office, Ben Allen won more votes than any other local candidate in Santa Monica and Malibu, and is now the youngest member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education. Currently an attorney with Bryan Cave LLP, he previously served as Student Regent on the University of California's Board of Regents, a judicial clerk at the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Press Secretary to Rep. Jose Serrano (D-NY), and a press team member for the DCCC and Democratic National Convention in 2004. He is a member of the California Democratic State Convention, serves on the Executive Board of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, and is a senior fellow with the human rights organization Humanity in Action. He has a bachelor's degree from Harvard, a master's degree from Cambridge University and a law degree from UC Berkeley.



TIFFANY ALSTON

STATE DELEGATE

LANHAM, MARYLAND

Tiffany Alston was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in November 2010, representing Prince George's County. Alston currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee. In addition to her legislative duties, Delegate Alston is the founder and principal of Alston Law Office. She formerly served as an AmeriCorps teacher, Chief of Staff for the Maryland Division of Corrections, Chairperson for the Correctional Reform section of the Maryland State Bar, President of the Maryland Black Women's Bar Association and Treasurer of the J. Franklin Bourne Bar Association.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

SEAN BECKER

MAYOR-ELECT

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Sean Becker currently serves as Mayor-Elect & Deputy Mayor of Bozeman, the fourth largest city in Montana and the regional leader in tourism, business & population growth. Mayor-Elect Becker graduated from Denison University, taught English in Nepal, served as a city fire fighter, studied statistics in graduate school and worked as an economic development analyst before being elected to the Bozeman City Commission in 2005.

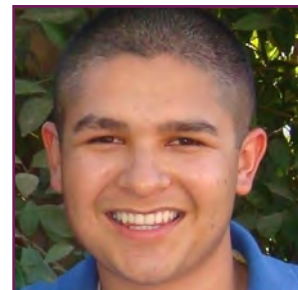


ALEX M. BEJARANO

COUNCILMEMBER

WELLTON, ARIZONA

Alex M. Bejarano serves on the Wellton, Arizona City Council. Elected to the council at age 19, he is currently the youngest elected official in Arizona. Councilman Bejarano's current priorities include keeping all of the city's employees in their jobs, ensuring public safety and maintaining the town's water treatment facility. He attends Arizona Western College.

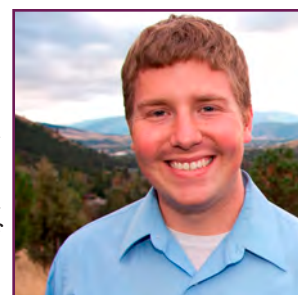


BRYCE BENNETT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Bryce Bennett is the youngest member of and the first openly gay man elected to the Montana legislature. Bennett works as a community organizer for Forward Montana, a nonprofit that works to "train, organize, and elect the next generation of progressive leaders." In the past he has worked on congressional, statewide and issue-based campaigns and served as the federation president of the Montana College Democrats. Rep. Bennett works to protect the fundamental right to vote and successfully passed legislation in 2011 to make the voting process more accessible to all Montanans.

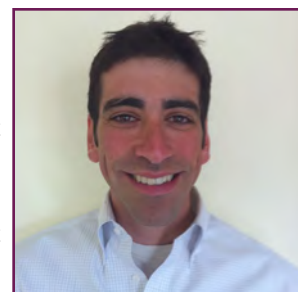


DAVID BERGART

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

VICTOR, IDAHO

Serving in his third year on the Victor City Council, David Bergart has continued with a smart growth approach towards planning. He has focused on creating a vibrant downtown while protecting surrounding open spaces. Councilman Bergart was instrumental in securing a two-year grant that helped change the way planning in the city works by focusing on citizen involvement and bridging divisions. In addition to his council duties, he helped start the nonprofit Victor Velo, whose mission is to promote healthy lifestyles and economic development through cycling. For the last eight years, Councilman Bergart has managed the local crisis shelter for troubled teens.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

CHRIS BRAUN

RENT BOARD COMMISSIONER
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Chris Braun is Chair of the elected Rent Control Board for the City of Santa Monica. At the state level, Commissioner Braun is an Executive Board Member of the California Democratic Party in the 41st Assembly District. At a club level, he is President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club and Immediate Past President of Stonewall Young Democrats. Braun is active with the California Chiropractic Association of which he is the Legislative Key Doctor for the Santa Monica District. He is a past fellow and current advisory board member of NLC LA and a partner with the Truman National Security Project. A Wisconsin native, he obtained his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Medical Microbiology & Immunology. After undergrad, he earned his Doctor of Chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University. Currently, he is in private practice in Los Angeles.



AISHA BRAVEBOY

STATE DELEGATE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Delegate Aisha N. Braveboy was elected to represent the 25th Legislative District in the Maryland General Assembly in 2006. She served on the House Economic Matters Committee, as well as the Business Regulations, Consumer Protection, and Alcoholic Beverage Subcommittees. Delegate Braveboy is the 2nd vice chair for the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, chair of the Prince George's County Delegation Bi-County Committee for Water, Sewer, and Transportation, and a member of the Maryland Women's Caucus. She is also a private practice lawyer, with a focus on real estate, condo/homeowners associations, and corporate law. Delegate Braveboy is a graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park and Howard University School of Law.



OSCAR BRAYNON II

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA

Oscar Braynon II was elected to the Florida Legislature to represent House District 103 in March 2008. In July 2003, at the age of 26, he was elected to serve as a City Councilman in Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade County's third-largest city. He made history by becoming one of the youngest politicians ever elected in Miami-Dade County. On June 27, 2005, he was unanimously appointed Vice Mayor of the City of Miami Gardens. He has served as the Executive Director of the "Arrive with Five" statewide voter education campaign, educating and registering voters. He has also served as a City of Miami Summer Youth Employment Counselor, providing pre-employment training to disadvantaged youth. Rep. Braynon serves as a Governmental Consultant for the Pittman Law Group. He is a graduate of Florida State University.



ALEX BRELAND

SCHOOL COUNCILMEMBER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Alex Breland was elected as a Chicago Public Schools local school council member in 2010. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, he joined Teach For America and taught in New Orleans and Chicago. Breland entered law school at the Chicago-Kent College of Law and upon graduating joined the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, where he currently practices labor, employment and school law.



2011
National
Convening

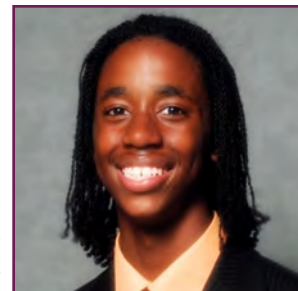
YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

EDWARD BURROUGHS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

TEMPLE HILLS, MARYLAND

Edward Burroughs III serves on the Board of Education of Prince George's County, Maryland. Burroughs was the first student in the county's history to be elected to serve a second term on Board of Education. Since taking office, he has served as a strong advocate for student achievement and student activism. He believes that all students can excel with the proper support, guidance and resources. As Student Board Member, Edward has fought relentlessly to close the achievement gap by ensuring program equity within the county.



GINA L. CALDER

ALDERWOMAN

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Gina Calder, who began her term on the New Haven Board of Aldermen in 2008, is the youngest African American elected official in Connecticut. She founded and chairs the Dwight Central Management Team Youth Concerns Committee, which aims to expose youth to positive experiences. Alderwoman Calder is also a founder and executive committee member of the CALLED, a Connecticut-based organization of young professionals of African descent that focuses on meeting the needs of the state's urban areas. She is an administrative fellow with the Yale New Haven Health System, a Connecticut Health Foundation leadership fellow and a member of the New Haven Ward 2 Democratic Committee. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and an M.P.H. from Yale University.



REVEREND KARIM CAMARA

ASSEMBLYMAN

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Karim Camara was elected in 2006 to the New York State Assembly, where he represents the over 135,000 residents of the 43rd Assembly District in Brooklyn. He served as the New York State Faith Director of Senator Barack Obama's 2008 Democratic primary campaign and was one of the first New York state elected officials to endorse Sen. Obama's candidacy. Assemblyman Camara is Executive Pastor of First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Brooklyn. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Chemistry from Xavier University in Louisiana. While attending Xavier, he participated in the Biomedical Science Scholars Program at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He received a Masters of Divinity from the New York Theological Seminary and has also studied at Alfred University, Fordham University and Wesley Theological Seminary.



