



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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Original

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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, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, 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: Faith Mabry
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 25, 2023 Return: May 27, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Las Vegas, NV Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
Rare Earth mining site tour, innovation hub for the hospitality industry, tour and briefing at Hoover Dam to discuss Colorado River/impact on the West, law enforcement briefing on new technologies to prevent targeted violence.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - 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:

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 6/14/23

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: David G. Valadao Date: 6/14/23

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
2. Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV
3. Date of Departure: May 25, 2023 Date of Return: May 26, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Faith Mabry

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	\$741.96	\$185.32	\$66.20	Rental Car/Fuel (Shared w/Valadao): \$389.06
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: Kelly Darnell Date: 06/02/2023

Name: Kelly Darnell Title: Interim CEO

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

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

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Email: kdarnell@bipartisanpolicy.org Telephone: 202-204-2400

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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3. Date of Departure: May 25, 2023 Date of Return: May 26, 2023

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. David Valadao

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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	\$601.96	\$185.32	\$74.15	Rental Car/Fuel (Shared w/Mabry): \$389.06
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: Kelly Darnell Date: 06/02/2023

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Faith Mabry
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Las Vegas, Nevada
4. a. Date of Departure: May 25, 2023 Date of Return: May 27, 2023
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ 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)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
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 Congressman's Communications Director I will be attending this trip to document his congressional exchange with Rep. Lee and share the work being done to foster bipartisan relationships between members of Congress.
9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
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 April 25, 2023



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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: _____
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): _____
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
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:
- _____
- _____
- _____
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. **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): _____
- _____
- 2) Provide the 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: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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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: Kelly Darnell Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

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

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May 16, 2023

Ms. Faith Mabry
Office of the Honorable David G. Valadao
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Mabry:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for May 25 to 27, 2023, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center and Newton and Rochelle Becker Charitable Trust.

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 \$480 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:emw

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4

Congressman David Valadao is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, and the following subcommittees: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration; Military Construction, Veterans Affairs; Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development. He is also a member of the Budget Committee. Rep. Susie Lee, whose district Mr. Valadao is visiting, also serves on the Appropriations Committee, including the MilCon subcommittee.

This trip will afford Rep. Valadao the opportunity to see a district that shares some mutual concerns such as agriculture and water rights issues, But also an area that differs in significant ways but pertain to his service particularly on the Appropriations Committee.

Visits will include a national conservation area where he will gain a greater understanding of the need for and impact of federal resources on such lands; a stop at a critical minerals mine which has an impact particularly on his service on a transportation related subcommittee; and a conversation which will provide insight on how the federal government can continue to partner with small businesses and innovation incubators.

Additionally, and of great timely importance to the southwest of the United States, he will engage in a visit and conversation centered on water issues, particularly involving the Colorado River and balancing Environmental Protection and future water yields with economic development and population growth as well as the needs of the agriculture industry. This especially is relevant to Rep. Valadao's Work on the Agriculture and Rural Development Subcommittee. An ability to hear directly from stakeholders in the Las Vegas area's transportation realm will be important to his responsibilities on the transportation subcommittee.

Faith Mabry: As Communications Director, Ms. Mabry is involved in the full range of Rep. Valadao's responsibilities, assisting in crafting policies and legislative strategies, and issues pertinent to his committee assignments.

American Congressional Exchange Itinerary David Valadao (R-CA-22) visiting Susie Lee (D-NV-3) May 25-27, 2023

Thur., May 25

8:15 a.m.	John Richter (BPC Staff) departs IAD, UA #2372
10:28 a.m.	Arr. LAS
10:45	Pick-up rental car.
8:47 a.m.	Jonathan Perman (BPC Staff) departs ORD, UA #1610
10:55 a.m.	Arr. LAS
2:20 p.m.	Reps. Valadao and Faith Mabry depart BWI, SW #3040
4:30 p.m.	Arr. LAS

