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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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, B-81 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: Robbin Bass
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: December 4, 2019 Return: December 6, 2019
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Texarkana, AR Destination: New Orleans, LA Return City: Texarkana, AR
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: US Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Panel discussion on Opioid Addiction crisis, reaines and response to natur disasters with FEMA, know your veterans and how to address their needs, panel discussion with VBA Regional Dir.
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** the *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 statement is true by checking the box: ☒
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: Robb Bass Date: December 12, 2019

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: John Ratcliffe Date: December 12, 2019

Signature of Supervising Member: _____



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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 ten 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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: US Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

2. Travel Destination(s): New Orleans, Louisiana

3. Date of Departure: December 4, 2019 Date of Return: December 6, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Robbin Bass

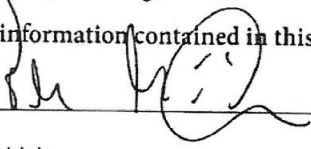
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$424	\$260	\$170	\$80- private rooms for meetings and meals
Accompanying Family Member	none	none	none	none

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:  Date: December 10, 2019

Name: Pete Weichlein Title: CEO

Organization: US Association of Former MEMbers of Congress (FMC)

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box: ☒

Address: 1401 K Street, Suite 901, Washington, DC 2005

Telephone: 2025074850 Email: pweichlein@usafmc.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.

Version date 12/2018 by Committee on Ethics



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Robbin Bass
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Former Members of Congress
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New Orleans, Louisiana
4. a. Date of Departure: December 4, 2019 Date of Return: December 6, 2019
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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 the District Director key responsibilities lie in communicating with our DC team and Mr. Ratcliffe the
unique issues for a rural district in Texas. Texas has seen its share of issues, including disaster dec,
over the past year. In addition we have a large veteran population, unique to our district
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member

Date

11/1/19



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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 website (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: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
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):
see attachment
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: December 4, 2019 Date of Return: see attachment
7. a. City of departure: see attachment
b. Destination(s): New Orleans, LA
c. City of return: see attachment
8. Check only one. I represent that:
 - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:*
- 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. *Not Applicable.* 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:
FMC is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to strengthen the Congress through promoting a collaborative approach to policy making and to deepen the understanding our democratic system. This trip will bring together a bipartisan group of 18 district directors from across the US to learn about issues that constituents face in their districts (con't)
13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if neccessary:*
- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☒ (specify: charter van)
- 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. *Check only one.* I represent that either:
- 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): _____
\$71Dec. 5th (Dec. 4th- fly in day \$50 and Dec. 6th- fly out day \$35) ☒
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: District Directors are traveling from all over the country elminiating east or west coast as a location. New Orleans is central and has many flight options.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Le Pavillon City: New Orleans Cost Per Night: \$135
Reason(s) for Selecting: great deal, location and meeting space.
- 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:* ☒



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	see attachment	\$270	\$156
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$570	room rental, panelist meals, entrance fees to
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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19. Check only one:

a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: ☒ OR

b. *Not Applicable.* Trip 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:  Date: October 29, 2019

Name: Pete Weichlein, Esq

Title: CEO

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Address: 1401 K Street, Suite 503, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-222-0972

Email: pweichlein@usafmc.org

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

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U.S. House of Representatives

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November 25, 2019

Ms. Robbin Bass
Office of the Honorable John Ratcliffe
2500 North Robison Road
Texarkana, TX 75503

Dear Ms. Bass:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, scheduled for December 4 to 6, 2019, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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Attachment for House Congressional Ethics Form
FMC: District Director Symposium New Orleans, December 4 – 6, 2019

4. All the district directors were invited because of the unique responsibilities that they have to address issues of their constituents. The symposium is being held to focus on some of these issues and allow the district directors to discuss what works for them and what does not work in their districts to address the unique concerns of their constituents. All of the District Directors have worked with FMC and in the past have provided FMC with a number of issues they would appreciate a symposium like this addressing.