APRIL CAPONE

MAYOR

EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April Capone was elected to her first term as Mayor in 2007 at the age of 32. A newcomer to the Democratic Town Committee, she mounted a successful campaign to beat a 10 year incumbent by 25 votes, becoming the first woman and youngest person ever elected in the Town of East Haven and the youngest woman ever elected to the office of Mayor in the state of Connecticut. Mayor Capone continues to serve as CEO of a municipality of 29,000 residents, 1,000 employees and an \$85 million budget. She also holds the position of Associate Fellow at Branford College at Yale University, and has been appointed to the Boards of Directors of Donate Life CT and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. She also serves as an adjunct professor of Political Science at Gateway Community College.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MELVIN W. CARTER III

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Melvin W. Carter III is the youngest member of the Saint Paul City Council. Since his election in 2007, Carter has sponsored and passed legislation to tackle some of his community's most urgent issues, including forming a Department of Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity. He serves as Founder and Director of Urban Embassy, and Minnesota State Director for the Young Elected Officials Network. He has trained community organizers and candidates in 25 states in affiliation with several local and national organizations, including Wellstone Action, People for the American Way Foundation, United States Student Association, Progressive Majority and the Harvard Black Policy Conference. A native of Minnesota, Councilman Carter attended Florida A&M University.



JOSÉ CASTAÑEDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

José Castañeda is currently serving as President of the Alisal Union School District Board of Trustees in Salinas, California.



MARIA CHAPPELLE-NADAL

STATE SENATOR
UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI

Maria Chappelle-Nadal was elected in 2010 to represent part of St. Louis County in the Missouri Senate, after serving three terms in the state House. She previously served as Director of Communications for Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell and as Missouri's Senior Advocate. As Senior Advocate, she successfully helped shepherd legislation including the Senior Care and Protection Act of 2003 and the Missouri Senior Rx Generic Drug Rebate. She is a member of NOBEL/Women, the National Foundation of Women Legislators, the National Hispanic Council of State Legislators and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, and is a director on the University City School Board.



JANET CHIN

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
ROSEMEAD, CALIFORNIA

Janet Chin was elected to the Garvey School Board in Rosemead, California in 2007 and has been serving as Board President for the past two years. She has served two years as a Director on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, is a U.S. Army veteran and serves on the U.S. Army Los Angeles Recruiting Battalion Community Advisory Board. Chin is the Founder and President of the M. Janet Chin Youth Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit youth educational charity that empowers youth in low growth/low opportunity areas through after school enrichment, civic engagement, service learning and leadership training. She is member of PTA, a Neighborhood Watch Captain, a Sheriff Citizen Academy graduate, a Citizen's Academy graduate, and a member of the Community Emergency Response Team. She is also a Board Member of CalSunshine Education Inc, which runs American Schools in China.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ASHER CORSON

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER
WASHINGTON, DC

Commissioner Asher Corson is currently serving as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington District of Columbia.



MARISOL CRUZ

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
LENNOX, CALIFORNIA

Marisol Cruz was re-elected to the Lennox School District Board of Trustees in 2009. She migrated from San Ignacio Cerro Gordo, Jalisco, Mexico with her family when she was only three months old. As a member of the Lennox School District Board of Trustees, Cruz is working with her fellow board members to ensure that the children of Lennox receive the best public education. The School Board is working to support and nurture the academic programs that encourage and support the development of a whole human being. Cruz believes that it is of vital importance to create an environment of individuals who care and believe in all our children.



XILONIN CRUZ-GONZALEZ

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER
AZUSA, CALIFORNIA

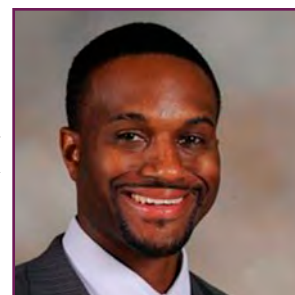
Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez was elected in 2001 to serve on the Azusa, California Board of Education. She was re-elected in 2005 and again in 2009, and currently serves as President of the Board. Her term expires in 2013.



HENRY DAVIS, JR.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Henry Davis, Jr. represents the second district in South Bend's City Council, where he has served since January, 2008. He is the chairperson of the community relations committee; vice-chairman of the community and economic development council and a member of several other committees. When he was elected, Councilman Davis helped make South Bend history by being part of the largest number of minorities to serve on the council at the same time. Councilman Davis is also employed as a caseworker in the Child Support Services division of the county prosecutor's office. While he is in office, Councilman Davis hopes to promote a just and transparent government, work on a tax code that distributes the burden of taxes equally and empower the economically disadvantaged.



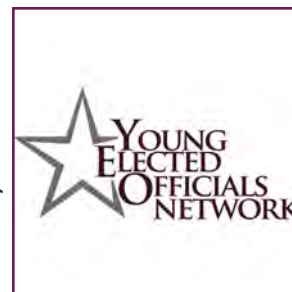
ERIC DESOBE

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILMEMBER
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Eric DeSobe was elected in April 2010 to be President of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, which serves approximately 30,000 people on the west side of Los Angeles. Councilman

2011
National
Convening

DeSobe grew up in Houston, Texas, not far from NASA, and is the only son of two psychologist parents. In his time on the Council, he has helped it create a new website, establish a social media presence and support programming for under-served youth.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MARK DUVALL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MANTACHIE, MISSISSIPPI

State Representative Mark DuVall was elected in 2008 to represent the 19th District of Mississippi. Rep. DuVall is a member of the Mississippi Farm Bureau and Woodmen of the World. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University.



JORDAN ELDRIDGE

PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA

Jordan Eldridge is President of the Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District Board of Directors in Cupertino, California, where he has served since January 2011. Eldridge is currently a legislative intern for California Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski. He got his start politics in 2007 when he was elected to sit on the Foothill De Anza Community College District Board of Education as the De Anza College Student Trustee. He was elected in 2009 and re-elected in 2011 to a seat on the governing body of the California Democratic Party, representing the 22nd Assembly District, and also serves as a local club representative to the governing body of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party. In September of 2009, he was appointed to the Santa Clara County Health Advisory Commission. Eldridge has been an active member of the Silicon Valley Young Democrats, serving as the Secretary, and Executive Vice President from 2008-2010.



DAVIAN LAJOYCE "JOY" ELLISON

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

Joy Ellison is a member of the Laurinburg City Council, where she serves as an alternate for the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Regional Task Force. As a councilwoman, she initiated the first City Employee Survey in conjunction with the Employment Security Commission, which will aid in developing a comprehensive Succession Plan. Councilwoman Ellison is former chair of the Scotland County Democratic Party and is currently a member of the State Executive Council. Additionally, she is a middle school special education teacher and member of the North Carolina Association of Educators. She serves on the board of the Laurinburg Junior Service League. Ellison is a third year Youth Counselor at Camp Spinoza, the hospice sponsored bereavement camp for children. She is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

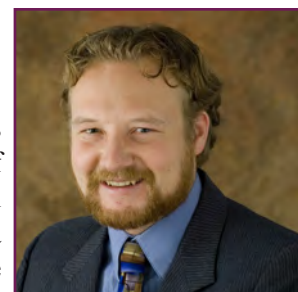


MATTHEW ELSAESSER

CITY COMMISSIONER

HELENA, MONTANA

Matthew Elsaesser was elected as Helena City Commissioner in November 2007. At 27, he is the youngest commissioner on record. Commissioner Elsaesser is the Executive Director of the S.A.V.E. Foundation (Savemobile.org), a nonprofit dedicated to recycling, environmental awareness and conservation policy. Elsaesser grew up in Priest River, Idaho and came to Helena to attend Carroll College in 1999. After graduating in 2003, he stayed in Helena, attracted by the Montana outdoors and the active downtown neighborhood. He is a volunteer coach for Helena's youth climbing team, the Thunder Chickens. In his spare time, he can be found enjoying the Helena surroundings, skiing and rock climbing.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

BRETT FLATER

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILMEMBER
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Brett Flater serves on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council. Councilmember Flater, a former teacher, works for an educational nonprofit serving under-resourced K-12 students. He has served on the Del Rey Neighborhood Council Board since 2008, and is currently its treasurer.



AL FRANKLIN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
LITHONIA, GEORGIA

Al Franklin won a March 2009 special election for the Lithonia City Council at the age of 32. He was re-elected in November 2009 for a full term. Councilman Franklin, who has lived in Lithonia for four years, considers himself a “small town guy” and says his focus is to help attract and keep businesses in the city of Lithonia. Franklin also works as an advertising consultant.



ANTONIO FRENCH

CITY ALDERMAN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Antonio D. French is serving his first term on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen. In 2008, Alderman French worked with St. Louis police to create a four-block “safe zone” for kids to trick-or-treat on Halloween night. Hundreds of kids took part in the festivities, which included an outdoor movie and free candy for all the participating houses. He graduated from Auburn University with a degree in political science.