- 4:45-5:15 BPC Staff picks up Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry and drives to La Quinta by Wyndam Las Vegas Red Rock/Summerlin Hotel, 9570 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, for check-in.
- 5:15-6:00 Downtime.
- 6:00-6:30 Drive to Wynn Las Vegas Hotel, Lakeside Restaurant, 3131 Las Vegas Blvd., South.
- 6:30-8:30 Dinner with Wynn Resorts CEO Craig Billings, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority President & CEO Steve Hill. Lead by Billings and Hill.
- The entirety of the dinner will be officially connected content.
- This conversation will afford the opportunity to learn about a critical and major tourism and economic driver in the southwestern United States and a neighboring state to California. Moreover, discussion will include issues that have nationwide ramifications such as the implications of more widespread on-line gambling, particularly with regard to topics such as sports betting and the long-term impact of COVID on how the industry is constituted.
- Additionally, questions will be explored such as COVID relative to the future of the convention industry versus virtual meetings, as well as the broader impact on international visitors and the organization of major events that can be economic boons to a particular region. Finally, water conservation in hotels will be a topic for discussion.
- 8:30-8:50 Drive to hotel.

Fri., May 26

- 6:10-6:30 Drive to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Visitors Center.
- 6:30-7:15 Led by John Asselin, Public Affairs Manager and Braydon Gaard, Acting Field Manager, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Southern Nevada District Office, the two members will take a short hike with the BLM staff, view overlooks, and discuss key issues impacting the park.
- Red Rock Canyon was designated as Nevada's first National Conservation Area. The area is visited by more than two million people each year. In marked contrast to a town geared to entertainment and gaming, Red Rock offers enticements of a different nature including a 13-mile scenic drive, miles of hiking trails, rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking, road biking, picnic areas, nature observing and visitor center.

In 1990, special legislation supported by the Nevada congressional delegation changed the status of the Red Rock Recreation Lands to a National Conservation Area, the seventh to be designated nationally. This legislation provides the funding to protect and improve the area. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area is enjoyed by the local population as well as visitors from the United States and many foreign countries.

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will discuss with BLM staff, issues of crowd management precipitated by the pandemic, balancing preservation of natural areas with growing visitation, traffic/parking, and funding options that include user fees and federal resources.

The visit pertains to Rep. Valadao's service on the House Appropriations Committee.

7:15-7:35 Drive back to hotel.

7:35-8:15 Change clothes for day and check-out of hotel.

8:15-9:15 Drive to MP Materials Mountain Pass Rare Earth Mine, CA, breakfast to go.

9:15-10:45 Tour Mine and meeting with MP Materials, led by Matt Sloustcher, SVP, Comms. & Policy. MP Materials owns and operates Mountain Pass, the only integrated rare earth mining and processing site in North America. The green technologies of the future depend on powerful rare earth magnets to activate electric power. Yet, most of the supply chain for critical magnetic materials has shifted to Asia. MP Materials has the opportunity to restore the U.S.'s resource independence removing a key point of failure in our supply chain.

Mountain Pass is one of the world's highest quality rare earth deposits, enabling MP Materials to be a low-cost producer while adhering to rigorous environmental standards. Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will visit the self-contained nature of MP's operations – with co-located mining, milling, separations, and finishing – that create significant advantages and mitigate operational risks.

After the tour, Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will discuss key challenges for the industry with MP's leadership including: onshoring of jobs, national security and defense, carbon reduction, and the role of federal funding and R&D.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Valadao's service on the House Appropriations Military Construction and Transportation Subcommittees.

10:45-11:50 Drive to Black Fire Innovation at UNLV, 8400 W. Sunset Rd. in Harry Reid Research & Technology Park.

11:50-1:45

Working Lunch meeting and discussion led by Dr. Robbie Rippee, Executive Director, UNLV Black Fire Innovation Hub and UNLV Incubator.

The entirety of the lunch will be officially connected content.

Opened in 2020 in collaboration with Caesars Entertainment Corporation, Black Fire Innovation is the centerpiece of applied research and innovation for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. By combining the power of big tech with the research resources of UNLV, the Center serves to accelerate development for the hospitality, gaming, & entertainment industries. At Black Fire, researchers, students, and industry work side-by-side to bring new ideas to market.

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will first tour the technology incubator for the integrated resort which is focused on fast-tracking the testing process for new innovations. Then they will visit the testing labs for gaming floors and for Esports; as well as for resort rooms, retail concepts, restaurants. They will also meet with students and faculty who are conducting research in co-working spaces and high-tech classrooms.