1. **Mr. Joe Abner, District Director, Rep. Steven Chabot** – invited because Rep. Chabot is on the House small business committee Innovation and workforce Development subcommittee
2. **Mr. Rick Adkins, District Director, Rep. Jeff Duncan** – invited because Rep. Duncan is on the House Energy and Commerce Committee Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee.
3. **Ms. Robbin Bass, District Director, Rep. John Ratcliffe** – invited because the state of Texas has been impacted from several natural disasters in recent years.
4. **Mr. Tim Butler, District Director, Rep. Mike Kelly** – invited because Rep. Kelly is on the Health Subcommittee for the House Ways and Means Committee.
5. **Mr. Matthew Ceccato, District Director, Rep. Ami Bera** – invited because Rep. Bera is on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee and the importance of technology to the tomorrow's work force and Mr. Ceccato is a veteran.
6. **Mr. Michael Chirico, District Director, Rep. Carol Miller** – invited because opioids is an enormous problem in the district.
7. **Ms. Marcella Cortez, District Director, Rep. Jimmy Gomez** – invited because Rep. Gomez is on the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.
8. **Ms. Robyn Grange, District Director, Rep. Bobby Rush** – invited because Rep. Rush is on the Health Subcommittee for the House Energy and Commerce Committee.
9. **Mr. Jack Jackson Jr., District Director, Rep. Tom O'Halleran** – invited because as a Tribal Engagement Director many of the issues we are address impact indigenous communities uniquely.
10. **Ms. Kate Jennings, District Director, Rep. Cheri Bustos** – invited because Rep. Bustos is the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs of the House Appropriations Committee and the Skilled American Workforce Caucus.
11. **Ms. Wendi Lipsich, District Director, Rep. Ted Deutch** – invited because Rep. Deutch is on the Military Veterans Caucus.
12. **Ms. Jessica Mier, District Director, Rep. Susan Davis** – invited because Rep. Davis is on the Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee.
13. **Mr. Chris Miller, District Director, Rep. John Rutherford** – invited because Rep. Rutherford is on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and is on the Bipartisan Heroin and Opioids Task Force.
14. **Ms. Elizabeth Roney, District Director, Rep. Bradley Byrne** – invited because Rep. Byrne is on the Workforce Protections subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee.
15. **Ms. Tara Rountree, District Director, Rep. Donald McEachin** – invited because Rep. McEachin is on the Environment and Climate Change subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.
16. **Ms. Megan Sims, District Director, Rep. Andre Carson** – invited because Rep. Carson is on the skilled American Workforce Caucus.

17. Mr. Chad Story, District Director, Rep. Alex Moony - invited because opioids is an enormous problem in this district.

6. Return date is Dec. 6th with the following exceptions:

Matt Ceccato will return on Dec. 8th

Jack Jackson will return on Dec. 7th

Christopher Miller will return on Dec. 8th

7.

Name	Departure city	Return city
Joe Abner	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati, OH
Rick Adkins	Greenville, SC	Greenville, SC
Robbin Bass	Texarkana, AR	Texarkana, AR
Tim Butler	Erie, PA	Erie, PA
Matthew Ceccato	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento, CA
Michael Chirico	Washington Reagan, DC	Washington Reagan, DC
Marcella Cortez	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA
Robyn Grange	Chicago, IL	Chicago, IL
Jack Jackson Jr.	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix, AZ
Kate Jennings	Quad City, IL	Quad City, IL
Wendi Lipsich	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Jessica Mier	San Diego, CA	San Diego, CA
Chris Miller	Jacksonville, FL	Jacksonville, FL
Elizabeth Roney	Driving from Alabama	Driving to Alabama
Tara Rountree	Richmond, VA	Richmond, VA
Megan Sims	Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis, IN
Chad Story	Charleston, WV	Charleston, WV

12. Specifically we will look at the opioid epidemic; veteran issues; issues preparing for and resulting from natural disasters; and preparing constituent communities for the workforce of tomorrow. FMC organized and will staff the symposium.