MICHAEL FRERICHS

STATE SENATOR
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

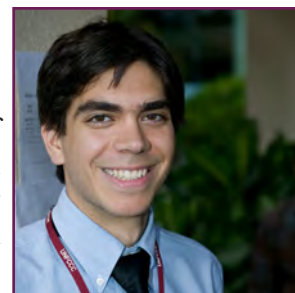
Michael Frerichs was elected to the Illinois Senate in 2006, defeating a popular former state senator and was re-elected last fall over the organizer of the local Tea Party. Sen. Frerichs was elected to the Champaign County Board in 2000 and served as vice chair of the board from 2000 to 2002. In 2002, he was appointed Champaign County Auditor, and was elected to a full term in 2004. Sen. Frerichs graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in German studies. After graduating, he spent two years teaching English in Taiwan.



DOMINIC FRONGILLO

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER
CAROLINE, NEW YORK

Dominic Frongillo made history when he was elected to Caroline’s Town Council at the age of 22. Now 26, he serves as his county’s youngest-ever deputy town supervisor. He graduated from Cornell University in 2005 with an independent degree with honors in sustainable community development. Councilman Frongillo participated in the UN Climate Negotiations in Copenhagen in 2009 and Bali in 2007, as a member of the U.S. Youth Delegation.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DARRELL D. GASTON

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER
WASHINGTON D.C.**

Commissioner Darrell D. Gaston, 22, represents the single member district 8B03, which is a subsection of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B, which comprises the areas of Garfield Hill, Hanover Courts, Hope Village, Langston Lane, Maplewood Courts, the Courts and Woodland Terrace. Commissioner Gaston is a native Washingtonian and lifelong resident, and is serving his first term as an elected official. Currently the youngest elected official in Washington, DC, he was elected with an overwhelming 98% of the vote. He has been elected by his peers to serve as the secretary of Commission 8B and chairs the Commission Committee on Education, Schools, and Libraries.



LATASHA GATLING

**COUNCILMEMBER
SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND**

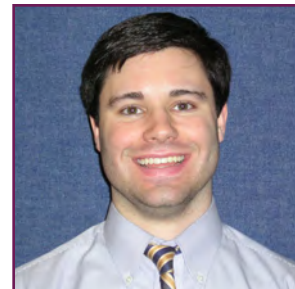
LaTasha Gatling was elected to the Seat Pleasant City Council in 2008, becoming the youngest person elected to serve the city of Seat Pleasant. In October 2009, after one year of serving on the council, she was elected the youngest Council President in the city's history, and was re-elected to the position in October 2010. Gatling is involved in a number of other community service organizations. She is a board member of the Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation. She also serves on the board of RoRo Runner's (Triple R), a youth development organization, of which she is a founding member. Triple R was designed to aid children between the ages of 7 and 14 in academics as well as on the basketball court. Councilwoman Gatling is dedicated to her community and servicing its needs.



CHRISTOPHER M. GENTILE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

Christopher M. Gentile, 22, is a member of the Board of Education in East Hartford, Conn. Gentile graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in history from Boston College in 2010. While in college, he worked at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Mass and in the office of Rep. John B. Larson (CT-1) in Washington, DC. He also served as the Boston College co-coordinator of the national nonprofit organization Peer Health Exchange. After college, he joined Teach for America, and he currently teaches 7th grade social studies at McDonough School in Hartford. This experience informs his service on the Board of Education, where he strives to leverage his unique perspective to provide quality educational opportunities for students throughout the district.



ANDREW GILLUM

**CITY COMMISSIONER
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

Andrew Gillum became the youngest person ever elected to the Tallahassee City Commission in 2003. He has held prominent leadership roles such as 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 with the Florida Democratic Party. 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 with People For the



**2011
National
Convening**

American Way Foundation. Commissioner 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 Association, and the first student member of the Board of Trustees.

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DOROTHEA (DEE) DAWKINS-HAIGLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LITHONIA, GEORGIA

State Rep. Dorothea “DEE” Dawkins-Haigler dedicates her life to public service through her role as a minister, college educator, community activist and political strategist. Before being elected to the state legislature, Rep. Haigler served on the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board as an appointee of Gov. Jim Hodges. She was elected to serve as secretary and vice chair of the Parole Board, and then became the youngest and first African American female chairwoman of the board. Haigler has earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from South Carolina State University, a masters in public administration/personnel management from Kentucky State University, and a master of divinity degree in theology and ethics from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center.. She also holds a doctorate in ministry and is completing a Ph.D at Clark Atlanta University. She is also an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



ISADORE HALL III

STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER

COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

Isadore Hall III was elected in November 2008 to represent the 52nd Assembly District, which includes Compton, Paramount, Rancho Dominguez, South Los Angeles, Watts and Willowbrook. Hall is a member of Speaker Karen Bass’ leadership team and currently serves as assistant speaker pro tempore. Previously, Hall served as president of the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees and mayor pro tem of the Compton City Council. He previously served as a city councilman, representing the 4th District.. As the 4th District representative, he served on the Metropolitan Water Board, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Assembly Member Hall enjoys his service as a member of the ministerial team at Compton Double Rock Missionary Baptist Church.

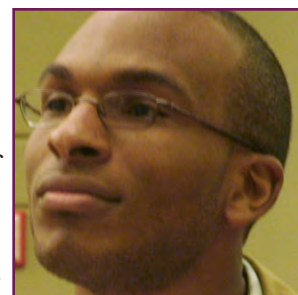


DAYVIN HALLMON

COUNTY SUPERVISOR

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

County Board Supervisor Dayvin Martin Anthony Hallmon was first elected to office at age 23. Supervisor Hallmon is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts in Sociology along with a bachelor of arts in humanities at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. His approach to life and to work consists of integrating multiple disciplines to enhance programs, policy and community development. Hallmon is extraordinarily fortunate to have a loving partner, Jeremy, who is equally committed to serving the community.



STEPHANIE HAUSNER

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CLARKSTOWN, NEW YORK

Stephanie Hausner is a newly elected member of the Clarkstown City Council. She is a member of the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Youth Leadership and the National Jewish Democratic Council Young Leadership. Councilwoman Hausner is also a featured blogger on the NJDC blog. She graduated from Johns Hopkins University, where she majored in international relations.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ELLIE BOLDMAN HILL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Montana State Representative Ellie Hill, a lifelong Rocky Mountain Westerner, and named by Time Magazine as one of the nation's "40 Under 40 Political Rising Stars." She developed an interest in progressive politics at Boise State University where she graduated with her Father, a union worker and Vietnam Veteran, who had taken one night class a semester for 36 years. After graduating from the University of Idaho, College of Law, with a Juris Doctor, she practiced as deputy prosecutor. Most recently, Representative Hill was hired to serve as the Executive Director of one of Western Montana's best known and beloved nonprofit organizations, advocating for the homeless and impoverished. Ms. Hill is a Forward Montana Rock Star (Bus Project) and the founding Co-Chair of the Missoula Chapter of the New Leaders Council, as well as Vice President of the national Young Democrats of America.



ERIC HINSON

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

HAVANA, FLORIDA

Eric Hinson is a school board member in Gadsden County, Fla. He is a graduate of Florida A&M University, where he was a member of the Rattler Football Team, and received a B.S. in agricultural business. He began his career as a math instructor and head football coach, and in 2003 was named "Coach of The Year" for Class 1A, District 3. In addition, he expanded his career by becoming a visiting teacher, monitoring truancy and absenteeism of students. Currently, he is a full-time faculty member of Florida A&M University, a member of the board of directors for the Florida High School Athletic Association and an active member of the National School Board Association and its Black Caucus affiliate.



EDDIE HOLGUIN, JR.

CITY REPRESENTATIVE

EL PASO, TEXAS

Eddie Holguin, Jr. currently serves as a city representative for the city of El Paso, Texas, representing District 6. He was elected earlier this year.



LINDSEY HOLMES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Rep. Lindsey Holmes serves on the Judiciary and Labor & Commerce committees, the Legislative Council, and the Finance subcommittees for the committees on Health & Social Services and Law. In addition to her public service, she works as an attorney in private practice, specializing in corporate, real estate and telecommunications law, and is a former law clerk of Alaska Supreme Court Justice Warren Matthews. Rep. Holmes is a Henry Toll Fellow, an Aspen Institute Catto Fellow, and was a 2003 recipient of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce's "Alaska's Top Forty Under 40" award. She currently serves on the boards of directors of The Nature Conservancy, the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation and the Anchorage Concert Foundation, and is a member of the Anchorage Downtown Rotary Club. She holds a B.A. with honors from Middlebury College, an M.A. from Stanford, and a J.D. with honors from the University of Chicago Law School.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

KENYATTA JOHNSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

State Rep. Kenyatta Johnson was elected in 2008 to serve the 186th Legislative District, which includes parts of South and Southwest Philadelphia. He currently serves as Deputy Whip, Vice Chairman of the House Children and Youth Committee, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on First Class Cities and Counties. In addition, he is a member of the House Human Services Committee and the House State Government Committee. As President of the Student Government Association and Chair of the Board of Student Government Presidents at Mansfield University, Johnson was a leading advocate for funding for the 14 universities within the state system of higher education.. He later received a master's in Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania Fels Center of Government and has completed the Governing for Non Profit Excellence program at the Harvard School of Business.



