

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Elizabeth Lopez- Sandoval
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 2/19/2018 Return: 2/24/2018
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Mexico City, MX Return city: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Center for American Progress (CAP)
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Please see attached agenda
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 3/6/2018

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Rep. Joseph Crowley DATE: 3/6/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): _____
Center for American Progress (CAP)
2. Travel Destination(s): Mexico City
3. Date of Departure: 02/19/2018 Date of Return: 02/24/2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached document
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	Please see attached document	Please see a	Please see	Please see attached document
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ 12/15/17
 Name: Winnie Stachelberg Title: ERP, External Affairs
 Organization: Center for American Progress (CAP)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1333 H St. NW, Washington D.C. 20005

Telephone number: (202) 682-1611

Email Address: wstachelberg@americanprogress.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

Committee on Ethics

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Center for American Progress
3. Travel destination(s): Mexico City, MX and Puebla, MX
4. a. Date of departure 02/19/2018 Date of return: 02/24/2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

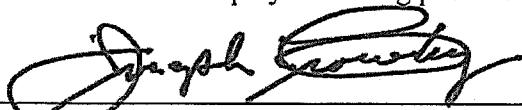
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As press secretary and Director for Hispanic Media for a member of leadership, it is crucial that I have a full understanding of the various issues affecting the Mexico and the U.S.-Mexico relationship.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 1/18/2018



Signature of Employing Member

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
Center for American Progress (CAP)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that:
 - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*.
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
The Walton Family Foundation, Inc.
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
Please see attached document
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: 02/19/2018 Date of return: 02/24/2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Mexico City & Puebla, Mexico
c. City of return: Mexico City, Mexico
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *or*
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: *or*
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: *or*
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): *or*
- b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Please see attached

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Hotel Flow Suites City: Mexico City Cost per night: \$120 approx.

Reason(s) for selecting: Central location in Mexico City for activities of the program

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	Please see attached	Please see attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Please see attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$40	Taxi to and from airport
For each accompanying relative		

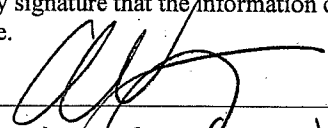
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Winifred Stachelberg

Title: Executive Vice President

Organization: Center for American Progress (CAP)

Address: 1333 H St. NW, Washington D.C. 20005

Telephone number: (202) 682-1611

Email address: wstachelberg@americanprogress.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 Washington, DC 20515
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 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Ms. Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval
House Democratic Caucus
1420 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Lopez-Sandoval:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Mexico,¹ scheduled for February 19 to 24, 2018, sponsored by the Center for American Progress, with financial support from the Walton Family Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Mexico, *available at* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/mexico-travel-advisory.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

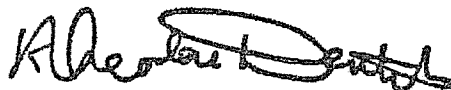
Ms. Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Center for American Progress — US-Mexico Leaders Initiative Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Additional Responses

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited:

Juan Carlos Monje, Professional Staff Member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere

- CAP believes that Mr. Monje's professional experience along with his personal and educational background are an ideal fit for our program's third class.

Brandon Batch, Senior Legislative Assistant and Foreign Policy Advisor to Chairman Michael McCaul in the U.S. House of Representatives

- CAP believes that Mr. Batch's professional experience along with his personal and educational background are an ideal fit for our program's third class.

Claire Figel, Staff Associate, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Western Hemisphere Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives

- CAP believes that Ms. Figel's professional experience along with her personal and educational background are an ideal fit for our program's third class.

Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval, Press Secretary-Director for Hispanic Media— Rep. Joe Crowley (NY-14), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus

- CAP believes that Ms. Lopez-Sandoval's professional experience along with her personal and educational background are an ideal fit for our program's third class.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Center for American Progress is deeply committed to the democratic values that have made America great and is collectively determined to ensure that America remains secure, prosperous, and just.

The Walton Family Foundation is a family-led foundation that tackles tough social and environmental problems with urgency and a long-term approach to create access to opportunity for people and communities.

