

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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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 23, 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: Robert Edmonson
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 5/10/18 Return: 5/15/18
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Havana, Cuba Return city: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Center for Democracy in the Americas
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Met Cuban entrepreneurs, LGBT activists, economists, and the U.S. Charge d'affaires.
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: Robert Edmonson DATE: 5/22/18

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. Nancy Pelosi DATE: 5/22/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Nancy Pelosi

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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 Democracy in the Americas
2. Travel Destination(s): Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba
3. Date of Departure: May 10, 2018 Date of Return: May 15, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Robert Edmonson, Joshua Rogin, Eric Jacobstein, Lara Hopkins
(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	976.49	1282.04	555.59	150 (see addendum)
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: *Emily Mendrala*
 Name: Emily Mendrala Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Center for Democracy in the Americas

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

Address: P.O. Box 53106
Washington, DC 20009
 Telephone number: 202-234-5506
 Email Address: EMendrala@democracyinamericas.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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Robert Edmonson
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Center for Democracy in the Americas (CDA)
3. Travel destination(s): Miami, FL; Havana, Cuba
4. a. Date of departure May 10, 2018 Date of return: May 15, 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 Chief of Staff, this trip will deepen my understanding of U.S. policy towards Cuba in a time of leadership transition, and inform legislative policy including travel, trade and LGBT rights in Cuba.
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: 4/4/2018



Signature of Employing Member

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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 Democracy in the Americas (CDA)
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: _____
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 addendum.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: May 10, 2018 Date of return: May 15, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Miami, FL; Havana, Cuba
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:

CDA is a nonpartisan nonprofit institution that seeks to educate policymakers on U.S. policy toward Cuba. One of CDA's main activities is organizing fact-finding trips to Cuba to give participants first-hand experience. CDA is responsible for all aspects of this trip, including the selection and recruitment of participants and organizing the agenda of meetings.

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): _____
Approximately \$110

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Havana is the capital of Cuba and the country's largest city. It affords the opportunity to meet a wide range of Cubans, including civil society leaders, artists, academics, and government officials.

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

Hotel name: Miami International Airport Hotel City: Miami Cost per night: \$159
Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to airport gate for early morning flight

Hotel name: Hotel Melia Cohiba City: Havana Cost per night: \$275
Reason(s) for selecting: Necessary amenities like internet access, central location, proximity to meeting sites

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	\$1,000	\$1,259	\$550
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<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	\$150	Translation, tips, educational materials
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: Emily Mendrala

Name: Emily Mendrala

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Center for Democracy in the Americas (CDA)

Address: P.O. Box 53106, Washington, DC 20009

Telephone number: 202-234-5506

Email address: EMendrala@democracyinamericas.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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Mr. Robert Edmonson
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Dear Mr. Edmonson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Miami, Florida, and Cuba,¹ scheduled for May 10 to 15, 2018, sponsored by the Center for Democracy in the Americas.

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

¹ This letter concerns whether this trip complies with applicable House Rules. It is our understanding that the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers regulations governing travel by United States citizens to Cuba, including what items may be brought back to the United States. OFAC published a set of questions and answers related to Cuba, available at https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions+/Programs/Documents/cuba_faqs_new.pdf. You should contact that agency directly to ensure that your travel is permissible under its regulations.

Additionally, we note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to Cuba, available at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/cuba-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

Mr. Robert Edmonson

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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.

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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**CDA Delegation to Cuba
May 10-15, 2018**

Addendum:

Other Expenses: \$150

- 1) Tips (hotel, driver, guide): \$60
- 2) Translators: \$60
- 3) Honoraria: \$30

Addendum: House Invitees

Robert Edmonson was invited due to his role as Leader Pelosi's Chief of Staff. Leader Pelosi has traveled to Cuba numerous times and has been a leader on Cuba policy issues in Congress. Robert is also President of the LGBT Congressional Staff Association's Board of Directors.

Eric Jacobstein was invited due to his role as Senior Policy Advisor on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, advising Ranking Member Engel on Western Hemisphere affairs and State Department operations. The House Foreign Affairs Committee is responsible for oversight and legislation related to activities and policies of the State Department and U.S. national security developments affecting foreign policy.

Joshua Rogin was invited due to his role as Chief of Staff for Rep. Ted Deutch (FL), who represents a district with a large Cuban American population and also sits on the House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC). Mr. Rogin is interested in learning about U.S.-Cuba bilateral relations and LGBT rights in Cuba, which are of particular interest to constituents in Mr. Deutch's district.

Lara Hopkins was invited due to her role as Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Kathy Castor (FL), who represents a district with a large Cuban American population. Rep. Castor has been working to make travel to Cuba easier for Cuban-Americans in her district. Ms. Hopkins is interested in learning about U.S.-Cuba bilateral relations and LGBT rights in Cuba, which are of particular interest to constituents in Ms. Castor's district.