Finally, the group will participate in a working lunch with leadership of Black Fire to discuss how the federal government can continue to partner with the efforts of such business and innovation incubators. The entirety of the lunch will be an officially connected activity.

Rep. Valadao's work on the House Appropriations Committee befits this stop on the itinerary.

1:45-2:30

Drive to Lake Mead Lakeview Overlook, Hoover Dam Access Road, State Road 172.

2:30-4:00

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will first meet at the Overlook for a discussion with: Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) General Counsel Greg Walch; Christa Johnson, CoS, and Justin Pattison, Dep. Superintendent, Lake Mead Natl. Recreation Area, National Park Service; Michelle Helms, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and Sara Price, Senior Assistant Director, Colorado River Commission of NV.

After approx. 25 min. of walk/talk orientation at the Overlook, the group will then drive 15 min. to the Hoover Dam Spillway House overlooking the Colorado River and Dam.

The focus of the 50 min. conversation is how to balance environmental protection and future water yields with economic development and population growth, as well as the needs of the ag. industry. Rep. Valadao represents a CA district that has experienced significant drought conditions though this year faces an abundance of water from winter run-off.

The invited guests will also provide insights to Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry about historical water compacts from 1922, which were modified in 1968, and how these agreements today affect the growth not only in the Las Vegas metro area but also through much of the Southwest and California.

In addition to water rights, the members will talk about hydropower operations and capacity, and the dangers of low water levels to the dam systems. All of the topics planning to be covered relate to Rep. Valadao's work on the House Appropriations Agriculture and Rural Development Subcommittee.

4:00-4:45 Drive to Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., 400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.

4:45-6:00 Tour & meeting at SNCTC, led by Cary Underwood, Director of Intelligence, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., who leads the SNCTC; and Sgt. Adam Seely, LVMPD.

The SNCTC, hosted by the LVMPD, is a multi-agency fusion center serving southern Nevada, with 20 agencies in an information-sharing liaison partnership. SNCTC is one of 80 U.S. fusion centers that provide situational awareness and technical support to local, regional, and national partners; assesses threats and suspicious activity reporting in order to prevent acts of terrorism and targeted violence; and works to build a resilient, vigilant population through education and sustained partnership with the community.

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry, will learn how the SNCTC leverages and deploys technological solutions including public safety cameras, shot spotters, license plate readers, and drones to assess and respond to threats in the region.

As a federally-developed and funded program, Rep. Valadao's service on the House Appropriations Committee ties into the fusion centers.

6:00-6:30 Drive to dinner.

6:30-8:15 Dinner at restaurant (TBD) with focus on regional transportation. Led by: Regional Transportation Commission of Southern NV CEO M.J. Maynard; NV DOT Director Tracy Larkin-Thompson.

The entirety of the dinner will be officially connected content.

The Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies has jurisdiction over all appropriations related to the Department of Transportation. As one of the fastest growing areas in the country, the greater Las Vegas area is experiencing many rapidly developing transportation issues and challenges. It will be important for Rep. Valadao and Ms. Mabry to gain an understanding of how federal

transportation funds can impact a district that is very different than his home district.

8:15-8:40	Drive to LAS
8:40 p.m.	Flight check-in at LAS.
8:40-9:00	Faith Mabry and BPC staff return to hotel for the night.
9:30 pm.	Rep. Valadao departs LAS, SWA #1124
10:35 p.m.	Arr. FAT

Sat., May 27

5:00 a.m.	Faith Mabry travels via taxi to LAS.
5:15 a.m.	Arr. LAS
6:00 a.m.	Dep. LAS, SWA #2798
1:30 p.m.	Arr. BWI
5:30 a.m.	John Richter travels via taxi to LAS
6:50 a.m.	John Richter departs LAS, SWA #1583
9:45 a.m.	Arr. DEN
11:10 a.m.	Dep. DEN SWA #2071
4:25 a.m.	Arr. IAD
7:00 a.m.	Jonathan Perman checks out of hotel and drives to LAS.
7:25 a.m.	Return rental car.
8:36 a.m.	Dep. LAS, UA #1538
2:17 p.m.	Arr. ORD

Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

Newton D. and Rochelle F. Becker Foundation (*Grantmaking Trip Sponsor*): The Foundation supports non-profits engaged in policy areas in which the Foundation has an interest. Giving is focused in five priority areas including supporting democratic values. The Foundation plays no role in organizing, planning or conducting the trip.