18. Costs

Transportation:

Name	Flights (good faith estimate)	Ground (good faith estimate)	Total (good faith estimate)
Joe Abner	\$430	\$75	\$505
Rick Adkins	\$500	\$75	\$575
Robbin Bass	\$375	\$75	\$450
Tim Butler	\$450	\$75	\$525
Matthew Ceccato	\$685	\$75	\$760
Michael Chirico	\$385	\$75	\$460
Marcella Cortez	\$400	\$75	\$475
Robyn Grange	\$380	\$75	\$455
Jack Jackson Jr.	\$465	\$75	\$540
Kate Jennings	\$640	\$75	\$715
Wendi Lipsich	\$255	\$75	\$330

Jessica Mier	\$400	\$75	\$475
Chris Miller	\$410	\$75	\$485
Elizabeth Roney	Driving (\$150 mileage)	\$75	\$225
Tara Rountree	\$485	\$75	\$560
Megan Sims	\$275	\$75	\$350
Chad Story	\$400	\$75	\$475



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2019 District Director Symposium
Wednesday, December 4- Friday, December 6, 2019
New Orleans, Louisiana

In case of an emergency, please call:
Sharon Witiw: (703) 309-3691
Updated 10.21.

Hotel: Le Pavillon Hotel | 833 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA | 504-581-3111

Wednesday, December 4th FLY IN DAY

Flight arriving various times

Check-in at hotel

5:30PM Meet in lobby to walk to dinner

6:00 – 7:30PM Dinner and special guests*
Topic: Civic education and its importance to your district.
Joining us at dinner are educators and other interested in civic education.

Thursday, December 5

8:00AM meet in lobby for transport to WWII museum

8:15AM Private tour of the WWII museum
Location: World War II Museum, 945 Magazine Street, NW 504-528-1944

9:30-11:00AM **Breakfast Discussion: Know your veterans and how to address their needs**
Topic: Veteran support from the VA and from Veterans.
roundtable discussion with staff from the director of VA hospital, Veterans Administration
Location: hotel conference room

- 11:00-12:15AM** **Work Force Development & the Future of Work**
Topic: How to prepare your constituents for tomorrows jobs.
Representative from companies that have programs that train their workforce. Also including local Organization from Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) person.
Location: Hotel Conference room.
- 12:20-1:30PM** **Luncheon Discussion: The Modernization of Congress**
Report on what the Committee on the Modernization of Congress is doing and how that may impact districts and district staff.
Lead staff member to update district directors on the Committees work
Location: Hotel Conference room.
- 1:45-3:15PM** **Panel Discussion: Opiates: A Silent Crisis**
Topic: How to be helpful directing constituents with addiction concerns
Former Member of Congress, and national recognized speaker on addiction and suicide, Dr. Tim Murphy.
Location: Hotel Conference room.
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- 3:30-4:30PM** **Districts ready and responding to natural disasters.**
Topic: How to prepare your community for natural disasters and how best to respond after the event.
Representative from FEMA and Cajun Navy Relief and Rescue.
Location: starting in the Hotel Conference room
- 4:30- 5:45PM** **Tour of the ninth ward**
Topic: Years after a disaster, what are the lingering issues and how to help constituents effected and help them navigate the process,
- 7:00PM** **Closing Dinner**
Lessons learned. What are other issues to discuss?

Friday, December 6 FLY OUT DAY

Flights home.

Final agenda



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2019 District Director Symposium
Wednesday, December 4- Friday, December 6, 2019
New Orleans, Louisiana

In case of an emergency, please call:
Sharon Witiw: (703) 309-3691

Hotel: Le Pavillon Hotel | 833 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA | 504-581-3111

Monday, December 2

First Name	Last name	flights	Departure location	Arrival time
Kathryn	Jennings	Self-paid		

Wednesday, December 4th FLY IN DAY

Flight arriving various times.

