



# Potential Cabinet Secretaries & Key Staff

## **Hillary Clinton Administration**

November 2016

## Key Points for Consideration

- Overall, the Clinton Administration will strive to appoint a Cabinet that is diverse in its background, appearance, and experiences.
- While it will not be certain which party will control the Senate (and by what margin) until Election Day, in considering potential nominees, the Clinton transition team is also likely to take into consideration any factors that might impact the Senate confirmation process.
- Various policy communities, such as environmental groups and labor unions, have been compiling and plan on sharing lists of recommendations for possible Cabinet positions in a Clinton Administration with the transition team.

## White House Chief of Staff

➤ John Podesta



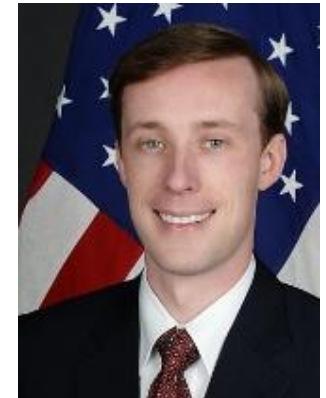
➤ Tom Vilsack



➤ Tom Nides



➤ Jake Sullivan



➤ Ron Klain



➤ Cheryl Mills



➤ Tom Donilon



➤ Sean Patrick Maloney



## White House Chief of Staff Rumors

- John Podesta, who currently serves as the Chairman of Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign, reportedly tops Secretary Clinton's short list for White House Chief of Staff. He previously served as Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton and as a counselor to President Barack Obama.
- In recent weeks, Ron Klain has increasingly been viewed as one of the leading candidates to serve as White House Chief of Staff. Ron Klain led Secretary Clinton's debate preparation team and previously served as Chief of Staff to Vice Presidents Al Gore and Joe Biden.
- Tom Vilsack was one of the candidates on the short list of vice presidential candidates. He is the only Cabinet secretary to have served the full Obama Administration and would bring previous experience as a governor to the position.
- Cheryl Mills previously served as Chief of Staff at the Clinton State Department and has served as a close advisor on the presidential campaign. If selected, Cheryl Mills would be both the first female and first African American Chief of Staff.

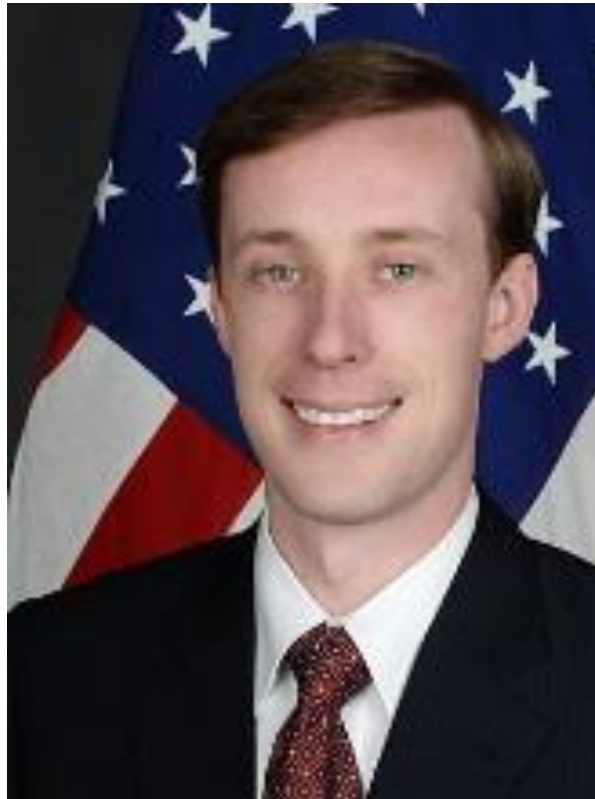
## **White House Chief of Staff Rumors (Continued)**

- Tom Nides served as Deputy Secretary of State for Management in the Clinton State Department and has come to be viewed as one of the top outside advisors to Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign.
- Tom Donilon previously served in the Obama Administration as National Security Advisor and as a member of the Obama transition team. He has also been a high profile surrogate on national security issues for Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign and also serves as a Co-Chair of the transition team.
- Jake Sullivan has come to be viewed as one of Secretary Clinton's closest policy advisors and the two have an extremely close relationship. At 39, Jake Sullivan would be the youngest Chief of Staff since Dick Cheney served under President Gerald Ford.
- Representative Sean Patrick Maloney currently represents New York's 18th Congressional District. He served as a senior advisor in President Bill Clinton's White House. He also served as a senior staff member to two Democratic governors of New York.