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As noted above, the congressional district of Nevada-3 affords Congressman Valadao and Ms. Mabry a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments.

Particularly as a member of the House Appropriations Committee as well as the Budget Committee, he has responsibilities pertaining to a wide variety of issues and areas that impact regions of the country not including his own. The visit to this district will afford the opportunity to draw commonalities with needs and challenges in his own district as well as learn about those in an area with which he is less familiar, even as his own work in Congress will have an impact in such places.

American Congressional Exchange Itinerary
David Valadao (R-CA-22) visiting Susie Lee (D-NV-3)
May 25-27, 2023

Thur., May 25

8:15 a.m.	John Richter and Kimberly Dean (BPC Staff) departs IAD, UA #2372
10:28 a.m.	Arr. LAS
10:45	Pick-up rental car.
12:46 p.m.	Jonathan Perman (BPC Staff) departs ORD, UA #777
2:50 p.m.	Arr. LAS
2:20 p.m.	Reps. Valadao and Lee, and Faith Mabry depart BWI, SWA #3040
4:30 p.m.	Arr. LAS
4:45-5:15	BPC Staff picks up Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry and drives to La Quinta by Wyndam Las Vegas Red Rock/Summerlin Hotel, 9570 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, for check-in.
6:30-8:30	Dinner

Fri., May 26

8:15-9:15 a.m.	Drive to MP Materials Mountain Pass Rare Earth Mine, 67750 Bailey Rd., Mountain Pass, CA, breakfast to go. Exit at Bailey Rd., mine is to the immediate right (North).
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9:15-10:45	Tour Mine and meeting with MP Materials, led by Matt Sloustcher, SVP, Comms. & Policy. Also joining are: Michael Rosenthal, MP Materials Co-Founder & COO; and Ryan Corbett, CFO.
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MP Materials owns and operates Mountain Pass, the only integrated rare earth mining and processing site in North America. The green technologies of the future depend on powerful rare earth magnets to activate electric power. Yet, most of the supply chain for critical magnetic materials has shifted to Asia. MP Materials has the opportunity to restore the U.S.'s resource independence removing a key point of failure in our supply chain.

Mountain Pass is one of the world's highest quality rare earth deposits, enabling MP Materials to be a low-cost producer while adhering to rigorous environmental standards. Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will visit the self-contained nature of MP's operations – with co-located mining, milling, separations, and finishing – that create significant advantages and mitigate operational risks.

After the tour, the Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will discuss key challenges for the industry with MP's leadership including: onshoring of jobs, national security and defense, carbon reduction, and the role of federal funding and R&D. The visit relates directly to Rep. Valadao's

service on the House Appropriations Military Construction and Transportation Subcommittees.

10:45-11:50

Drive to Black Fire Innovation at UNLV, 8400 W. Sunset Rd. in Harry Reid Research & Technology Park.

11:50-1:45

Working Lunch meeting and discussion led by Dr. Robbie Rippee Executive Director, UNLV Black Fire Innovation Hub and UNLV Incubator. Also joining the discussion will be Brittney Martino, Director of Government Relations, GeoComply; and Jennifer Carleton, Chief Legal Officer, Sightline Payments. Nicole Bayreder (UNLV Contact).

Opened in 2020 in collaboration with Caesars Entertainment Corporation, Black Fire Innovation is the centerpiece of applied research and innovation for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. By combining the power of big tech with the research resources of UNLV, the Center serves to accelerate development for the hospitality, gaming, & entertainment industries. At Black Fire, researchers, students, and industry work side-by-side to bring new ideas to market.

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will first tour the technology incubator for the integrated resort which is focused on fast-tracking the testing process for new innovations. Then they will visit the testing labs for gaming floors and for Esports; as well as for resort rooms, retail concepts, restaurants. They will also meet with students and faculty who are conducting research in co-working spaces and high-tech classrooms.