First Name	Last name	flights	Departure location	Arrival time
Joe	Abner	DL400/DL1502	Cincinnati/ Atlanta	1:06 PM
Rick	Adkins	Aa1585/AA2607	Greenville/Dallas	11:43 AM
Robbin	Bass	AA4097/AA2802	Texarkana/Dallas	11:10 AM
Timothy	Butler	DL3670/DL2411	Erie/Detroit	10:28 AM
Matthew	Ceccato	UA740	Sacramento	2:48 PM
Michael	Chirico	AA4577	Washington, D.C.	1:44 PM
Marcella	Cortez	UA1259/UA1840	Burbank/Denver	4:55 PM
Robyn	Grange	UA2208	Chicago	3:10 PM
Jack	Jackson	WN4029	Phoenix	2:55 PM
Wendi	Lipsich	WN0051	Ft. Lauderdale	4:10PM
Jessica	Mier	DL2473/DL0835	San Diego/Los Angeles	2:54 PM
Christopher	Miller	DL1317/DL1293	Jacksonville/ Atlanta	3:38 PM
Megan	Sims	DL1127/DL2936	Indianapolis/ Atlanta	2:33 PM
Chad	Story	AA5341/AA656	Charleston/ Charlotte	3:55 PM
Elizabeth	Roney	Driving (2-3 hours)	Alabama	4:00PM

Check-in at hotel

5:30PM

Meet in lobby to walk to dinner

6:00 - 7:30PM

Dinner and Student Government Officers from local Universities

Topic: *Overview of program, and introduction; public servants of the future*

30 minutes will be dedicated to overview and introduction;

the remaining time will be in the format of a roundtable discussion with District Directors and Student Government Officers *

Special guests: Student Government Officers from local colleges (6 invited)

Mr. Joseph Sotile, President Student Government, Tulane University

Ms. Sierra Ambrose, President Student Government, Loyola New Orleans University

Mr. Traelon Rodger, Student Government Officer, Dillard University

Ms. Toiya Smith, Urban Studies and Public Policy BS, Candidate, Dillard University

Location: Luke, Wine Room, 333 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130

Thursday, December 5

8:00-9:15AM

Panel Discussion: Opiates: A Silent Crisis

Topic: How to be helpful directing constituents with addiction concerns

LEAD: Joe Abner

Speakers:

Dr. Jan Kasofsky, ED, Capital Area Human Services

Dr. Tim Murphy, Former Member of Congress (R-PSA, 2003-2011), and national recognized speaker on addiction and suicide.

Location: Versailles C, (Hotel Conference room)



Dr. Jan Kasofsky has been the Executive Director of the Capital Area Human Services for the past 23 years. She has led this CARF accredited, \$26-\$30M, seven parish agency through implementation of innovative approaches for individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities challenges. Some of her most innovative programmatic work includes crisis services, integrated care, pre-natal substance use screening and brief intervention, school and prison in-reach, law enforcement training and reentry services. She established the Behavioral Health Collaborative 15 years ago, and through it recently completed a region-wide opioid response plan.



Dr. Tim Murphy's professional career spans over 40 years in Healthcare, government service, the military, education and media. He is the only mental health professional in the United States with that unique background. Earning his degrees in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh (PhD), Cleveland State University (MA) and Wheeling Jesuit University (BA), he worked at hospitals in the Pittsburgh region including Children's Hospital, Magee Womens, Mercy, and West Penn and owned a multi-disciplinary private practice. At the University of Pittsburgh, he served as Assistant Professor in the School of Medicine as well as Associate Professor in the School of Public Health.

In 1996, he was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate and reelected in 2000. He then was elected to eight terms in the United States Congress representing Southwestern Pennsylvania. His multiyear investigation into federal problems with mental health policy culminated in the comprehensive bill "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act"; it was later amended into the 21st Century Cures Act and signed into law by President Obama in December 2016.

Murphy served on the Energy and Commerce committee and several subcommittees including Health, Energy and Power, Environment and the Economy. In addition, he chaired the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation where he led several congressional investigations. He chaired the Mental Health Caucus, Steel Caucus, and founded the GOP Doctors Caucus and Natural Gas Caucus.

While serving in Congress, Dr. Murphy volunteered and was commissioned an officer in the United State Navy Reserve in 2009. He served for 8 years in the Medical Service Corps as a psychologist on an inpatient Traumatic Brain Injury/PTSD Unit at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda. Additional active duty time was aboard the aircraft carriers (USS Carl Vinson, USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS Ronald Reagan), and with Navy Special Warfare in Coronado CA, and Dam Neck VA. He achieved the

rank of Commander. His Navy research for the Defense Veterans Brain Injury Center was on behavioral and psychological outcomes of TBI.