## National Security Advisor

➤ Jake Sullivan



## National Security Advisor Rumors

- Jake Sullivan is widely thought to have the first right of refusal to the National Security Advisor position. He previously served as Deputy National Security Advisor under Vice President Joe Biden, and has since taken on a broader issue portfolio in advising Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign.

## Other Potential White House Advisors

➤ Robby Mook



➤ Brian Fallon



➤ Karen Finney



➤ Huma Abedin



➤ Jennifer Palmieri



➤ Karen Dunn



➤ Bill Clinton





## Potential White House Advisor Rumors

- Robby Mook, the first openly gay campaign manager of a major presidential campaign, has proven himself a skilled manager and ground-based organizer.
- Brian Fallon, former communications aide to Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and former Attorney General Eric Holder, has been an effective campaign surrogate on television, and could serve in a communications role in a Clinton Administration.
- Karen Finney has held a communications role with the Clintons as far back as the 1990s, when she was press secretary for the First Lady. She has worked as communications director for the DNC, and now runs communications for Secretary Clinton's running mate Tim Kaine.
- Huma Abedin began her career with Hillary Clinton as an intern in the First Lady's office over 20 years ago. This election cycle, she has headlined fundraisers and met with elected officials on Secretary Clinton's behalf.

## **Potential White House Advisor Rumors (Continued)**

- In her role as Hillary for America Communications Director, Jennifer Palmieri has been traveling with Secretary Clinton almost daily. She previously served as White House Communications Director for President Barack Obama.
- Karen Dunn has played a key role on Secretary Clinton's debate prep team. She is currently an attorney for Boies Schiller, but previously served as Communications Director in the Clinton Senate office.
- President Bill Clinton has played an active role in campaigning for Secretary Clinton. He may be tasked with a role that is focused on revitalizing the economy, or potentially on foreign policy.

## Council on Environmental Quality

➤ Dan Reicher



➤ Heather Zichal



## Council on Environmental Quality Rumors

- Dan Reicher currently serves as Executive Director of Stanford University's Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance. He previously served as Director of Climate Change and Energy Initiatives at Google and as Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and Department of Energy Chief of Staff during President Bill Clinton's Administration.
- Heather Zichal is the former Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change, serving at the start of the Obama Administration. She has also advised several members of Congress on energy and climate policy, including then-Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ), and Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ).



## Secretary of State

- John Kerry
- Joe Biden
- Wendy Sherman
- Bill Burns
- Nick Burns
- Kurt Campbell
- Strobe Talbott
- James Stavridis
- Tom Donilon





## Secretary of State Rumors

- Given that the Iran nuclear deal and the international climate change agreement were two Obama Administration legacy achievements that would also be priorities in a Clinton Administration, there is some speculation that Secretary of State John Kerry could be asked to stay on at the start of the Clinton Administration.
- It has recently been reported that Vice President Joe Biden may top Secretary Clinton's short list to be Secretary of State. Vice President Biden, who has been an enthusiastic campaigner for Secretary Clinton, previously chaired the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has engaged in foreign policy during the Obama Administration. Vice President Biden has said publically that he is not interested in the position.
- Those currently serving at the State Department seem to be pulling for rumored candidates, such as Wendy Sherman and Bill Burns, who have previous State Department experience. Wendy Sherman served in the Obama Administration as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, a position in which she played a key role in the Iran nuclear negotiations. Bill Burns served as Deputy Secretary in the Clinton State Department.

## Secretary of State Rumors (Continued)

- Nick Burns is a career foreign service officer who served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs in the George W. Bush Administration. He has been an outspoken Clinton supporter during the 2016 election cycle.
- Kurt Campbell served as Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Clinton State Department.
- Strobe Talbott currently serves as President of the Brookings Institution. He served as Deputy Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton.
- Admiral James Stravidis was thought to be on the short list of potential candidates for Vice President and was the only non-politician given serious consideration to be Secretary Clinton's running mate.
- Tom Donilon previously served in the Obama Administration as National Security Advisor and as a member of the Obama transition team. He is currently a Co-Chair for Secretary Clinton's transition team.

## Secretary of the Treasury

➤ Gary Gensler



➤ Lael Brainard



➤ Sylvia Matthews Burwell

➤ Gene Sperling



➤ Terry McAuliffe



➤ Sheryl Sandberg



➤ Roger Ferguson



## Secretary of the Treasury Rumors

- Gary Gensler has served in a variety of economic policy roles in both the Clinton and Obama Administrations. He currently serves as Chief Financial Officer for Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign.
- Lael Brainard previously served as Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs in the Obama Administration. She currently holds a position on the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors.
- Sylvia Matthews Burwell currently serves as HHS Secretary.