Finally, the group will participate in a working lunch with leadership of Black Fire to discuss how the federal government can continue to partner with the efforts of such business and innovation incubators. The entirety of the lunch will be an officially connected activity. Reps. Valadao's work on the House Appropriations Committee befits this stop on the itinerary.

1:45-2:30 p.m.

Drive to Lake Mead Lakeview Overlook, Hoover Dam Access Road, State Road 172.

2:30-4:00

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry will first meet at the Overlook for a discussion with: Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) General Counsel Greg Walch; Christa Johnson, CoS, and Justin Pattison, Dep. Superintendent, Lake Mead Natl. Recreation Area, National Park Service; Michelle Helms, Public Affairs Officer, and David Arend, Dep. Regional Director, Lower Colorado Basin Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; and Sara Price, Senior Assistant Director, Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

After approx. 25 min. of walk/talk orientation at the Overlook, the group will then drive 15 min. to the Hoover Dam Spillway House overlooking the Colorado River and Dam.

The focus of the 50 min. conversation is how to balance environmental protection and future water yields with economic development and population growth, as well as the needs of the ag. industry. Rep. Valadao represents a CA district that has experienced significant drought conditions though this year faces an abundance of water from winter run-off.

The invited guests will also provide insights to Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry about historical water compacts from 1922, which were modified in 1968, and how these agreements today affect the growth not only in the Las Vegas metro area but also through much of the Southwest and California.

In addition to water rights, the members will talk about hydropower operations and capacity, and the dangers of low water levels to the dam systems. All of the topics planning to be covered relate to Rep. Valadao's work on the House Appropriations Agriculture and Rural Development Subcommittee.

4:00-4:45	Drive to Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., 400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
4:45-6:00	Tour & meeting at SNCTC, led by Cary Underwood, Director of Intelligence, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept., who leads the SNCTC; Lt. William Steinmetz, Technical Operations Center, SNCTC; and Sgt. Adam Seely, LVMPD. Contact: Cathy Donato, AA to Director Underwood.

The SNCTC, hosted by the LVMPD, is a multi-agency fusion center serving southern Nevada, with 20 agencies in an information-sharing liaison partnership. SNCTC is one of 80 U.S. fusion centers that provide situational awareness and technical support to local, regional, and national partners; assesses threats and suspicious activity reporting in order to prevent acts of terrorism and targeted violence; and works to build a resilient, vigilant population through education and sustained partnership with the community.

Rep. Valadao and Faith Mabry, will learn how the SNCTC leverages and deploys technological solutions including public safety cameras, shot spotters, license plate readers, and drones to assess and respond to threats in the region. As a federally-developed and funded program, Rep. Valadao's service on the House Appropriations Committee ties into the fusion centers.

6:00-6:30	Drive to dinner.
6:30-8:15	Dinner at Italian-American Club restaurant with Rep. Valadao, Faith Mabry, & BPC Staff.
8:15-8:40	Drive to LAS

8:40 p.m.	Rep. Valadao flight check-in at LAS.
8:40-9:00	Faith Mabry and BPC staff return to hotel for the night.
9:30 pm.	Rep. Valadao departs LAS, SWA #1124
10:35 p.m.	Arr. FAT
11:43 p.m.	Kimberly Dean departs LAS, UA #2280
7:10 a.m. (May 27)	Arr. IAD

Sat., May 27

5:00 a.m.	Faith Mabry travels via taxi to LAS.
5:15 a.m.	Flight check-in at LAS
6:00 a.m.	Dep. LAS, SWA #2798
1:30 p.m.	Arr. BWI
6:50 a.m.	John Richter departs LAS, SWA #1583
9:45 a.m.	Arr. DEN
11:10 a.m.	Dep. DEN SWA #2071
4:25 p.m.	Arr. IAD
7:15 a.m.	Jonathan Perman checks out of hotel and Uber to LAS.
7:40 a.m.	Flight check-in at LAS
8:36 a.m.	Dep. LAS, UA #1538
2:17 p.m.	Arr. ORD