Murphy now works as a consultant in public policy with health care, energy, manufacturing, and as a public speaker. He still practices as a consulting psychologist treating PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, addiction disorders and volunteers with the care of homeless veterans and with the American Red Cross.

9:15-10:30AM

Districts readiness and respond to natural disasters.

Topic: How to prepare your community for natural disasters and how best to respond after the event.

LEAD:

Mike Chirico

Speakers:

Mr. Paul Rainwater, Cornerstone Government Affairs

Mr. John Long, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA

Location: Versailles C, (Hotel Conference room)



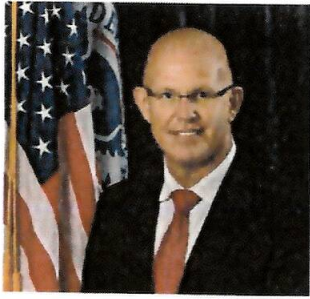
Paul W. Rainwater most recently held the title as Governor Jindal's Chief of Staff. He resigned in February of 2014 to pursue a career in the private sector and shortly thereafter joined Cornerstone Government Affairs.

Prior to his latest position, Paul held the title of Commissioner of Administration. Before that, he served as Governor Jindal's deputy chief of staff. Prior to that, he served as executive director of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA). Previously, Paul served as legislative director and chief of operations for U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu. From June 2006 to January 2007, he served as director of hazard mitigation and intergovernmental affairs at the LRA, where he managed program policies, served as team leader and coordinated with state and federal agencies to set mitigation priorities. From July 2000 to June 2006, Paul served as the chief administrative officer for the City of Lake Charles.

Paul also formerly served as manager of governmental affairs for Conoco, Inc., Gulf Coast Business Unit in Baton Rouge from 1998 to July 2000; as manager of public affairs for ARCO Chemical in Lake Charles from 1995 to May 1998; and as administrative aide to the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury in Lake Charles from 1988 to 1996.

In addition to his public service duties, Paul also serves as a colonel with the Louisiana Army National Guard in the Joint Director of Military Support for Disaster Response Unit. He previously served as a lieutenant colonel in the Congressional Liaison Office of the Louisiana Army National Guard and as a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserves' 336th Finance Command. For his military service, Paul has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Paul earned a bachelor's degree in government from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University in Rhode Island, and is certified as a local government manager by Louisiana State University.



John E. Long joined FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) cadre in 2010, is a certified Type II FCO, and accredited by the International Association of Emergency Managers as a Certified Emergency Manager.

John has participated in more than 25 President declared disasters, recently serving as Deputy FCO during Hurricane Harvey in Texas. During Hurricane Sandy, he served as Operational Branch Director coordinating response and recovery operations in the five boroughs of New York City before assuming duties as Deputy FCO in New York State. He also served as Deputy FCO during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in New York, and he served as FCO for disasters in New York, Iowa, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Additionally, he served as the acting Region 6 Recovery Division Director for seven months.

Before joining FEMA, John spent 30 years on active duty as a U.S. Coast Guard officer. His last assignment was Chief of Staff, Eleventh Coast Guard District, which encompasses the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah – including 3.3 million square miles of coastal and offshore waters extending to Ecuador.

In his previous assignment as Chief Operating Officer, Coast Guard Pacific Area, he directed Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific theater while managing 28 major operating units. Primary missions included maritime homeland security, maritime homeland defense, search and rescue, protection of natural resources, counter-drug enforcement and alien migrant interdiction operations.

An aviator for 25 years, John commanded Coast Guard Air Station Houston, Texas and Coast Guard Sector San Diego, California where his duties included Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator for oil and hazardous chemical spills, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator.

John is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science; and the Air War College, where he earned a master's degree in strategic studies.

10:30-10:45 MEET IN LOBBY for Bus Ride to ninth ward

10:45-12:00 Guided Tour of the ninth ward

Topic: Years after a disaster, what are the lingering issues in the 9th ward and what can be done to prevent this when a disaster hits your district.