## Secretary of the Treasury Rumors (Continued)

- Gene Sperling served as Director of the National Economic Council in both the Clinton and Obama Administrations.
- Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe has also been discussed as a potential Treasury Secretary. His nomination would result in Terry McAuliffe ending his governorship a year before his term would otherwise expire.
- While Sheryl Sandberg has been widely reported as a top contender to serve as Treasury Secretary in a Clinton Administration, in mid-October she stated publicly that she plans to continue to serve as Facebook Chief Operating Officer after the election.
- Another possibility is TIAA President and CEO Roger Ferguson, who would be the first African American to serve as Secretary of the Treasury.



## Secretary of Defense

➤ Michèle Flournoy

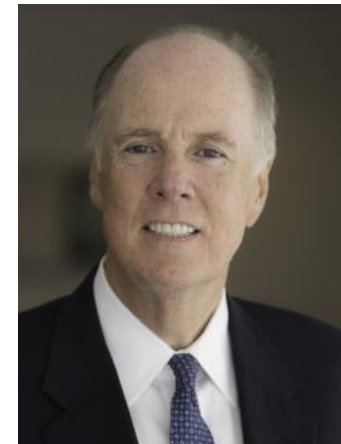


➤ Jack Reed

➤ Adam Smith

➤ Eric Fanning

➤ Tom Donilon



## Secretary of the Defense Rumors

- Michèle Flournoy has long been perceived as the frontrunner to serve as Secretary of Defense in the Clinton Administration. She has served as a leading campaign surrogate on defense, which is likely to be recognized by Secretary Clinton. If nominated and confirmed, she would become the first female Secretary of Defense.
- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) and Representative Adam Smith (D-WA), the Ranking Members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, have previously been cited as potential candidates to serve as Secretary of Defense when the position was vacant.
- Eric Fanning, who currently serves as the first openly gay Secretary of the Army, would bring an element of diversity to a Clinton Cabinet.
- Tom Donilon previously served in the Obama Administration as National Security Advisor and as a member of the Obama transition team. He has also been a high profile surrogate on national security issues for Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign and also serves as a Co-Chair of the transition team.

## Attorney General

➤ Tom Perez



➤ Janet Napolitano

➤ Jennifer Granholm



➤ Tony West

➤ Jamie Gorelick

## Attorney General Rumors

- Tom Perez, who currently serves as Secretary of Labor, is thought to be one of the candidates who was considered by the Obama Administration to succeed Eric Holder when he announced his plans to step down in September 2014.
- There has been some speculation that Janet Napolitano, who previously served as DHS Secretary in the Obama Administration and is now leading the University of California system, could be appointed Attorney General.
- Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm is thought to be under serious consideration for a number of positions in a future Clinton Administration. She previously served as Attorney General at the state level.
- Tony West, who previously served as the third most senior ranking official in the Obama Administration DOJ, is married to Hillary for America Senior Policy Advisor Maya Harris. He currently serves as General Counsel for PepsiCo.
- Jamie Gorelick served as Deputy Attorney General under President Bill Clinton.



## Secretary of the Interior

➤ John Hickenlooper



➤ David Hayes



➤ Martin Heinrich

➤ Tom Udall



➤ Raul Grijalva



➤ John Berry



## Secretary of the Interior Rumors

- Governor John Hickenlooper continues to be discussed as a possible candidate to serve as Secretary of the Interior in a Clinton Administration. Like Obama Administration Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, John Hickenlooper also hails from Colorado.
- While traditionally this Cabinet position has gone to an individual from west of the Mississippi, this has not always been the case. Secretary Rogers Morton, who served under President Richard Nixon, was from Maryland and is historically thought to be one of the best. David Hayes is originally from New York and has spent a long time in DC. He served as Deputy Secretary during both the Clinton and Obama Administrations.
- Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall, whose father Stewart Udall served as Interior Secretary Under President John Kennedy, have been suggested as possible candidates to serve as Secretary of the Interior. Either of their appointments would allow Republican New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez to appoint a replacement in the Senate, leading to the loss of a Democratic seat.



## Secretary of the Interior Rumors (Continued)

- Environmental activists have expressed their support for the potential nomination of Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) as Interior Secretary in a Clinton Administration. He currently serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- John Berry currently served as U.S. Ambassador to Australia. He previously served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget under President Bill Clinton.