**LGBTQ Delegation
 Havana, Cuba
 May 10-15**

**Thursday, May 10
 Miami**

Evening **Washington, DC participants arrive Miami and check in to accommodations.**

8:00pm – 9:30pm **Dinner Discussion with CubaOne Foundation and Anthony Mendez**
 The delegation interacted with CubaOne Board Members and former CubaOne travelers. CubaOne Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit forging ties between Cuban Americans and the Cuban people. Anthony Mendez spoke about his experience participating in prior years' events around Cuba's International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Location: Shirley's @ Gramps; 176 NW 24th St, Miami, FL 33127
 Catering: Estefan Kitchen

**Friday, May 11
 Havana**

1:00pm **Delegation arrives to Havana on AA 1447 from Miami. (Flight was delayed leaving Miami)**

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Trip Framing Lunch Discussion with CDA Executive Director Emily Mendrala**
 Emily Mendrala described the current U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship, reviewed the trip itinerary, placed the forthcoming meetings in context, and fielded any questions from the delegation.

Location: On the bus en route to lunch

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Lunch Meeting with Andy Aquino**, a Sexuality Specialist from the National Center for Sex Education to discuss LGBT issues. CENESEX has made headlines on and off the island for its innovative work in LGBT rights and success in keeping HIV-infection rates low. The group discussed Andy's work with Cuba's trans population, including educational and health-related outreach, and the weekend's events around the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Location: **Café Laurent paladar**

4:00pm – 4:30pm Transfer to Hotel Melia Cohiba

Accommodations: **Hotel Melia Cohiba**

4:30pm – 6:00pm Check in and personal/executive time

6:00pm – 7:30pm Light snack/dinner in the hotel lobby



- 7:30pm – 8:00pm Transfer to the gala
- 8:00pm – 11:00pm **11na Gala Cubana Contra la Homofobia y la Transfobia (IDAHOT Gala)**
The delegation watched the 11th Gala Against Homophobia and Transphobia, a multifaceted talent show featuring artists from Cuba and beyond. At the gala, Mariela Castro Epin, the Director of CENESEX, presented awards to artists who advanced LGBTQ rights around the world. The delegation interacted with Cuban activists, artists, and CENESEX employees in attendance at the gala.

Location: **Karl Marx Theater**

Saturday, May 12

Havana

- 8:30am – 9:30am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:30am – 10:00am Transfer to Old Havana
- 10:00am – 11:00am **Visit to Clandestina, an independent woman-owned and –run design studio and shop.**
The group met with Clandestina’s founders and staff and to discuss their lives as women entrepreneurs in Cuba and challenges they face.
- 11:00am – 11:30am Transfer to Vedado
- 11:30am – 12:30pm **Visit Vinilos del Corazon and discuss entrepreneurship in Cuba with co-owner Manuel Arias.** Vinilos del Corazon is a small private business co-owned by Yamina Vicente and Manuel Arias that specialized in home decorations including over 70 laminate designs in 20 colors. Vinilos del Corazon serves a primarily Cuban clientele. Manuel described the business as well as the experience of being a small business owner in Cuba.
- 12:30pm – 12:45pm Transfer to lunch
- 12:45pm – 2:30pm **Lunch Discussion with Cuban Economist Dr. Ricardo Torres**
Dr. Torres is a professor of economics and Cuban economy with the Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy at the University of Havana. Dr. Torres commented on changes taking place in the Cuban economy and prospects for further reforms in the context of regional and global economic pressures, and field questions from the delegation.

Location: **Los Naranjos paladar Calle 17, #715 altos, entre Paseo y A, Vedado**

- 2:30pm – 2:45pm Transfer to meeting
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm **Visit the Ludwig Foundation,** a non-governmental organization founded in 1995 and funded by the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation of Germany. The foundation incubates young and emerging artists through workshops, exhibits and performances, and provides annual scholarships and grants. It is one of the only non-governmental grant-making organizations on the island. We met with the director of the foundation, Wilfredo Benitez, who described the foundation’s work and the arts scene in Cuba, including expressions of gender in art.