Tour Guides:

Ms. Laura Paul, Executive Director of lowermine.org*

Mr. Cotie San, Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer House Manager of lowermine.org

The Ninth Ward:

The Ninth Ward or 9th Ward is a distinctive region of New Orleans, which is located in the easternmost downriver portion of the city. It is geographically the largest of the 17 Wards of New Orleans. On the south, the Ninth Ward is bounded by the Mississippi River. On the western or "upriver" side, it is bounded by Franklin Avenue going from the River north to Lake Pontchartrain; The Lake forms the north and northeastern end of the ward. The 9th Ward neighborhood was thrust into the nation's spotlight in the aftermath of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. Much of the area on both sides of the Industrial Canal experienced

catastrophic flooding. The majority of the damage was caused by storm surge. There were multiple severe levee breaks along both the MRGO and the Industrial Canal. The Lower Ninth Ward flooded most catastrophically, with storm surge coming through two large breaches in the Industrial Canal flood protection system, creating violent currents that not only flooded buildings, but smashed them and displaced them from their foundations. Floodwaters propelled the barge ING 4727 into the neighborhood on the other side of the levee from the Industrial Canal. Since Katrina, the 9th Ward has witnessed an uneven resurgence, with the Vietnamese community in New Orleans East establishing themselves as a dining destination and commercial hub, even as Vietnamese and other fishermen further down the Parish are suffering from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill of April 20, 2010 and despite the projected shuttering of NASA's Michoud facility with the retirement of the current space shuttle fleet.

***lowernine.org** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term recovery of the lower ninth ward of new orleans, louisiana in the wake of hurricanes katrina and rita, and the levee breaches of 2005.



Laura Paul, lowernine.org's Executive Director, volunteered in 2006 to help with initial disaster recovery. She was a founding board member for lowernine.org and has a deep institutional knowledge of the work of lowernine.org since its inception in 2007. As a resident in the Lower Ninth Ward, she has first-hand knowledge of the issues facing the neighborhood. Laura has been the Executive Director of lowernine.org since 2011. She was a founding board member, acting as board Vice-Chair from 2005-2007, then joined the staff as Development Director in 2007. Laura eventually became the Executive Director in 2009. In her role as Executive Director, Laura oversees the project manager, general organizational development, and ensures all rebuilds follow best practices and

meet established financial and time estimates.



Cotie San, lowernine.org's Outreach Coordinator and Volunteer House Manager, is a proud native of Chattanooga, TN and graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2018. She originally volunteered with lowernine.org in March 2017 with the Sewanee Civic Engagement Office, and loved it so much that she returned to work full time as the Volunteer House Manager and Outreach Coordinator in October 2018. As the House Manager, she ensures safety and comfort of in-house volunteers. As Outreach Coordinator, she manages lowernine.org social media and assists the Executive Director with fundraising. She appreciates the culture and history of New Orleans, and the work that lowernine.org is doing to restore that in the Lower Ninth

Ward. Cotie supports racial and economic justice, as well as public health initiatives, so lowernine.org is a great fit and she hopes to continue learning about New Orleans' complicated history with race and class.

12:00-12:15

Bus Ride back to hotel

12:15-1:30

Lunch

Location: Versailles C, (Hotel Conference room)

1:45-3:00PM

Know your veterans: How best to address their needs

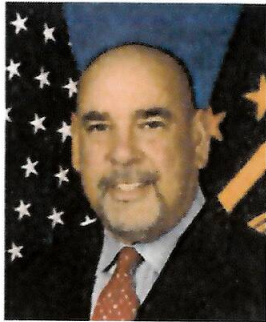
Topic: Roundtable discussion with staff from the director of VA hospital, Veterans Administration

LEAD:

Matt Ceccato

Speakers:

Mr. Fernando Rivera, CEO/ Medical Center Director for Southeast
Mr. Mark Bologana, VBA Regional Director at the VARO in New Orleans
Location: Versailles C, (Hotel Conference room)



Fernando O. Rivera Director/CEO of Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System.