LUCY JOHNSON

MAYOR

KYLE, TEXAS

Born and raised in Kyle, Texas, Mayor Lucy Johnson believes strongly in 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 enjoys regularly working with local nonprofits such as 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.



VONZELLE JOHNSON

CITY COMMISSIONER

DELAND, FLORIDA

City Commissioner Vonzelle Johnson has been representing the city of DeLand, Florida since August 2010. Johnson founded Brothers Advocating Service and Inspiration in the Community, Inc., a nonprofit mentoring organization that provides guidance and positive modeling to adolescent males in the community. Through the organization, Commissioner Johnson spearheads community initiatives and provides oversight to programs offered through the organization. Programs range from an after-school program to annual summits. Commissioner Johnson is a professor at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida and the director of a collegiate peer mentor program at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. Johnson is committed to adequately preparing the next generation of leaders, and provides internships to college students through his mentoring organization and commission office.



TISHAURA O. JONES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Tishaura O. Jones is currently serving her second term in the Missouri House of Representatives. She is the first African-American and the first woman to hold the position of Assistant Minority Floor Leader in Missouri history. As a member of the leadership team, she is the second in command of the Democratic members of the Missouri House of Representatives. Jones has a master's degree in Health Administration from the Saint Louis University School of Public Health and a bachelor's degree in Finance from Hampton University. She has more than ten years of healthcare experience working in hospitals and community health centers. Currently, Rep. Jones is the Vice President of Public Finance at Blaylock, Robert, Van, LLC, the third largest minority-owned investment banking firm in the county.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ARIANA KELLY

STATE DELEGATE

BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Delegate Ariana Kelly has spent her career advocating for the rights of women and families. Prior to her election she served as Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, Executive Producer of PBS' *To The Contrary*, and staffed nonprofit organizations including Girls Inc., MomsRising and Legal Momentum. In 2010, she leveraged her policy, media, organizing and management experience into a successful campaign for Maryland's House of Delegates. Kelly shocked the political establishment when she defeated ten men in a record-shattering Democratic primary to represent the Bethesda area. Delegate Kelly was outspent nearly two-to-one by the second place finisher. Delegate Kelly serves on the Health and Government Operations Committee, as well as the Minority Health Disparities sub-committee, the Insurance sub-committee, and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission sub-committee. She is lead co-sponsor of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination Act, and lead sponsor of the Task Force on Green Chemistry.



DAR'SHUN KENDRICK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LITHONIA, GA

State Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick was born and raised in DeKalb County, GA, minutes east of Atlanta, where she was sworn in to represent over 50,000 residents of DeKalb and Rockdale counties as a State Representative in 2010. She is a business attorney who owns her own firm in her district and is currently pursuing a Master's in Business Administration. Rep. Kendrick sits on the DeKalb Bar Association Board of Directors and the Partnership for Community Action, Inc. Board. She has worked in Washington, D.C. for her member of Congress, worked for two years at the Georgia Capitol, and co-founded numerous party chapters at her university and in her county.



MARTHA KENT

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Martha Kent is an elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.



KEVIN KILLER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

State Representative Kevin Killer was elected in 2008. A young leader born, raised and educated in South Dakota, Rep. Killer is a graduate of the YEO Network's Front Line Leaders Academy. He has also served as Student Senate president of Oglala Lakota College and Wakpamni District treasurer. Rep. Killer is a rising star in the national progressive movement.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MATT LESSER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

State Rep. Matthew Lesser, 26, is the youngest member of the Connecticut General Assembly. He represents part of the city of Middletown and the towns of Middlefield and Durham. Prior to his service in the legislature, he served on the Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission, worked for the Democratic National Committee and worked on state and national political campaigns. Lesser has worked on behalf of Senators Chris Dodd and Barack Obama and interned at the Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy. In the legislature, Lesser sits on the Public Health, Energy and Technology and Education Committees. Rep. Lesser has been a strong voice in support of Election Day voter registration. He is also passionate about family farms, energy efficiency and consumer credit reform. Rep. Lesser has called for switching schools over to renewable alternative sources of energy and for funding the PILOT and ECS programs.



ALEXANDER LEWY

CITY COMMISSIONER

HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA

Alexander Lewy was elected to the Hallandale Beach City Commission in November 2010. He understood the investment his community made in him when he was growing up, and strives to give back to that community. Lewy was elected at the age of 29 and is the second youngest Commissioner in the city's history and the only Hispanic elected to the City Commission in Hallandale Beach.



MARKO LIAS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

EDMONDS, WASHINGTON

State Rep. Marko Lias was appointed to a vacant seat in the Washington House of Representatives in 2007, and was elected to a full term in 2008. Prior to his appointment, Rep. Lias served as a member of the Mukilteo City Council. He was born in Edmonds, Wash. and grew up in the Pacific Northwest, a proud graduate of Kamiak High School in Mukilteo and Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He previously worked as a small business owner and general contractor, and has also worked as a freelance reporter for the *Mukilteo Beacon* and as a researcher for KING-5 TV in Seattle.



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, defeating an incumbent with nearly two-thirds of the vote. After spearheading the city's first-ever strategic planning effort in 2006, she was re-elected to the Ward seat 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 76% of the vote. Councilor Liot Hill is the mother of two daughters. She sits on the boards of WISE, a nonprofit 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 Democratic Party's State Committee and recently co-chaired the NHDP State Convention.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

EVAN LOW

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

CAMPBELL CITY, CALIFORNIA

In 2006, Evan Low became 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.



ERIC G. LUEDTKE

STATE DELEGATE

BURTONSVILLE, MARYLAND

Eric G. Luedtke was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2011. He is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, as well as the education subcommittee, the transportation subcommittee and the finance resources subcommittee. Delegate Luedtke is also a member of the Bi-County Agency Committee. Luedtke received a B.A. in Government and History from University of Maryland, College Park, and has also worked a teacher in the Montgomery County public schools.



JEREMY J. LY

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

MINOOKA, ILLINOIS

Jeremy Ly is serving in his first term as a Grundy County, Illinois Board Member. Ly chairs the Board's Cost Benefit Analysis & Elections Committee and is Vice-Chair of the Health Insurance Committee. He has worked for U.S. Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11), and currently works on business outreach and engagement for Joliet Junior College, the first public community college in the nation. Prior to being elected, Ly was a Teach for America corps member and taught 4th grade students at a charter school on Chicago's southwest side. In 2009, he organized his fellow teachers

by joining forces with Chicago Alliance for Charter Teachers and Staff, a project of the American Federation of Teachers, Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Chicago Teachers Union to ratify a three-year contract which included curriculum and professional development, parent-community partnerships, a new teacher evaluation process, class size limits and improved salary and benefits.



CHRISTOPHER BRENNAN LYDDY

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

NEWTON, CONNECTICUT

Christopher Brennan Lyddy is serving his second term in the Connecticut General Assembly, representing his hometown of Newton. He serves as the Vice Chair of the Public Health committee and is also a member of the Education and Human Services committees. Representative Lyddy has served on the Speaker's Task Force on Domestic Violence and the Speaker's Task Force on Children in the Recession. Most recently, he was elected Co-Chair of the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council and was appointed to the Connecticut Public Health Emergency



**2011
National
Convening**

Advisory Council. In his first term, Lyddy was named a Children's Champion by the Early Childhood Alliance and Legislator of the Year by the NASW-CT. He also received the first annual Tip of the Cap award from ConnCAN, and the Advocacy Award from the Connecticut Center for Child Development.

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

BRIDGET MANIACI

ADLERWOMAN

MADISON, WISCONSIN

Alder Bridget Maniaci was elected to the Madison Common Council in April, 2009 after beating the 8-year incumbent in a contentious 5-way race. She withstood a challenge and was re-elected to her seat this last April. A native of Madison, Maniaci graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2007 with degrees in political science and economics. Her first term was dominated by a contentious \$50 million hotel redevelopment proposal that became a city-wide issue and was ultimately approved. Maniaci serves on the Housing Committee and its Landlord-Tenant Issues Subcommittee, where she has distinguished herself on legislation for tenants rights. She also serves on the Transit & Parking Commission and its ADA Transit Subcommittee, the Pedestrian/Bicycle/Motor Vehicle Commission, the East Washington/Capitol Gateway Build Steering Committee, the State Street Design Project Oversight Committee and the James Madison Park Surplus Property Disposal Committee.