## Secretary of Agriculture

➤ Debbie Stabenow



➤ Blanche Lincoln



➤ John Hickenlooper



➤ Marcia Fudge



## Secretary of Agriculture Rumors

- While Debbie Stabenow is frequently named as a leading candidate to serve as Secretary of Agriculture in a Clinton Administration, her appointment would allow Michigan Republican Governor Rick Snyder to appoint her replacement in the Senate. This makes her nomination unlikely, as it would probably lead to the loss of a Democratic Senate seat.
- Blanche Lincoln was previously under consideration to succeed Tom Vilsack as Secretary of Agriculture. While it remains unclear what ethics rules a Clinton Administration may enact for political appointees, she may ultimately require a waiver because she is currently a registered lobbyist.
- Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper may also be interested in serving as Secretary of Agriculture.
- Representative Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio), a senior member of the Agriculture Committee and a former Congressional Black Caucus chairwoman, is also considered a strong candidate to head the Agriculture Department.



## Secretary of Commerce

➤ Terry McAuliffe



➤ Fred Hochberg



➤ Meg Whitman





## Secretary of Commerce Rumors

- Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe has been discussed as a candidate for Secretary of Commerce, among other Cabinet positions. His nomination would result in Terry McAuliffe ending his governorship a year before his term would otherwise expire.
- Fred Hochberg currently serves as Ex-Im Bank President. Openly gay, his nomination would bring a diversity factor to a Clinton Cabinet.
- Meg Wittman, a Republican and President and CEO of Hewlett Packard, has been actively campaigning with Secretary Clinton. She served as Mitt Romney's Finance Co-Chair in 2012.

## Secretary of Labor

➤ Jennifer Granholm

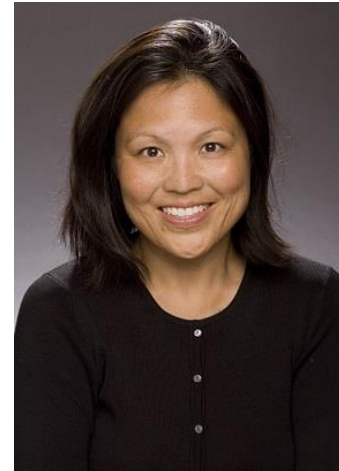


➤ Chris Lu

➤ Ed Montgomery



➤ Julie Su



➤ Keith Ellison



## Secretary of Labor Rumors

- While Jennifer Granholm is thought to be the leading candidate for a number of Cabinet positions, it is believed that she would be given the first right of refusal to serve as Secretary of Labor in a Clinton Administration.
- Chris Lu, the son of Taiwanese immigrants, is now Deputy Labor Secretary, making him the highest-ranking Asian American in the Obama Administration.
- Ed Montgomery appears on a number of lists of potential Labor Secretaries compiled by labor unions. He served as Deputy Secretary in the Clinton Administration and has come to be known as the "Car Czar" in the Obama Administration. Now dean of Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, Ed Montgomery is also a labor economist.
- Julie Su is currently the California Commissioner of Labor and previously served as Litigation Director at Advancing Justice LA.
- Keith Ellison currently represents Minnesota's 5th Congressional District. He serves as Co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and is a member of the House Financial Services and Democratic Steering Committees.

## Secretary of Health and Human Services

➤ Steve Beshear

➤ Neera Tanden

➤ Xavier Becerra



➤ Chris Jennings

➤ Deval Patrick







## Secretary of Health and Human Services Rumors

- Current HHS Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell will not stay on at HHS, although she is rumored to be interested in serving as Treasury Secretary in a Clinton Administration.
- The HHS Secretary position is often viewed as one of the Cabinet roles requiring the most management experience and expertise. This is why former governors are often tapped to lead the agency.
- As a former governor, Steve Beshear is someone who has a track record of management experience. However, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been a vocal critic of Steve Beshear's implementation of the ACA in Kentucky.
- Neera Tanden is viewed as someone who is very close to Secretary Clinton, previously having served as Legislative Director in the Clinton Senate office.
- Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA) has been an active surrogate for Secretary Clinton's campaign. He currently serves as Democratic Caucus Chairman and is the highest-ranking Hispanic in House history.

## **Secretary of Health and Human Services Rumors (Continued)**

- Chris Jennings worked on health care policy at the White House for eight years under President Bill Clinton and most recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Health Policy and Coordinator of Health Reform for President Barack Obama. He also worked for ten years on health care policy in the Senate and has been advising Secretary Clinton's campaign on these issues.
- Deval Patrick was the first and only African American to have served as governor of Massachusetts. He also previously served as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division under President Bill Clinton.
- While she is unlikely to be candidate for HHS Secretary, Andrea Palm, who currently serves as a Senior Counselor to Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell and previously served as Chief of Staff to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, is likely to play a key role in a Clinton Administration, potentially at the White House.