CAP's U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative strives to enhance the discourse on U.S.-Mexico relations in the policy realm by fostering bidirectional movement of concerns and ideas between the next generation of leaders in the U.S. and Mexico to both expand and elevate the discussion about the most complex and important bilateral relationship the United States has today, its relationship with Mexico.

The Mexico Program at the Center for American Progress (CAP) will convene its third U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative with a class of 10-15 leaders from across the United States, in Washington, DC and Mexico, February 19-24, 2018. Our five-day program, beginning in Washington D.C. and ending in Mexico, will bring together participants with diverse backgrounds who will visit Mexico City and engage with Mexican counterparts, government officials, private sector, media, and civil society actors.

Over time, the CAP Mexico Team aims to take multiple different groups of emerging leaders to Mexico in 2018 and beyond—making each delegation truly binational by bringing together emerging leaders from both Mexico and the United States for all stages of each program. It also aims to create a binational network of alumni that will help host events and discussions in their respective communities with influential public and private sector personalities addressing present-day concerns on both sides of our shared border.

The Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Walton Family Foundation are the sole organizers of the trip.

As the primary organizer of the educational study tour, CAP led the development of the agenda and content, selection of activities, and arranged all logistics, including lodging and transportation. The Walton Family Foundation has provided grant funds to CAP in support of CAP's Mexico Program. The tour participants, however, were selected at the sole discretion of CAP, the Walton Family Foundation played no role in their final selection.

18. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

Mexico City Transportation Costs

Driver & Shuttle bus for 5 ½ days (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24):
Total = \$250 per person

Meals & Lodging in Mexico City

Lodging: \$140 daily per person
Meals: \$80 daily per person
Total for 5 days = \$1,100 per person

Incidental Expenses in Mexico City (taxi from airport to hotel & taxi to airport from hotel):

Total= \$40 per person

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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. I certify that (name of your organization): The Walton Family Foundation, Inc.
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
 Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Center for American Progress (CAP)
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
(destination) _____ on (date) _____ that is
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: Kyle Peterson

Title: Executive Director

Organization: The Walton Family Foundation

Address: PO Box 2030

Telephone number: 479-464-1570

Email: kpeterson@wffmail.com

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10:00 PM

Check In Hotel:

Hotel Flow Suites

Av Nuevo León 108, Hipódromo Ciudad de México, Mexico

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

7:00 AM

Depart Hotel

Shuttle Pick-Up

7- 8 AM—Transfer time to CIDE: 1 hour

8:00 – 10:30 AM

Breakfast & Roundtable at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)

Location: Carretera México-Toluca 3655, Lomas de Santa Fé, 01210 Alvaro obregón

Speakers: José Juan López Portillo-CIDE Professor
Carlos Bravo-CIDE Professor

Topic: Historical overview of U.S.-Mexico relations from Mexican academics.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, other CIDE staff, and local guides.

10:30-11 AM—Transfer time: ½ hour

11:00 –12:30 PM

Meeting with Alejandra Palacios, Chairwoman of the Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE)

Location: Av. Santa Fe No. 505, piso 24, Col. Cruz Manca, Del. Cuajimalpa, C.P. 05349, Ciudad de México

Topic: A conversation with a representative from a government agency on in-depth analysis of Mexico's economic development.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

12:30- 1:00 PM—Transfer time: ½ hour

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs Luis Videgaray and Carlos Sada, Deputy Foreign Minister, North America

Location: Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Plaza Juárez 20, Col. Centro, CDMX

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, other SRE Staff, and local guides.

Topic: A conversation with a high-level government representative on in-depth analysis of Mexico's economic development.

3:00 – 4:45 PM

Group Meal

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants

4:45- 5:30 PM—Transfer time: 45 minutes

5:30 – 6:45 PM

Meeting with Paulo Carreño, CEO of ProMéxico

Location: Camino a Santa Teresa No. 1679, Col. Jardines del Pedregal, Del. Álvaro Obregón, C.P. 01900, CDMX

Topic: A discussion with ProMéxico's CEO—a trust fund of the Federal government of Mexico that promotes international trade and investment.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