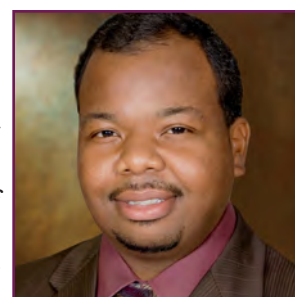


LEVON CHARLES MANZIE

SCHOOL BOARD COMMISSIONER

MOBILE, ALABAMA

County Board of Schools Commissioner Rev. Levon Charles Manzie was elected in the November general elections to a six year term as a Commissioner of the Mobile County Board of School Commissioners. The Mobile County School Board is the largest school system in the State of Alabama. At 25, Manzie is the youngest person ever elected to serve in this position, receiving 66% of the vote in his district. Manzie is a college senior, majoring in political science and history and serves as Assistant Pastor of the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church of Whistler, AL.



STEPHEN DOUGLAS MASON

CITY COUNCILMAN

CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

Councilman Stephen Douglas Mason serves on the seven member council for the city of Cedar Hill, Texas.

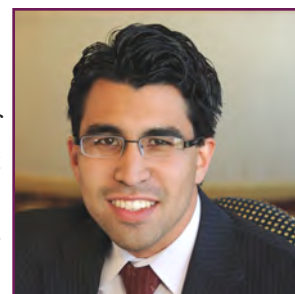


MICHAEL MATURO

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER

TAPPAN, NEW YORK

Town Councilmember Michael Maturo represents 50,000 residents in his hometown of Orangetown, New York. After a year of teaching computer science in a small city on the east coast of China, Maturo answered a desire to contribute closer to home. During his first term, he focused on three key areas: systematic environmental consciousness, hamlet development, and revitalization of a \$3 million golf enterprise. Success came with a multi-stakeholder approach to problem solving, securing buy-in from specific, energized citizen groups, appointed officials, and elected officials. A less public but equally important effort has been to infuse technology into the process of government, from land use board project visualization to IT services centralization for simplicity and cost efficiency. After enjoying five years heavily engaged in local politics, Maturo is opting not to run for re-election to expand and challenge himself in a larger context in New York City.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MARLON MCWILSON

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Board Member Marlon McWilson is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, where he played football on an athletic scholarship. Currently, Board Member McWilson is a business owner in Oakland and the associate academic liaison for Cal Football. He is committed to community and education, which is why he is proud to serve the people of Alameda County.



HEATH MELLO

STATE SENATOR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Senator Heath Mello was elected to the Nebraska Legislature on November 4th, 2008. He currently serves on the Appropriations, Redistricting, Nebraska Retirement Systems, Legislative Performance Audit, Building Maintenance, and Legislature's Planning Committees. Senator Mello has focused his legislative agenda on job creation and is active with the CSG MLC Economic Development and Energy committees as well as the NCSL Labor/Economic Development and Agriculture/Energy committees. Prior to his election, he served as a Senior Aide to U.S. Senator Ben Nelson. Senator Mello is a graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Political Science degree.



MONISHA MERCHANT

UNIVERSITY REGENT

LAKWOOD, COLORADO

Monisha Merchant represents Colorado's 7th Congressional District on the University of Colorado Board of Regents. A proud Colorado native, she is committed to keeping the University of Colorado an accessible and affordable post-secondary option. She chairs the board's awards and capital construction committees and is the vice-chair of the budget and finance committee. Understanding the power of education to change lives and communities, she is a staunch advocate for children, especially for those growing up in underserved communities. Merchant serves on Boards for nonprofits serving children and is on the White House Project Leadership Council. She is a Truman National Security Project Fellow and a Harry S. Truman Scholar. Professionally, she is a senior director of product management at Level 3 Communications, where she manages a multimillion dollar fiber optic telecommunications product portfolio. She has degrees in electrical engineering and political science from MIT and an MBA from Yale School of Management.



DERWIN L. MONTGOMERY

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Derwin Montgomery was elected to the Council of East Ward, City of Winston-Salem in 2009. He is a recipient of the City of Winston-Salem Martin Luther King Young Dreamers Award. Montgomery is a member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Black Elected Municipal Officials, and the Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. He is also a member of the National League of Cities and of the Public Safety Committee in addition to being the Vice Chair of Public Works Committee. Councilman Montgomery graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a focus of Political Science.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

LAURA NALLEY

SCHOOL COUNCILMEMBER

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

In 1998, School Councilmember Laura Nalley joined Teach For America in Washington, D.C., as an 8th grade Spanish teacher at Paul Junior High School. She taught for four years before moving back home to Chicago to join Teach For America's staff in 2002. After working for six years on Teach For America's recruitment team (focused especially on campuses in the Midwest) Nalley transitioned to a role on our alumni team where she had the opportunity to help mobilize peers who were working in and outside of the classroom to realize the vision of educational equity for all students. She currently lives with her husband in the Lincoln Square neighborhood of Chicago's north side. Councilwoman Nalley serves on the Local School Council within Chicago Public Schools.



YASMIN NEAL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

JONESBORO, GEORGIA

State Rep. Yasmin Neal is a native of Georgia, and was born and raised in Clayton County. Rep. Neal is currently a Detective at the Clayton County Police Department in the Major Felony Unit. She also worked at the Clayton County Sheriffs Department as an Internal Affairs/Backgrounds and Hiring Investigator, and then an Investigator in the Fugitive Unit. Representative Neal is a graduate of Jonesboro High School and attended Valdosta State and Clayton State Colleges, where she pursued a degree in Criminal Justice. In 2005, Neal interned with Georgia Public Broadcasting as a Production Assistant and covered the legislative process as an intern with GBP's "LAWMAKERS" live television show. She was also a writer for the Clayton News Daily and Henry Daily Herald Newspaper. Formerly, Representative Neal worked for the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles.



PAT NOONAN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

RAMSAY, MONTANA

Pat Noonan was first elected in 2008 to serve as the State Representative for House District 73 in Ramsay, Montana, and was reelected in 2010. Noonan worked for AWARE, Inc. in 2003 where he worked with children suffering from mental illness. He is currently working as the employment services coordinator for adults with developmental disabilities.



JEREMY NORDQUIST

STATE SENATOR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

State Senator Jeremy Nordquist has represented District 7 in the Nebraska Legislature since January 2009. Senator Nordquist is Chairman of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and is also member of the Appropriations Committee, State-Tribal Relations Committee and Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee. In 2010, Senator Nordquist was selected to serve as the 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. Nordquist is currently completing a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in health care at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Senator Nordquist also serves on the Board of Directors of the One World Community Health Center in South Omaha.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MICHAEL T. PEMBLETON, JR.

MAYOR

SUNFLOWER, MISSISSIPPI

At age 22, Mayor Michael T. Pembleton, Jr. is the youngest mayor in the State of Mississippi, and also the first African American mayor of Sunflower. Since taking office in July 2009, he has focused on infrastructure, public parks, education and the beautification of Sunflower, an area with over 30,000 residents. Pembleton is proud of his record of service and dedication to Sunflower County and the State of Mississippi. His motto is "If better is possible, than good is not enough," and Mayor Pembleton plans to continue to fight for his constituents.



BETH PETERSON

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

EVELETH, MINNESOTA

City Councilmember Beth Peterson serves the city of Eveleth, Minnesota. She was elected in 2010.



QUENTIN W. PHIPPS

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONER

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

In 2007, Quentin W. Phipps, lifelong Middletown resident, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning commission. Later that year, he was elected to remain in that post and continues to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission. After graduating from the Middletown Public School system, Phipps attended Bryant University of Smithfield, Rhode Island. While at Bryant, he was involved with a number of university organizations: he was president of the student senate, treasurer of the INROADS Student Association of Greater Hartford – Springfield Chapter, and as a resident assistant. For his service at Bryant, he earned the Martin Luther King Junior Leadership Award for his contributions to the greater Bryant community. He currently is the vice president and manager at the Glastonbury banking center for TD Bank, and is involved the Middlesex Substance Abuse Action Council. He also is a leader of the Connecticut Young Democrats and the Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theatre.