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

➤ Risa Lavizzo-Mourey



➤ Peter Lee

➤ Mandy Cohen

➤ Regina Benjamin



➤ Mary Naylor

➤ Bill Shrank



## **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Rumors**

- In the past few years, CMS has evolved as an agency. Previously viewed as having a role focused solely on claims payment, CMS is now also viewed as an intellectual policy organization devoted to creating new payment models and overseeing insurance structure under the ACA.
- It is unclear to what extent past experience at CMS will be a requirement for the CMS Administrator position in a Clinton Administration. Previous administrations have selected both insider candidates, such as Marilyn Tavenner, and outsider candidates, such as Donald Berwick and Mark McClellan.
- Risa Lavizzo-Mourey is largely viewed as the frontrunner to serve as CMS Administrator in a Clinton Administration. In late September, she announced she would step down as President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as soon as a successor is named.
- Peter Lee currently serves as the Executive Director of California's health benefit exchange. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Director for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation at CMS.



## **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Rumors (Continued)**

- Mandy Cohen, an internist, is the current Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff for CMS. She previously served as Principal Deputy Director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at CMS.
- Regina Benjamin served as Surgeon General under President Bill Clinton and has been a surrogate on health care issues during Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign.
- Bill Shrank previously served as Director of Research and Rapid-Cycle Evaluation for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.
- Mary Naylor is the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and Director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is also the National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program, Interdisciplinary Nursing Quality Research Initiative.

## Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

➤ Michael Nutter

➤ Christine Quinn

➤ Ed Lee



➤ Andrew Gillum

➤ Alvin Brown





## **Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Rumors**

- Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter is thought to be a serious contender for HUD Secretary, especially as a Clinton Administration is likely to emphasize cities and urbanization as part of its HUD portfolio.
- Christine Quinn previously served as New York City Council Speaker. In this role, she represented several public housing developments and has also been advising Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign on these issues.
- San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, the first Asian-American mayor in San Francisco history, is thought to be a serious candidate for HUD Secretary. He previously served as City Administrator.
- Both Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown have been recommended by the Congressional Black Caucus to serve as HUD Secretary in a Clinton Administration.

## Secretary of Transportation

➤ Michael Nutter

➤ Michael Huerta

➤ Jane Garvey

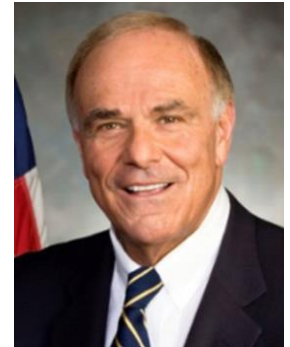
➤ Ed Rendell

➤ Antonio Villaraigosa

➤ John Porcari

➤ Richard Anderson

➤ Deborah Hersman





## Secretary of Transportation Rumors

- Secretary of Transportation, perhaps in addition to the Secretary of Defense, is viewed as a Cabinet role that traditionally affords an opportunity for bipartisanship. For example, Republican Secretaries of Transportation have served in past Democratic administrations.
- It seems that Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter is one of the leading candidates to serve as Secretary of Transportation in a Clinton Administration. He was previously considered for the post in the Obama Administration.
- Some have argued that the next Secretary of Transportation should be a woman. While this would seem to bolster the possibility of Jane Garvey's nomination, she currently runs a successful infrastructure financing business, which she may not be willing to give up to serve in a Clinton Administration.
- Ed Rendell previously served as Pennsylvania Governor and Philadelphia Mayor. He has also been advising Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign on transportation issues.

## Secretary of Transportation Rumors (Continued)

- Antonio Villaraigosa previously served as Mayor of Los Angeles. While he has been guiding Secretary Clinton's campaign on infrastructure policy, some speculate he may be preparing to run for Governor of California in 2018.
- Some who are closely watching the transition at DOT have suggested that John Porcari, who served as Deputy Secretary of Transportation at the start of the Obama Administration, might be a serious candidate for the job.
- Richard Anderson retired as Executive Chairman of Delta Air Lines' Board of Directors in mid-October.
- Deborah Hersman currently serves as President and CEO of the National Safety Council. She is a former member of the National Transportation Safety Board and served two terms as its chairman.

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

➤Flaura Winston



## **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Rumors**

- Current NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind has made it known he will leave the agency at the end of the Obama Administration.
- Flaura Winston, who currently practices medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, is widely perceived as the frontrunner to lead NHTSA in a Clinton Administration. Her area of expertise is pediatric traffic injury.