4:30pm-6:00pm	Personal time
6:00pm	Transfer to Parade
6:30pm-8:00pm	<p>Participation in the Parade; La Conga Contra Homofobia y Transfobia</p> <p>The group participated in the Parade Against Homophobia and Transphobia and interacted with the hundreds of Cuban people in attendance. The parade brought together Cuban government officials, activists, artists, and academics, as well as foreign participants (including some in the diplomatic community) in a roughly 8 block march through the streets of Havana. Cuban families looked on, many filming the events with smartphones, and some spontaneously joining the festivities.</p>
8:00 pm	Transfer to dinner
8:30pm – 10:00pm	<p>Dinner</p> <p><i>Location: San Cristobal Paladar</i></p>
10:00pm – 11:30pm	<p>Optional walk along the Malecón</p> <p>Some of the group walked along Havana’s seawall, known to locals as the sofa. The seawall is a free, public gathering space for many Cubans; a place to escape the heat and gather with friends, to fish, or to listen to music.</p>
<u>Sunday, May 13</u>	
Havana	
8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast at hotel
9:30am – 10:00am	Transfer to meeting
10:00am – 11:30am	<p>Meeting with journalist Marc Frank. Frank is the author of <i>Cuba Revelations</i> and one of the longest-serving foreign correspondents in Cuba. Frank writes for Reuters, the Financial Times, and the Economist, and is an authority on the Cuban economy. He offered insight into important economic, political and social issues on the island and share colorful stories about being a reporter in Cuba.</p> <p><i>Location: Hotel Nacional salón Puerto Príncipe</i></p>
11:30am – 12:00pm	Transfer to lunch
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<p>Delegation Lunch at Río Mar</p> <p>The delegation took advantage of a no-speaker lunch to introduce themselves, share their interest in Cuba, and their impressions from the trip and the meetings thus far.</p> <p><i>Location: Río Mar Paladar</i></p>
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Transfer to meeting

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm **Brief performance followed by discussion with a member of *Cuarteto Habana***, a drag king quartet based in Havana that partners with CENESEX to conduct community-based health education. The group’s manager discussed the work of the quartet, the challenges they face as performers, and tensions within Cuba’s LGBT community. At Acapulco movie theater
- 4:00pm – 5:30pm **Visit to Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes San José**
The artisan market in Old Havana is at a renovated harborside pier known as Centro Cultural Antiguos Almacenes San José. The delegation visited the market to purchase souvenirs and to speak with artists about their businesses and their views on U.S-Cuba relations.
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm Transfer to hotel and personal/executive time
- 6:30pm – 7:00pm Transfer to dinner
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm **Dinner Discussion with Ambassador Philip S. Goldberg, interim Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Embassy**
Philip Goldberg is a career minister in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. He previously served as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia, Chief of Mission in Pristina, Kosovo, and Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile. The group met with him to discuss U.S. policy toward Cuba and embassy staffing in the wake of health incidents affecting U.S. diplomats.

*Location: **Atelier paladar**
Calle 5ta., No. 511 altos, entre Paseo y 2, Vedado, Havana
+53 7 836 2025*

Monday, May 14
Havana

- 8:30am – 9:30am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:30am – 10:00am Transfer to Old Havana
- 10:00am – 12:00pm **Walk through Old Havana with your local guide.**
The group learned about Havana’s history and development as the most important urban, cultural, and economic center of Cuba and contemporary demographic pressures on the island that are important to understand Cuba’s economy and social context.
- 12:00pm – 12:30pm Transfer to lunch
- 12:30pm – 1:50pm **Lunch at Mediterraneo Havana**, a modern, family run paladar in the Vedado neighborhood. This cozy paladar produces much of what it serves at a nearby farm in Guanabacoa Cuba, including the vegetables and dairy products.
- The group was joined by Tico Almeida, Cuban-American lawyer and founder and president of Freedom to Work, a U.S. national LGBT organization.** Over lunch, the group discussed the LGBT activist scene in Cuba, how their activities interact with those of CENESEX, and challenges and opportunities for marriage equality in Cuba.



- 1:50pm – 2:00pm Transfer to Meeting
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm Visit the **National HIV Prevention Center**, founded to design, implement and coordinate all educational and prevention activities across the country. The group met with Yisel Justiz who administers the program and discussed in detail the country's approach to HIV prevention and education, including public messaging campaigns, public health approaches, and school-based education curricula.
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm Transfer to meeting
- 3:45pm – 4:30 pm **Visit to the Nostalgicar restoration garage.** The group met with Julio Álvarez of Nostalgicar, a car and chauffer service featuring restored vintage Chevrolets. Julio learned about restoring cars from his father, a mechanic who spent years restoring his first project – a blue '59 Chevy named Nadine. After new opportunities for self-employment opened, he and his wife Nidialys started their business, driving visitors around Havana in their pristine restored cars. They have formed a cooperative that now includes over 20 drivers. Julio discussed his business, the challenges he faces as an entrepreneur in Cuba, and the impact of U.S. policy on his business.
- 4:30pm – 6:45pm Transfer to hotel and personal time
- 6:45pm – 7:00pm Transfer to dinner
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Closing Dinner**
The group debriefed from the trip, discussed findings and follow-up activities.
- Location: ***La Guarida paladar***
Concordia. No. 418, Gervasio y Escobar, Havana
+53 7 866 9047

Tuesday, May 15

- 6:30 am Check-out and depart for airport.
- 9:15 am **Delegation departed Havana on AA 2678 to Miami.**

**CDA Delegation to Cuba
May 10-15, 2018**

Addendum:

Other Expenses: \$150

- 1) Tips (hotel, driver, guide): \$60
- 2) Translators: \$60
- 3) Honoraria: \$30