SAM PRADO

CITY COUNCILMEMBER

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

At the age of 32, Sam Prado is the youngest member of the Wilmington City Council and is the only Hispanic Democrat elected in the State of Delaware. Prior to becoming a councilman, he was appointed in 2001 by Mayor James M. Baker as a constituent services officer. Over the years, he has responded to hundreds of citizen inquiries and community concerns. Councilman Prado is a 1999 graduate of the University of Delaware and received his degree in political science.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JERMAINE REED

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Councilman Jermaine began serving the underserved citizens in Kansas City, Missouri as a young teen. At 26, he is committed to improving economic opportunities for citizens in Kansas City's 3rd District. Mr. Reed is the youngest member on the City Council; however, his depth of experience has prepared him to accomplish his campaign platform to "Energize and Restore the Third District." He currently serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure, Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities and the Public Safety and Emergency Services Committees. Reed received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He serves as Chairman of the Board for the Group Against Crime, an organization committed to reducing crime in Kansas City.



MICHELE REINHART

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MISSOULA, MONTANA

Michele Reinhart is a third-term Montana state representative, serving on the Business and Labor, Natural Resources and Local Government Committees. She grew up in Livingston, Montana, just north of Yellowstone National Park. Representative Reinhart has a B.A. and a M.S. in Environmental Studies and is now attending law school. She was a 2010 American Bar Association Janet Steiger Anti-Trust/Consumer Protection Fellow and has ten years of natural resource policy experience. Reinhart lobbied on energy, natural resource and agriculture issues for the Northern Plains Resource Council and the Montana Environmental Information Center. She is a former land use planner and Yellowstone Park Ranger. Representative Reinhart is currently a legal intern with the Missoula County Prosecutor's office. Someday, she hopes to see the creation of a Montana Environmental Criminal Unit to prosecute illegal pollution dumping and prevent toxic contamination of the environment.



CRAIG RICE

COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND

Craig Rice was elected to the Montgomery County Council in 2010. He previously served four years in the Maryland House of Delegates, first elected in 2006. He was the first African American to represent District 15, the most affluent District in the State with a minority population of less than 10%. Rice has lived with his family in Germantown, Maryland, for the past five years. Mr. Rice has been the President of the Germantown Democratic Club, sat on the Board of Directors for the Villages at Town Center Association and is a member of the Germantown Alliance, the NAACP and the Montgomery County Young Democrats.



RONALD RICE

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Ron is a third-generation Newarker. He won the race for West Ward Councilman in 2006, and was sworn into office alongside Mayor Cory A. Booker. Councilman Rice has introduced initiatives for city government reform, economic development and community empowerment. He has sponsored the far-reaching municipal ethics reform, creating an Office of the Inspector General, instituted "pay to play" political contribution reform and created an open and transparent appointment process. Rice was the lead advocate for the West Ward Abandoned Properties Initiative, a major



2011
National
Convening

neighborhood redevelopment project in the Fairmount District that is building workforce housing and using local, minority contractors. He is a graduate of American University and Seton Hall University, and also attended the School of Law in Newark, NJ.

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

HECTOR RODRIGUEZ

COUNTY LEGISLATOR
NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

Hector S. Rodriguez represents District 10 in the Ulster County Legislature. He was endorsed by the Democratic, Independence, and Working Families parties. Rodriguez is the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development, Planning, Housing and Transit. He is also a member of Government Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs committee as well as the Committee on Environmental Protection.



JASON ROGERS

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
PARIS, TEXAS

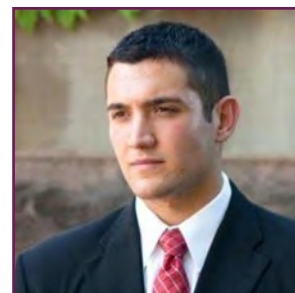
Wanting to give back to his community, Jason Rogers serves as the youngest member of the City Council in Paris, Texas. He also serves as the Project Coordinator of the National Children's Study. He is also the Executive Director of the Ralph Rodgers Academy, a Christian childcare center and private school dedicated to educating underprivileged children. He also serves in his local church as the Youth Pastor for St. Paul Baptist Church and as Media Director and Scout Leader for the church's Boy Scout Troop. In his spare time he is President and CEO of Club Souldier, an organization committed to assisting at-risk youth find employment and/or receive their G.E.D., High School Diploma or continue on to higher education. Continuing his belief in Social Justice, Councilman Rogers helped to Draft and pass the City's first ever ZERO Tolerance Policy on Racism.



EDDIE ROOKER

ALDERMAN
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Eddie Rooker is an Ithaca City Adlerman.



JASON ROTHMAN

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER
POMONA, CALIFORNIA

Jason Rothman has served on the Pomona Unified School District Board since 2009. Rothman previously served as a Pomona planning commissioner. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a B.S. in biotechnology.



BRIAN ROWLAND

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

City Councilman Brian Rowland was elected at the age of 29, and was an instrumental force in the successful restoration of Prairie View A&M University students' rights to vote. He has received the Young Champions of Justice Award from the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights.

2011
National
Convening

He has been actively involved in the NAACP for the last 16 years. Currently, he is the Assistant Treasurer for the Texas State Conference for NAACP Branches. Rowland holds a Master's in Community Development, and a Master's in Business Administration from Prairie View A&M University. He completed his undergraduate studies at Tarleton State University.



undergraduate studies at

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

CARL SCIORTINO

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Carl Sciortino represents the Boston-area communities of Somerville and Medford. In 2004 he defeated an anti-marriage equality incumbent defended two unsuccessful attempts to amend the state constitution. As a LGBT lawmaker, Sciortino works to extend equal rights to transgender residents. 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 & testing policies and increasing access to public transportation. Prior to the legislature, he worked in the public health field in the area of HIV/AIDS research. Representative Sciortino is currently serving his fourth term in the legislature.



NATHAN SHINAGAWA

COUNTY LEGISLATOR

ITHACA, NEW YORK

Nathan Ikkyu Hanil Shinigawa became the youngest county legislator in the history of Tompkins County, N.Y. when he was elected in 2005. He currently serves as the chair of the Public Safety Committee, where he promotes alternatives to incarceration programs. Legislator Shinagawa is a graduate of Cornell University.



KYRSTEN SINEMA

STATE SENATOR

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Kyrsten Sinema currently serves as the State Senator for District 15, an area that covers most of central Phoenix. Prior to her 2010 election to the Arizona State Senate, she served 3 terms in the Arizona House of Representatives. From 2009 to 2010, she was the Assistant Leader of the Democratic Caucus. Senator Sinema also served on the Appropriations and Judiciary Committees. She is the only Arizona legislator to serve on the White House Health Reform Task Force. Senator Sinema holds both a law degree and an MSW from ASU, and is currently pursuing her PhD in the School of Social Justice and Social Inquiry at ASU. She was just named one of Times Magazine's "40 Under 40" as one of the rising stars of American politics. Her first book, *Unite and Conquer: How to Build Coalitions that Win and Last*, was released in July 2009 by Berrett-Koehler Publishers.



AHNNA SMITH

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ahnna Smith is currently in her first term as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington, DC, and was elected Vice-Chair of the Board. She works as a senior advisor in the office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, where she oversees a number of projects related to school facilities, public charter schools, and inter-agency collaboration. Previously, Smith worked as a senior graduate recruitment manager with Teach First, a UK based nonprofit that addresses educational inequality across schools in England and Northern Ireland. Prior to that, she worked for Teach For America in Washington, DC as a recruitment director. After earning a degree in political science, magna cum laude from the University of Maryland, College Park, she began her career as an elementary school teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a Teach For America corps member where she was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by her peers.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

RICHARD ST. PAUL

**CITY COUNCILMEMBER
NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK**

Richard St. Paul was elected to the New Rochelle City Council in 2007, and currently serves as deputy mayor. He worked in the White House under the Clinton Administration, on Capitol Hill in the office of U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah and in the office of Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge. Currently, he is a licensed attorney in the state of New York and the District of Columbia. Councilman St. Paul is also an adjunct professor at Monroe College in New Rochelle. In addition, he has served his country for several years as a member of the United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General (JAG), and the Legal Service Organization.



KACIE STARR –TRIPLETT

**ALDERWOMAN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Kacie Starr-Triplett is one of Saint Louis' youngest and brightest leaders. Elected at the age of 26 to the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, her dedication to the city has attracted national attention. She's been featured in ALIVE and Ebony magazines as a Young Leader Under 30. Triplett has also represented the United States during a bi-partisan delegation to East Asia where she studied the government and history of Vietnam. During the presidential primary, she served as the local spokesperson for the Barack Obama campaign – playing an important role in his historic victory, and later serving as a delegate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Prior to her election, Kacie Starr-Triplett served as the District Affairs Coordinator for Congressman Russ Carnahan and as the Community Outreach Coordinator for former House minority leader Dick Gephardt, in Washington, D.C. and in St. Louis.



MARK STEVENS

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER
WASHINGTON, DC**

Mark Stevens is an elected Neighborhood Commissioner in the city of Washington DC.