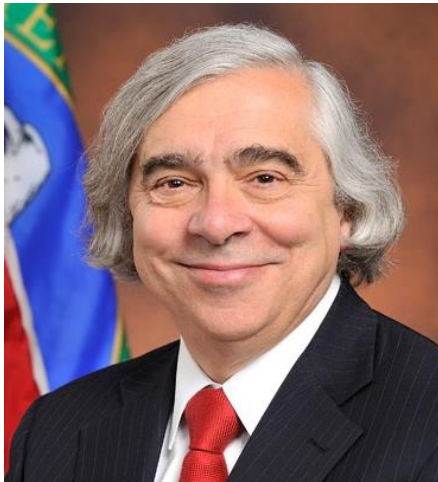
## Secretary of Energy

➤ Ernie Moniz

➤ John Podesta

➤ Jennifer Granholm

➤ Bill Ritter



## Secretary of Energy Rumors

- Because the Iran nuclear deal and the international climate change agreement were two Obama Administration legacy achievements that would also be priorities in a Clinton Administration, it has been suggested that Secretary of Energy Ernie Moniz may be asked to stay on at the start of the Clinton Administration.
- John Podesta currently serves as Chairman of Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign. He is passionate about energy issues and, if nominated, would likely have significant control over development of a Clinton Administration's energy agenda.
- Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm is thought to be under consideration for a number of positions in a Clinton Cabinet. She has a background in energy and environment issues and has been advising Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign in this space.
- Bill Ritter is the former Governor of Colorado and previously served as District Attorney for Denver.

## Secretary of Education

➤ John King



➤ Kaya Henderson



➤ Jim Shelton

➤ Jack Markell



➤ Ed Lee



➤ Denise Juneau





## **Secretary of Education Rumors**

- As John King just became Education Secretary last year, many believe it is likely he could stay on in a Clinton Administration. He previously served as Deputy to Secretary Arne Duncan and before that as State Education Commissioner in New York.
- Kaya Henderson just left her position as D.C. Public Schools Chancellor.
- Jim Shelton previously served as Deputy Secretary of Education, just prior to John King.
- Outgoing Delaware Governor Jack Markell is rumored to have expressed interest in the position in the past.
- San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, the first Asian American mayor in San Francisco history, is also thought to be a serious candidate for Education Secretary. He previously served as City Administrator.
- Denise Juneau is currently running in a tight race for Montana's at-large seat in the House of Representatives. She has also served as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.



## Secretary of Veterans Affairs

➤ Tammy Duckworth



➤ Sloan Gibson



➤ Phebe Novakovic



➤ Patrick Murphy



## Secretary of Veterans Affairs Rumors

- There does not seem to be a long list of people seeking the Veterans Affairs Secretary position in a Clinton Administration. Generally, this position is reserved for someone who has serious management experience.
- Tammy Duckworth currently represents Illinois' 8th Congressional District and is running against incumbent Mark Kirk for Senate. At the moment, Tammy Duckworth is leading in the polls, but if she were to lose this race, she could be appointed to serve in a Clinton Administration as VA Secretary. She is a veteran, as well as a former Assistant VA Secretary, who was previously considered for the job following the resignation of Secretary Eric Shinseki.

## Secretary of Veterans Affairs Rumors (Continued)

- Sloan Gibson currently serves as Deputy VA Secretary. He is also a former CEO of the United Service Organizations (USOs) and also served as Interim VA Secretary between Secretaries Eric Shinseki and Bob McDonald.
- Phebe Novakovic seems to fit the bill to serve as VA Secretary, as she was a CIA officer and also has experience running a large company (General Dynamics).
- Patrick Murphy, also a veteran, currently serves as Under Secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer. He leads the management and operation of the Army, which would rank as a Fortune 10 company if it was a public company. He previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District.

## Secretary of Homeland Security

- Rand Beers
- Alejandro Mayorkas
- Martin O'Malley
- Tom Vilsack
- Tom Donilon
- Bennie Thompson





## **Secretary of Homeland Security Rumors**

- Rand Beers is widely discussed as a frontrunner to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security in a Clinton Administration. He has served as Deputy Homeland Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and before that he was a longtime Counselor to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, and served as Acting DHS Secretary when she stepped down.
- Alejandro Mayorkas is reportedly also under consideration for DHS Secretary in a Clinton Administration. In early October, Alejandro Mayorkas announced that he was stepping down as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and returning to private law practice.
- Former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is thought to be another candidate for DHS Secretary. While he ran against Secretary Clinton in the Democratic primary, he later endorsed her nomination.