6:45- 7:30 PM—Transfer time: 45 minutes

7:30 – 9:00 PM

Working Dinner with Valeria Moy, Director of México Cómo Vamos

Location: Juan de Acuña 150, Col. Lomas de Virreyes, 11000, CDMX

Topic: A conversation with the director of an NGO specializing in Mexican public policy and economics, allowing to evaluate the performance of the country in order to promote accelerated and sustainable economic growth throughout Mexico.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

9:00 PM

Return to Hotel

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:30 AM

Depart Hotel

Walk over to Salicornia

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast at Salicornia with Independent Presidential Candidate Armando Ríos Piter

Location: Cuernavaca 85, Col. Condesa, Del. Cuauhtémoc, 06140, CDMX

Topic: Discussion with Mexican independent candidate on Mexican domestic policies and the upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

9:30-10:15 AM—Transfer time: 45 minutes

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Meeting with Pablo González, CEO at Kimberly-Clark de México

Location: Jaime Balmes 8, Piso 10, Col. Morales, Del. Miguel Hidalgo, 11510, CDMX

Topic: Discussion on Mexico's economic performance, investment, and the upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM—Transfer time: 45 minutes

12:30 – 1:45 PM

Lunch Meeting with Political Analyst Jesús Silva Herzog Márquez

Location: Protasio Tagle 81, Col. San Miguel Chapultepec, 11850, CDMX

Topic: Conversation with Mexican economist on Mexico's economic development, progress, and challenges.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

1:45 – 2:15 PM—Transfer time: ½ hour

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Meeting with Luis Madrazo, Campaign Member of Candidate José Antonio Meade

Location: TBD

Topic: Discussion with campaign member of Mexican presidential candidate on Mexican domestic policies and the upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

4:30-5:30 PM—Transfer time: 1 hour

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Meeting with Alexandra Haas, CONAPRED

Location: Dante 14, Miguel Hidalgo, Anzures, 11590 CDMX

Topic: A conversation on the Mexican government agency established to promote policies and measures to contribute to the cultural and social development and progress in social inclusion and guarantee the right to equality of all Mexicans.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, CONAPRED staff, and local guides.

6:30-7:15 PM—Transfer time: 45 minutes

- 7:30 – 9:00 PM** **Dinner at Salicornia with Foreign Media Correspondents**
Speakers: Azam Ahmed, The New York Times;
Jude Webber, Financial Times
Location: Cuernavaca 85, Col. Condesa, Del. Cuauhtémoc, 06140, CDMX
Topic: Conversation on U.S-Mexico relations from the perspective of media correspondents in Mexico City.
In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.
- 9:00 PM** **Return to Hotel**
10-minute walk back

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- 7:30 AM** **Depart Hotel**
Shuttle Pick-Up
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM** **Meeting with Carlos Perez Verdía, President Peña Nieto’s Chief of Staff, and Paulina Terrazas Valdés, Head of Special Projects for President Peña Nieto**
Location: Los Pinos-Parque Lira S/N, San Miguel Chapultepec I Sección Bosque de Chapultepec, 11850, Miguel Hidalgo
Topic: A discussion with President Peña Nieto’s Staff on U.S.-Mexico relations and upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.
In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

9:30-10:30 AM—Transfer time: 1 hour
- 10:30 - 12:00 PM** **Meeting with Salomón Chertorivksi, Member of Ricardo Anaya’s Presidential Campaign**
Location: Salicornia Cuernavaca 85, Col. Condesa, Del. Cuauhtémoc, 06140, CDMX
In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.
Topic: Discussion with campaign member of Mexican presidential candidate on Mexican domestic policies and the upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM** **Group Lunch**
In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Meeting with U.S. Ambassador Roberta Jacobson

Location: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, Paseo de la Reforma 305, Cuauhtémoc, 06500 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Topic: A conversation with a high-ranking U.S. government official in Mexico on U.S.-Mexico relations.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

3:30- 4:30 PM—Transfer time: 1 hour

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Meeting with Members of Andrés Manuel López Obrador's Campaign

Speakers: Olga Sanchez-Secretaria de Gobernación
Héctor Vasconcelos-Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores
Luisa Alcalde Lujan-Secretaria de Trabajo
Alejandra Frausto-Secretaria de Cultura

Josefa Gonzalez Blanco-Secretaria de Medio Ambiente

Location: Edificio Torre del Bosque, Boulevard Manuel Ávila Camacho 24, Piso 16, Col. Lomas de Chapultepec, 11000, CDMX.