JAMES SULLIVAN

**MAYOR
SCHUYLERVILLE, NEW YORK**

Mayor James Sullivan has been serving on the Village of Victory Board of Trustees since 2009.



YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

ELIZABETH TOLEDO

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

THERMAL, CALIFORNIA

Elizabeth R. Toledo was sworn in 2010 as the newest member of the Riverside County Board of Education. Toledo was appointed to replace Trustee William Kroonen. Until her appointment, Toledo previously served on the Coachella Valley Unified School District Board. She also manages a Building Healthy Communities program. Toledo represents the Coachella Valley, Desert Center, Desert Sands and Palo Verde school districts.

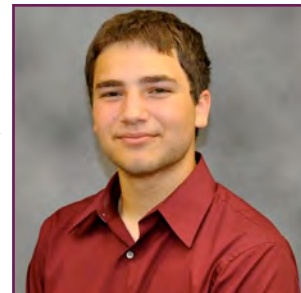


DANIEL TORRES

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

At the time of his election in 2009, Daniel Torres was the youngest elected official in New York State. He is also the youngest elected Latino in the history of New York State.



ANNA MARIE TOVAR

REPRESENTATIVE

TOLLESON, ARIZONA

Anna Marie Tovar has been serving in the Arizona House of Representatives since 2009. Previously, Tovar served as councilmember to the city of Tolleson from eight years and was appointed Vice-Mayor in 2007. Tovar serves as a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO). Rep. Tovar attended Arizona State University where she received a B.A., Elementary Education with Emphasis in English as a Second Language. In addition to her service as a state representative, Tovar is also a teacher at Tolleson Elementary School.



IGOR TREGUB

RENT BOARD COMMISSIONER

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Commissioner Igor Tregub is serving as a Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner. Tregub is finalizing plans to deploy a mentorship and civic engagement program for at risk-youth in middle school in the coming year. Aside from his service to the Commission, Tregub works as an engineer with the Department of Energy and is completing the final month of the Future Leaders Program, a two-year professional development program. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 2008 with bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Political Science, and he is currently working towards a master's degree in Management Science and Engineering with an emphasis on International Security at Stanford University.



TROIDL, TIFFANY

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Tiffany Troidl is a Governing Board Member of the Creighton Elementary School District.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

DAVID VELA

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

A Los Angeles native, David Vela was elected to the Montebello Unified School District Board of Education in 2007, and during his tenure, he has helped create a perfect attendance campaign. Vela has also initiated a school task force which 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. 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

Committeewoman Jenna Vendil found positive role in her teachers who encouraged her to work hard and set high goals. Vendil was able to overcome the challenges of poverty and periodic homelessness, and pursued college level courses at Brown University while still in high school. In 2002, Vendil received a scholarship that allowed her to come to Maine to study at Bates College. In 2008, Committeewoman Vendil became the field director for the League of Young Voters.



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).



JAMES LOUIS 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. Mayor Walls has received accolades from many cities and states from around the country for his outstanding commitment and dedication to public and community service. In 2008, Mayor Walls received the distinguished *Civic Engagement Award* from Prince George's County. Mayor Walls serves on the Executive Board of Directors for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and currently serves as the National Treasurer. He is the former president of the Maryland Black Mayors Association.



VIRGIL WATKINS, JR.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
MAGON, GEORGIA

Councilman Virgil Watkins Jr., 23, is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a degree in political science. In 2007, he was elected to represent the Fourth Ward on the Macon City Council.

Prior to his elected, Councilman Watkins worked for the Service Employees International Union as a political organizer, served as Democratic representative on the Bibb County Board of Elections, and was a mayoral appointee to the Macon Transit Authority.



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

MARK WILLIAMS

TRANSIT BOARD MEMBER
CASTRO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

As a member of the Castro Valley Transit Board, Williams represents the Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview.



FAITH WINTER

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
WESTMINSTER, COLORADO

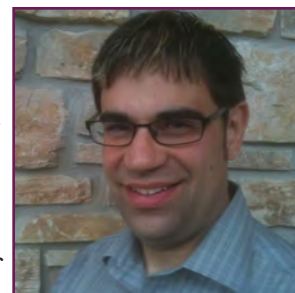
Councilwoman Faith Winter was elected in 2007. Winter has spent her entire career bringing people together to make positive change. She has worked in homeless shelters and board rooms, and over the last decade, Winter has helped empower thousands of people to become civically involved and participate in democracy. In Westminster, she worked with nonprofits to create affordable housing, with local businesses to create jobs and with local residents on making community improvements.



MICHAEL WOJCIK

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

Michael Wojcik was elected in 2008 to the city council. He is a member of the Olmsted County Environmental Commission, the Fox Hill Neighborhood, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Youth and Adult Soccer, Core Neighborhood Advocates and is a Smart Energy Policy Advocate. He attained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of North Dakota, as well as a master's degree in electrical engineering business administration from the University of Minnesota.



CYNTHIA WOLKEN

CITY COUNCILMEMBER
MISSOULA, MINNESOTA

Cynthia Wolken was sworn in as a Missoula City Councilwoman in 2011. She is currently the 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.



DAVID WOODWARD

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

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



2011
National
Convening

YOUNG ELECTED OFFICIALS

JUSTEN A. WRIGHT

**CITY COUNCILMEMBER
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

Justen Wright is currently in his first term as a city councilmember, 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.



JOSH YOUNG

**TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER
GOATSEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Commissioner Young was elected to the Caln Township Board of Commissioners in 2005 at the age of 23 and re-elected in 2009. He has ushered the Board into the 21st century by utilizing digital communications, digital data storage and paperless meetings. Commissioner Young created the Caln Township's renewable energy and conservation task force, which has hosted two green expos, promotes recycling and community gardens. The commissioner is a county Democratic committee member. In 2006, Young was elected to the Pennsylvania Democratic state committee, and in the following year, he was appointed by the governor to serve as a trustee at Slippery Rock University. He later became the youngest chairman of the Council of Trustees in university history. Young was honored in 2010 as one of Pennsylvania's 30 under 30.





MEET THE YEO TEAM

ANDREW D. GILLUM

YEO NETWORK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Andrew Gillum, Executive Director of the YEO Network, became the youngest person elected to the Tallahassee City Commission in February 2003. He served as Field Organizer and statewide Director of the “Arrive With 5” program with PFAW Foundation, having organized the largest get-out-the-vote campaign in Florida’s history. Currently, he is the National Director of PFAW Foundation’s Youth Programs, including leading the YEO Network. Andrew completed Harvard Kennedy School’s 2009-summer session of their Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program and serves on the Board of Directors for The Schott Foundation for Public Education.

Andrew and his wife, R.Jai Gillum, are proud alumni of Florida A&M University (FAMU), where Andrew is a former president of the Student Government Association and FAMU’s first student member of the Board of Trustees. Contact Andrew at agillum@pfaw.org.



RYAN HURST

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Ryan is a graduate of the Florida State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree for a double major in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Social Science. Originally from Plantation, Florida, Ryan volunteers in local, state, and federal campaigns, and helped lead the Obama Campaign to a Florida victory as a Field Organizer overseeing three of North Florida’s largest counties. Before becoming the Network’s membership services coordinator, Ryan served as an intern, assisting with both 2008 and 2009 National Convenings, and is an alumnus of the Front Line Leaders Academy. In addition to his work with the YEO Network, Ryan co-leads the Front Line Leaders Academy program. Contact Ryan at rhurst@pfaw.org.



ALISHA THOMAS MORGAN

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

A graduate of Spelman College, Alisha Thomas Morgan has been with PFAW since 2005. In November 2002, she became the first African American to serve Cobb County in the Georgia House of Representatives. She has received numerous awards and honors including the Joe Mack Milson People’s Champion Award, featured in *Ebony*, *Essence* and *Marie Claire* Magazines and has become a national leader in Education Reform. Alisha is married to David Morgan and is a proud mommy to their daughter, Lailah Camille. She also released her first book entitled *No Apologies: Powerful Lessons in Life, Love & Politics*. Contact Alisha at amorgan@pfaw.org.



LINDA INGE

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

Linda Inge began with PFAW Foundation in 2000 as a volunteer, but quickly turned her passion for civil rights into a career. Since joining PFAW and PFAW Foundation, Linda has worked on several important campaigns, such as the Florida Class Size Reduction Amendment, the U.S. Supreme Court issues in 2005 and 2006, and the Foundation’s Election Protection (EP) for two election cycles. Linda also runs a community shared-cost food program in Gadsden County called “Neighborhood Improvement for a Better Living.” In its seventh year, it is able to consistently help 200 families per month. Linda resides in Tallahassee, Florida with her husband, Leron Inge. Contact Linda at linge@pfaw.org.