## **Secretary of Homeland Security Rumors (Continued)**

- Not an intuitive choice for DHS Secretary, there are some who believe Tom Vilsack would be a good choice if he is not selected to serve as White House Chief of Staff. He has high approval ratings among USDA staff and has been perceived as strong on immigration issues, which Secretary Clinton has said she would make a priority early in her administration.
- Tom Donilon previously served in the Obama Administration as National Security Advisor and as a member of the Obama transition team. He has also been a high profile surrogate on national security issues for Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign and also serves as a Co-Chair of the transition team.
- Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS) appears to be a candidate for DHS Secretary favored by the Congressional Black Caucus. He currently serves as Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee.

## Environmental Protection Agency

➤ Gina McCarthy



➤ Jennifer Granholm



➤ Mary Nichols



➤ Daniel Esty



➤ Katie McGinty



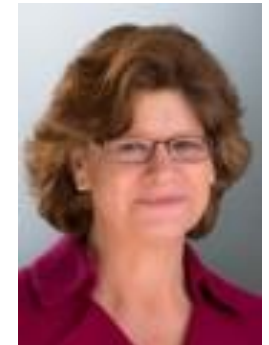
## Environmental Protection Agency Rumors

- If Gina McCarthy is willing to stay on, some have suggested it might make sense for her to do so, as it could be difficult to get a new EPA Administrator confirmed in the Senate.
- Mary Nichols was previously interviewed to serve as EPA Administrator in the Obama Administration. She reportedly says her time to serve has passed.
- Daniel Esty and Jennifer Granholm are generally known to everyone working in environmental policy. Daniel Esty is thought to be more of a policy wonk, while Jennifer Granholm would be viewed as a more high profile pick.
- Katie McGinty is currently running for Senate in Pennsylvania against incumbent Pat Toomey. She may ultimately be considered to serve as EPA Administrator in a Clinton Administration if she loses the Senate race.



## Federal Communications Commission

- Phil Verveer
- Susan Ness
- Karen Kornbluh
- Alec Ross
- Danny Sepulveda
- Blair Levin
- Catherine Sandoval
- Phil Weiser
- Mignon Clyburn
- Jessica Rosenworcel
- Tom Wheeler
- Kathryn Brown





## Federal Communications Commission Rumors

- While speculation is high that Secretary Clinton would appoint a woman to lead the FCC, Phil Verveer is perceived as a leading candidate. He currently serves as an adviser to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler and is married to Melanne Verveer, who served as Secretary Clinton's Chief of Staff when she was First Lady. Both Phil and Melanne Verveer also held positions in the Clinton State Department. It is not clear if Phil Verveer is interested in the job, and he could ultimately convince Secretary Clinton to keep Chairman Wheeler on for as long as possible.
- Susan Ness has supported both Clintons' presidential campaigns. She previously served as a Commissioner and has been actively supporting Secretary Clinton's campaign.
- Karen Kornbluh, a former ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development who also supported the 2008 Obama transition team, is also frequently cited as a serious candidate to the lead FCC.
- Secretary Clinton is thought to be very fond of Alec Ross, and they have a strong relationship dating back to Ross's service as Senior Innovation in the Clinton State Department.



## **Federal Communications Commission Rumors (Continued)**

- Danny Sepulveda currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, the position previously held by Phil Verveer.
- Like Susan Ness, Blair Levin is a former FCC official. He is frequently thought of as the architect of the National Broadband Plan, currently under implementation.
- Catherine Sandoval currently serves as a Commissioner on the California Public Utilities Commission. Her current term expires in December. Of all of the FCC candidates, Catherine Sandoval is thought to be the most pro-consumer, winning her the backing of many public interest groups.
- Phil Weiser currently serves as a law professor at the University of Colorado. He previously advised the National Economic Council earlier in the Obama Administration.

## **Federal Communications Commission Rumors (Continued)**

- Mignon Clyburn, the daughter of Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) has served seven years at the FCC, where she has developed a reputation of working well with Chairman Tom Wheeler. Her second term expires in June 2017, although FCC rules would allow her to serve through the end of 2018 without being re-nominated. It would be uncommon for her to pursue a third term. There has also been some speculation that Mignon Clyburn is interested in running for Congress or in serving in other positions in a Clinton Administration, possibly at the Departments of State or Agriculture.
- Jessica Rosenworcel currently serves as an FCC Commissioner. Her term has expired and she must leave office when Congress adjourns unless confirmed by the Senate for a new term. She previously served as Senior Communications Counsel for the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation under the leadership of Senators John Rockefeller (D-WV) and Daniel Inouye (D-HI).
- Tom Wheeler is the current FCC Chairman, a position he has held since November 2013. His term extends to 2018, and although FCC leaders typically leave when a new President arrives, he may stay. He has more than three decades of experience in telecommunications policy.
- Kathryn Brown is President and CEO of the Internet Society. She has previously held positions at the FCC, NTIA, and Verizon.