Topic: Discussion with campaign members of Mexican presidential candidate on Mexican domestic policies and the upcoming Mexican Presidential Election in July 2018.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

8:30 PM

Return to Hotel

Evening free for participants

Friday, February 23, 2018

6:30 AM

Depart Hotel for Puebla

Shuttle Pick-Up

6:30-9 AM—Transfer time: 2 ½ hours

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Tour of Rassini Metal Polishing Plant**

Location: 74120, Autopista México - Puebla 269, San Baltazar Temaxcalac, Santa María Moyotzingo, Puebla, Mexico

Topic: A tour of Mexico's largest auto-parts manufacturer that operates in the global automotive industry. The Company, through its business units, manufactures automobile suspension and brake system components. Rassini's principal market is light vehicles in North America. This will allow trip participants to view and experience a briefing of one of Mexico's largest domestic employers and the economic opportunities they provide.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, Rassini staff, and local guides.

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch at Rassini

Location: Rassini Facilities

1:00 PM

Depart Rassini

1-1:45 PM—Transfer time to Ibero Puebla: 45 min.

2:00 – 3:45 PM

Visit Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla

Location: Blvrd del Niño Poblano 2901, Reserva Territorial Atlixcáyotl, Centro Comercial Puebla, 72810 San Andrés Cholula, Puebla, Mexico

Topic: A conversation with Mexican college students on U.S.-Mexico relations, education, and economic opportunities. This will allow trip participants to have a substantive discussion with Mexican college students on Mexican education and social upward mobility.

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

4:00 PM

Depart Ibero Puebla for Puebla City Center

4-5 PM—Transfer time: 1 hour

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Farewell Dinner at Casa Reyna

Location: PRIVADA 2 ORIENTE # 1007 COL. CENTRO PUEBLA, PUEBLA C. P. 72000

In attendance: Michael Werz-CAP Senior Fellow; Dan Restrepo-CAP Senior Fellow; Joel Martinez-CAP Research Associate; other trip participants, and local guides.

7:30 – 10 :00 PM

Departure to Mexico City

Return to Hotel

Saturday, February 24, 2018

6:00 AM

Hotel Check Out

Shuttle Pick-Up

9:40 AM

Fly Out

Mexico City (MEX) — Washington D.C. (IAD)
United 1567: 9:40am – 2:45 PM



U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative



Dear Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval,

There is no binational relationship more important for the United States than our relationship with Mexico. Despite this fact, today's public leaders are marred by misguided rhetoric and a systemic lack of understanding of the full range of realities in each country. This lack of understanding makes promoting sensible public policies—across a broad range of issues affecting countless lives throughout the United States—far too hard to achieve.

To bridge this destructive gap, the Center for American Progress (CAP) has launched a new initiative and we write today to **invite you to apply to our U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative** and become part of building a new, vibrant, 21st Century U.S.-Mexico relationship.

The CAP Mexico Team will convene its third U.S.-Mexico Leaders Initiative class of 10-15 leaders from across the United States, in Mexico, February 19-24. Our five-day program will bring together participants with diverse backgrounds who will visit Mexico City and Puebla, and engage with Mexican counterparts, government officials, private sector, media, and civil society actors. The costs of the program—domestic and international flights, food, lodging, and on-the-ground transportation—will be fully covered.

Over time, the CAP Mexico Team aims to create a binational network of alumni that will help host events and discussions in their respective communities with influential public and private sector personalities addressing present-day concerns on both sides of our shared border.

Guiding the next generation of global leaders on foreign policy—starting with the United States' most complex and important binational relationship—is essential.

It is our hope that you will apply to become part of our effort to both expand and elevate the discussion of that relationship as it is imperative that those who understand the shared destiny of the United States and Mexico, and how each country affects political, social, economic, and cultural development in the other, are well informed and raise their voice to defend the complexity and diversity of the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

We look forward to your application and to working together in the future.

—CAP Mexico Team