YEO TEAM

RAQUEL SIMON-PETLEY

PROGRAMS MANAGER

Raquel began her work at PFAW Foundation in 2005 as the Program Coordinator for the Tallahassee Office, managing the Supreme Court campaign in Florida and running statewide events for several 2006 Florida legislative issues. Her work in politics began as communications staff at the Florida Democratic Party and continued as a public relations representative in Tallahassee. Raquel's current work with the YEO Network has allowed her to combine several of her passions, including event planning, graphic design, marketing and progressive politics. A graduate of Florida State University, Raquel is a proud Floridian, where she resides with her husband, Chris Petley. Contact Raquel at rsimon@pfaw.org.



YEO Network Interns

DJAWA HALL

Djawa Hall joined the Young Elected Officials Network as a spring and summer intern. His political experiences include interning on a local campaign for Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox and in the Tallahassee outreach office Senator Bill Nelson of Florida. He has worked in media production and television news for seven years for the Tallahassee local CBS affiliate. Hall is also a student at Tallahassee Community College studying Political Science.



CIERRA ROBINSON

Cierra Robinson is currently a student at Tallahassee Community College, majoring in Public Relations with a recent interest in the world of politics. The concept behind progressive elected officials is what drew her towards YEO, and she feels that making a difference in the world is without a doubt the synopsis of her life meaning. She idolizes current young elected officials, and hopes to accomplish as much as they have at a young age.



NICK SAVELLI

Nick Savelli recently graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Women's Studies and Political Science. He has been an intern for the YEO Network on and off for more than a year. As a passionate community organizer and activist, Nick is excited to start the next chapter of his life in Washington DC with a summer internship at Planned Parenthood. Feel free to contact Nick about any post summer job opportunities in the DC area – nick.w.savelli@gmail.com.





YEO STRATEGIC PARTNERS

YEO STRATEGIC PARTNERS

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bipartisan, non-profit educational exchange organization dedicated to fostering relations between the next generation of political leaders in the United States and their counterparts around the world. Its practical education programs include international exchanges, foreign policy and democracy conferences and election study programs.

BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER

The Ballot Initiative Strategy Center (BISC) works to reinvigorate the initiative process among state and national progressive organizations by providing education, training, and research in order for progressive groups to use the process more effectively to fight for social, environmental, and economic justice. BISC Foundation, the organization's 501c3 educational arm, tracks ballot measure developments, contributions to ballot measure campaigns and trains people to work on ballot initiatives.

CENTER FOR BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities conducts research and analysis to help shape public debates over proposed budget and tax policies and to help ensure that policymakers consider the needs of low-income families and individuals in these debates. In addition, the Center examines the short- and long-term impacts of proposed policies on the health of the economy and the soundness of federal and state budgets.

CENTER FOR PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP

The Center for Progressive Leadership (CPL) is a national political training institute that develops diverse leaders who are able to effectively advance progressive political and policy change. CPL has trained over 4,000 progressive leaders through intensive, nonpartisan leadership programs.

DRUM MAJOR INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy is a non-partisan, non-profit think tank generating the ideas that fuel the progressive movement. From releasing nationally recognized studies of our increasingly fragile middle class to showcasing progressive policies that have worked to advance social and economic justice, DMI has been on the leading edge of the public policy debate.

GILL FOUNDATION

The Gill Foundation works to secure equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans and strives to involve more people in this effort. It works to enlist and educate donors to provide the effective, large-scale financial support necessary to achieve equality, and joins with like-minded organizations and individuals to put forward a shared vision for doing so. It strives to increase support for equality by improving communications with the American people, and by raising awareness of the contributions made by gay men and lesbians to society.

YEO STRATEGIC PARTNERS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

The National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the nation's 50 states, its commonwealths and territories. NCSL provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues. NCSL is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of state governments before Congress and federal agencies.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The National Education Association (NEA) is a volunteer-based organization supported by a network of staff at the local, state, and national levels. The NEA is a United States labor union committed to advancing the cause of public education, and represents teachers, secretaries, and educational support personnel who work at every level of education.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Founded in 1971 as the Women's Legal Defense Fund, the National Partnership for Women & Families is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization located in Washington, DC. They promote fairness in the workplace, reproductive health and rights, access to quality affordable health care, and policies that help women and men meet the dual demands of work and family.

NEW AMERICAN LEADERS PROJECT

The New American Leaders Project (NALP) specifically focuses on preparing immigrants and their children for civic leadership. They provide new American leaders with a non-partisan, safe space to learn about the challenges and opportunities of citizenship commitment and determine how they can best contribute to making our democracy stronger and more vibrant. NALP hopes to expand the number of immigrants in leadership positions, increase voter participation in immigrant communities and allow immigrant voters more opportunities to engage with leaders who reflect their unique experiences.

PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY

People For the American Way is an energetic advocate for the values and institutions that sustain a diverse democratic society. Many of these are now threatened by the influence of the radical right and its allies who have risen to positions of political power. People for the American Way has been fighting the Religious Right for over twenty-five years, protecting against the Right's backward vision of bending America's politics to reflect their narrow political vision.

PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY FOUNDATION

People For the American Way (PFAW) Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)3 organization, is a premier source of vital information for policymakers, scholars, and activists nationwide on the Religious Right movement and its political allies. PFAWF also engages in legal action to protect or restore the rights and liberties of Americans. Since its establishment, PFAW Foundation has been committed to countering the forces of social discord and fragmentation with an affirmation of "the American Way:" respect for diversity; freedom of thought, expression, and religion; equal justice; and a sense of community.

Unite•Rebuild•Inspire



YEO STRATEGIC PARTNERS

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA®) is the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care advocate and provider. PPFA also works with partner organizations worldwide to improve the sexual health and well being of individuals and families everywhere. Planned Parenthood has 103 independent local affiliates that operate more than 860 health centers throughout the United States, providing high-quality services to women, men, and teens. Planned Parenthood often is the only source of family planning for a large proportion of the women we serve.

PROGRESSIVE MAJORITY

Progressive Majority's mission is to elect progressive champions. They accomplish this by identifying and recruiting the best progressive leaders to run for office; coaching and supporting their candidacies by providing strategic message, campaign, and technical support; prioritizing the recruitment and election of candidates of color; and bringing new people into the political process at all levels.

PROGRESSIVE STATES NETWORK

The Progressive States Network (PSN) aims to transform the political landscape by sparking progressive actions at the state level. The group provides coordinated research and strategic advocacy tools to state legislators and their staffs, empowering these decision-makers with everything they need to engineer forward-thinking change. PSN also works with non-profits and a variety of constituent groups to build a swath of support for coordinated progressive policy.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) was founded in 1971 as a small civil rights law firm. Today, SPLC is internationally known for its tolerance education programs, its legal victories against white supremacists, and its tracking of hate groups. Throughout its history, SPLC has worked to make the nation's Constitutional ideals a reality. The SPLC legal department fights all forms of discrimination and works to protect society's most vulnerable members, handling innovative cases that few lawyers are willing to take.

WELLSTONE ACTION

Wellstone Action is a national center for training and leadership development for the progressive movement. Founded in January 2003, Wellstone Action's mission is to honor the legacy of Paul and Sheila Wellstone by continuing their work through training, educating, mobilizing, and organizing a vast network of progressive individuals and organizations.



A GREENER AND MORE SOCIALY RESPONSIBLE CONVENING

The Young Elected Officials Network is committed to supporting YEOs that bring 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. This year, in addition to using paper products made from recycled materials, the YEO Network is cutting down on transportation emissions by relying on public transportation. We are also providing eco-friendly and BPA-free water bottles, Klean Kanteens®, to all participants.

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



Made with Recycled Paper

About your Klean Kanteen®

Klean Kanteen introduced the world's first BPA-free metal hydration bottle in 2004. The grassroots following of their products exploded in 2008 when public outcry led to national bans of BPA-laden, polycarbonate containers. Today, Klean Kanteen® continues to lead through innovation and example, bringing new products to market that replace toxic plastic with safe, long-life cycle alternatives.

Klean Kanteen collaborates with and supports dozens of organizations working to protect people and our planet. Their network of friends stretches across the country and around the globe, from tiny hometown environmental education programs to nationally-acclaimed leaders in advocacy for health and environmental stewardship, music festivals, and private companies known worldwide for their exemplary corporate social responsibility programs.





1550 Melvin Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
850.877.0307 (p)
850.402.1999 (f)

www.YEONetwork.org

A PROGRAM OF



2000 M Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036
202.467.4999 (p)
800.326.7329 (p)

www.PFAW.org