## Office of Management and Budget

➤ Kent Conrad



➤ Xavier Becerra



➤ Gene Sperling



## Office of Management and Budget Rumors

- Former Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) may be a candidate to serve as OMB Director in a Clinton Administration. As a Senator, Secretary Clinton served on the Budget Committee under his chairmanship.
- Since Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA) has focused on mainly health and budget issues in Congress. He was also considered to serve as Secretary Clinton's running mate.

## Federal Trade Commission

➤ Edith Ramirez



➤ Terrell McSweeney



## Federal Trade Commission Rumors

- Candidates to lead the FTC and candidates to serve as Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust are usually considered as one list.
- Two seats at the FTC are now vacant and Chairwoman Edith Ramirez is serving beyond her term. The FTC says she can stay on past January 20<sup>th</sup> until a new chairman is in place, but she has not publically commented on her plans.
- While there have not been a whole lot of rumors about who might be chosen to lead the FTC in a Clinton Administration, Commissioner Terrell McSweeney is widely thought to be on the list. Her current term expires in September 2017. She previously served as Chief Counsel for Competition Policy and Intergovernmental Relations for DOJ's antitrust division. Prior to that, Terrell McSweeney served as Deputy Assistant to President Barack Obama and Domestic Policy Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden.



# Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

➤ Richard Cordray



## **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rumors**

- Richard Cordray's current term as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau does not expire until 2018. However, the future of Cordray's leadership, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau more generally, could be impacted by a recent D.C. circuit court ruling that found the structure of the agency to be unconstitutional.

## Consumer Product Safety Commission

➤ Elliot Kaye



➤ Marietta Robinson



## **Consumer Product Safety Commission Rumors**

- As an independent agency, the future leadership of the CPSC could be impacted by term limits.
- Current CPSC Chairman Elliot Kaye was confirmed by the Senate in July 2014 for a term that expires in October 2020.
- It is possible that Marietta Robinson could be appointed to serve as Chairman for a short-term at the start of a Clinton Administration, though the end of her current term in October 2017.





## Export-Import Bank Rumors



- For many looking to serve in the Clinton Administration, the Ex-Im Bank may not be identified as their first choice. Often, this role has been filled by individuals thought to be under consideration for other roles in the administration, such as Treasury or Commerce Secretary. In some cases, however, such candidates have been disadvantaged by others who pursue Ex-Im Bank as a top choice.

## Overseas Private Investment Corporation Rumors



- Like the Ex-Im Bank, OPIC is often not identified as a first choice by individuals looking to serve in a new administration. The OPIC Director role has also frequently been filled by individuals who might have initially been interested in serving as Treasury or Commerce Secretary. This has most often not occurred in scenarios where someone was actively campaigning for the OPIC slot as a top priority.

## Federal Reserve

➤ Janet Yellen



## Federal Reserve Rumors

- The Chair of the Federal Reserve may be appointed to serve multiple consecutive terms. As this is a position that requires Senate confirmation, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), who has served as a leading surrogate for Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign, is likely to have significant influence.
- Janet Yellen began her term as Chair of the Federal Reserve, and as the first woman to hold this position, in February 2014. Her current term expires in February 2018.



# Securities and Exchange Commission

➤ Mary Jo White



## **Securities and Exchange Commission Rumors**

- Current SEC Chair Mary Jo White was appointed in 2013 and under SEC rules can serve into 2019. Both the Clinton and Trump campaigns have reportedly reached out to Mary Jo White to see if she would consider staying on for a brief period to allow the next President time to appoint a successor.
- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), has been especially critical of Chair White's leadership of the SEC and has written to President Barack Obama requesting her immediate dismissal.

## Small Business Administration

➤ Maria Contreras-Sweet



➤ Margot Dorfman



➤ Hala Modellmog



➤ Diane Denish

➤ Eric Garcetti



➤ Alex Padilla



➤ Alejandro Mayorkas



## **Small Business Administration Rumors**

- Small Business Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet could continue in her role, helping Secretary Clinton realize her promise of having a half-female cabinet.
- Margo Dorfman currently serves as the CEO and Co-Founder of the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce and is on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Small Business Contractors and the American Small Business Chamber of Commerce.
- Hala Modellmog is the President and CEO of the Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC). She has spent the last 20 years of her career in president and CEO roles.
- Diane Denish served as New Mexico Lieutenant Governor under Governor Bill Richardson. She ran for Governor in 2010, but was defeated by Susana Martinez.
- Other possible names include Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, and former Homeland Security Department Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.



## Democratic National Committee Chair

➤ Jennifer Granholm





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