Mr. Rivera has served Veterans for 30 years with VA. Immediately prior to this appointment, he was the Director/CEO of the VA Capitol Health Care Network (VISN 5). Prior to that position, he served as Director/CEO, Washington DC VAMC; Director/CEO, Martinsburg VAMC; and acting Director/CEO, Overton Brooks VAMC; and various positions at the VAMC in New Orleans.

Recently, Rivera received the 2018 AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, 2017 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Outstanding Achievement in Service for Homeless Veterans and the 2017 Employee Wellness Award. He was awarded the 2017 Extraordinary Employer Support Award. In 2016, he was the recipient of the Federal Executive Board Outstanding Agency Head, 2015 Recipient of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, 2014 VHA Mentor of the Year Award, and 2012 VHA Preceptor of the Year. He is a recipient of a 2009 Meritorious Presidential Rank Award.

Rivera earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Business Administration Degree from the University of New Orleans where he was recently name the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus for the College of Engineering Award. He was named VA "Engineer of the Year" in 1993. Fernando Rivera and his wife Stacie reside in New Orleans, La. with their three children.



Mark A. Bologna was appointed Director of the New Orleans Regional Office (RO) on Sept. 25, 2011. He administers benefits and services to 305,000 Veterans, Service members, their families and survivors in Louisiana, including payment of approximately \$640 million in annual benefits. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Bologna was Executive Director for the Veterans Benefits Management System initiative in Washington, D.C.

3:00-4:30PM

LEAD:
Jessica Mier

5G in your District: (tentative)

Topic: What it takes to get 5G to your community?

Speakers:

Mr. Jason Williams, Council Member at Large, NOLA City Council, Chair Smart and Sustainable Cities. (confirming)

Ms. Sonia Perez, Representative from AT&T (waiting for bio)

Location: Versailles C, (Hotel Conference room)



Sonia Pérez, President- Southeast States, Corporate External Affairs, AT&T As President of AT&T Southeast States, Sonia Pérez is responsible for developing the overall strategic direction of AT&T's corporate activities throughout her region of Louisiana, Kentucky and North Carolina. Her primary goal is to create the pathway for the next generation of technology, deploying 5G broadband speeds that will create smart communities where all customers will have the opportunity to benefit from a connected environment.

Sonia believes that business must contribute toward the growth of the communities it serves. Consequently, throughout her career she has been committed to public service. Based in Baton Rouge, Sonia chairs the board of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, and is past chair of the state's business roundtable, the Committee of 100. She also previously led the governor's Economic Development Transition Team. She serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Trustees of Xavier University of Louisiana and as a governor's appointee on the Louisiana Board of Regents. Sonia also serves on the Board of Directors of Sanderson Farms, Inc. (NASDAQ: SAFM). In 2018, she was named to the Merit Selection Panel for the United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana.

She has remained engaged with her alma mater, The University of Texas at Austin, and is a recipient of the university's 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award and previously the Outstanding Young Texas Ex Award. She currently serves on the UT System Foundation Board. In 2006, she was the first Latina elected president of the Texas Exes, the university's alumni association.

Prior to being named the first woman president of AT&T Louisiana in 2010, Sonia worked in a variety of capacities in Houston and South Texas, including Vice President of AT&T Texas, where she was responsible for the company's initiatives throughout the Houston region. During that time, she served on the Houston board of J.P. Morgan Chase, and the executive committees of the Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She was also a member of the Memorial Hermann Hospital System Board of Directors.

She has received numerous awards and distinctions: the 2015 Weiss Award from the New Orleans Council for Community and Justice, 2015 Role Model from the Young Leadership Council of New Orleans, 2014 induction into the Louisiana Center for Women in Government and Business Hall of Fame, 2013 Inspiration Award from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana. She was honored as one of LatinaStyle magazine's 2015 Corporate Executives of the Year, and as one of the Top Ten Outstanding Persons of 2013 by Family Services of Greater New Orleans.

She holds a Bachelor of Journalism Degree with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin and is a native of San Antonio, TX.



Jason Rogers Williams was first elected Councilmember-at-Large on March 15, 2014 and re-elected October 14, 2017. A native of New Orleans, Councilmember Williams has worked tirelessly for the betterment of New Orleans and continues to do so as a member of the City Council. He had the opportunity to spend his formative years in both Atlanta, GA and New Orleans. He graduated from the prestigious Woodward Academy in College Park, Georgia (formerly the Georgia Military Academy) before returning to New Orleans to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Tulane University on a full football scholarship as well as the Martin M. Kelly Leadership Award. Williams is also a graduate of Tulane Law School, where he received the honor of being

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inducted into the prestigious Order of the Barristers based for his three years of excellence in the art of courtroom advocacy.

Shortly after graduation, Councilmember Williams started his own law firm, Jason Rogers Williams & Associates, which he continues to manage to this day. As a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, he was appointed to serve as a State court Judge at Criminal District Court by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2003 after tackling a series of high profile cases as a criminal defense attorney. In addition to working as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School, Williams has also worked as a legal analyst at WDSU, WWL, WBOK, WGNO, FOX 8 and the Times-Picayune. Councilmember Williams also serves on the Conflict Panel for the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office and the Federal Public Defenders Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He was selected as a fellow in 2016 for the American College of Trial Lawyers.

As a staunch advocate for community development programs, Williams has served as a Board Member of The Audubon Nature Institute, Partnership for Youth Development, and The Children's Bureau of New Orleans. He still serves as a Board Member of the Innocence Project of New Orleans. In 2015 he received the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center's Mondale-Brook Award for Fair Housing Leadership and Civic Participation. In 2017 Williams received the Forum for Equality Acclaim Award in Advocacy for the LGBTQ community.

In addition to spearheading New Orleans' revolutionary "Smart City" initiative, Councilmember Williams has and continues to focus on fiscal responsibility, public safety and criminal justice reform. He was the leading advocate on Municipal Bail Reform and for the first ever budget allocation by City of New Orleans to early childhood education. He has three children, Zoe, Graham, and Xavier, who serve as his motivation to make New Orleans an even better place to live in the future.

6:30PM meet to go to dinner (one mile: Walking or cabs)

Fixed
Wireless

7:00PM

Closing Dinner

Topic: Lessons learned today, What are other issues that are unique to district directors constituent services? Can FMC be helpful to district offices in other ways? Are there other issues that regarding constituent services that we can share with each other?

Location: Tableau, 616 St. Peter Street, New Orleans, LA 70116

Friday, December 6 FLY OUT DAY

Flights home.

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>flight</u>	<u>Connections + destination</u>	<u>depart time</u>
Joe	Abner	DL1502/DL2785	Atlanta/Cincinnati	2:05 PM
Rick	Adkins	AA4392/AA5250	Charlotte/Greenville	2:14 PM
Robbin	Bass	AA2607/AA3976	Dallas/Texarkana	12:33 PM
Timothy	Butler	DL2411/DL3588	Detroit/Erie	11:19 AM
Michael	Chirico	AA 4588	Washington, D.C.	11:40 AM
Marcella	Cortez	UA2141/UA224	Denver/Burbank	6:40 AM
Robyn	Grange	UA430	Chicago	10:40 AM

Kathryn	Jennings	UA430/UA5468	Chicago/Moline	10:40 AM
Wendi	Lipsich	WN2549	Ft. Lauderdale	11:25 AM
Jessica	Mier	DL1399/DL5682	Los Angeles/San Diego	6:24 AM
Megan	Sims	DL2433/DL1534	Atlanta/Indianapolis	4:27 PM
Chad	Story	AA1616/AA5166	Charlotte/Charleston	12:15 PM
Elizabeth	Roney	Driving	2-3 hours to Alabama	9:00AM
Christopher	Miller	AA2607/2836	Dallas/Jacksonville	12:33PM

Saturday, December 7

First Name	Last name	flight	Connections + destination	depart time
Jack	Johnson	AA2802/2014	Dallas/Phoenix	11:56AM

Sunday, December 8

First Name	Last name	flight	Connections + destination	depart time
Matthew	Ceccato	Self paid		