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Washington D.C. Seminar

Thursday, 5 May

Arrival Washington DC United Airlines Flt. 965 Arrive 3:32 PM

Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel
1250 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 857-3388

6:00 pm Dinner -- Delegate Room

Friday, 6 May

7:15am **“The US-Russian Bilateral Commission: Scope and Potential Impact of the Working Groups on Civil Society and Economic Development”**
Janine M. Ellison, Senior Advisor to the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission, U.S. Department of State

8:45 am *“ Topic to be determined”*
The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane, Chairman of McFarlane Associates Inc., Former National Security Advisor to President Ronald Ragan

10:00 am Bus to the Old Executive Office Building, 17th and the Ellipse, NW - Room 430B/C

11:00 am **“The New Era in US-Russian Relations: Results and Challenges”**
Michael McFaul, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia and Central Asia, National Security Council

12:00 noon Bus To Library of Congress

12:30 **Welcome and Introduction - Library of Congress- Room LJ-119** *(Room LJ-119 is located in the main building of the Library of Congress (Jefferson Building) on the ground level.*
Open World Leadership Center
Ambassador John M. O'Keefe, Executive Director
Ambassador James Collins, Trustee (invited)
Moscow School of Political Studies
The Honorable Toby Gati, Board Member

12:30pm **Lunch at the Library of Congress**

1:30pm **"Lobbying the Federal Government on Issues of Importance to States and Local Governments: Why and How."**
Bert Lee Steele III, Policy Adviser and John M. Simmons, Senior Adviser Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **"From the Outside Looking In - A Russian's view of America and the US Government"**
Svetlana Babayeva, Chief, RIA Novosti Bureau, Washington D.C.

4:30 **" Building Workable Economic and Trade Relationships-Resetting US Russian Trade"**
Dorothy Dwoskin, Senior Director of Global Trade Policy and Strategy, Microsoft Corporation

6:00 **City Tour and return to the Hotel**

7:30 **Dinner- Embassy Suites**

Saturday, 7 May

9:00am **Departure for the Newseum**
Pennsylvania and Sixth Street N.W.
6th Street Entrance –Freedom Forum

9:30 **Tour of the Newseum**

10:30 **"The Media and the Press in an Open and Democratic Society"**
Shelby Coffey, Trustee, Newseum

12:00 noon Free Time/Lunch at/near Newseum
1;45 pm Departure for Washington Dulles Airport
4:52pm United Airlines Flight 7121 to St. Louis

St. Louis Seminar

Saturday, 7 May (Continued)

6:08 Arrival in St. Louis
7:00 Transfer to Hotel
 Sheraton Clayton Plaza- (314) 863-0400

Sunday, 8 May

9:00 Sightseeing
1:45 Leave hotel by bus for Powell Hall
 St. Louis Symphony (3:00pm Curtain)
6:30pm Welcome and Introductory Reception and Dinner
 Sheraton Clayton Plaza

- E. Terrence Jones, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy Administration, UM-St. Louis
- Tom Rhodenbaugh, Program Coordinator, Supporters of Civil Society in Russia
- Russ Signorino, Executive Director, Gateway EITC Community Coalition
- Julianne Stone, Director, Local Government Partnership
- Jerol Enoch, Coordinator, International Programs, UM-St. Louis

Monday, 9 May

REGIONALISM

8:15am Bus leaves hotel for Downtown
8:45-9:00 Morning Briefing (East-West Gateway Council of Governments)

- 9:00-10:00** **Regional Planning**
East-West Gateway Council of Governments
Maggie Hales, Deputy Executive Director
1 S. Memorial Dr. Suite 1600
- 10:30-11:30** **Regional Commerce**
Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA)
Steve Johnson, Senior Vice President, RCGA
Tom Irwin, Executive Director, Civic Progress
One Metropolitan Square
- Noon-1:30pm** **Regional Community Engagement**
FOCUS St. Louis
Christine Chadwick, Executive Director, FOCUS St. Louis
Old Post Office, 815 Olive St. Suite 110
(Lunch Meeting)
- 1:30-2:30** **State Judicial System**
Missouri Court of Appeals
Judge Lawrence Mooney, Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern
District
Old Post Office, 815 Olive St.
- 3:00-4:30** **Regional Philanthropy**
United Way of Greater St. Louis
Gary Dollar, President and CEO
Kathy Gardner, Senior Vice President for Community
Investment
Rick Skinner, Vice President for Volunteer Services
910 N. 11th St.
- 4:30** **Return to hotel**

Tuesday, 10 May

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 8:30am** **Bus leaves hotel for Downtown**
- 9:00-9:15** **Morning Briefing (Board of Aldermen Chambers)**
- 9:15-10:30** **City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen**
Lewis Reed, Aldermanic President (joined by various
Aldermen)
St. Louis City Hall, 1200 Market St. Room 230
- 10:30-11:30** **City of St. Louis Office of the Mayor**

**Jeff Rainford, Chief of Staff
St. Louis City Hall, 1200 Market St. Room 200**

Noon-1:00pm Lunch

**C.J. Muggs Restaurant
200 Central Ave. Clayton**

**1:15-2:15 St. Louis County, County Council
Councilwoman Kathleen Kelly Burkett
Councilman Michael O'Mara
Genevieve Frank, Chief of Staff
St. Louis County Administration Building
41 S. Central Ave, Clayton - Council Chambers**

**2:30-3:30 St. Louis County, County Executive
County Executive Charlie Dooley,
Joined by Joann Gladney, Liaison, Sister Cities program
St. Louis County Administration Building
41 S. Central Ave, Clayton 9th floor**

**3:45-5:15 City of Clayton – Municipal Services
Craig Owens, City Manager
Joined by Senior Municipal Staff
City of Clayton City Hall,
10 N. Bemiston, Clayton, Council Chambers**

5:15 Return to hotel

Note: St. Louis County Council and City of Clayton City Council both meet this evening if delegates are interested in attending either meeting on their own.

Wednesday, 11 May

NON-PROFITS/NGOs

8:00am Leave hotel

8:30-8:45 Morning Briefing (Missouri Botanical Garden)

**8:30-10:15 Sustainability
Missouri Botanical Garden
Deborah Chollet-Frank, Vice President for Sustainability
Jean Ponzi, Green Resources Manager, Earthways Center
4344 Shaw Blvd.
Ridgeway Center (Spink Gallery)**

- 10:30-Noon Housing**
Colleen Starkloff, Co-Founder, Starkloff Disability Institute
Stephen Acree, President & CEO, Regional Housing and
Community Development Alliance
Six North Apartments, Corner of Laclede and Sarah
- 12:30pm-1:30 Lunch**
McMurphy's Grill
614 N. 11th St. Downtown
- 1:45-2:45 Social Services**
St. Patrick Center
Gregory A. Vogelweid, Chief Operating Officer
800 N. Tucker Blvd.
- 3:00-4:30 Community Revitalization**
Sean Thomas, Executive Director, Old North St. Louis
Restoration Group
Tom Pickel, Executive Director, DeSales Community Housing
Corp.
Kara Lubischer, Community Development Specialist,
University of Missouri Extension
Old North St. Louis Office
2700 North 14th St.
- 4:30 Crown Candy Kitchen**
- 5:15 Return to Hotel**

Thursday, 12 May

UNIVERSITY DISCUSSIONS

- 8:15am Bus leaves hotel for University of Missouri –St. Louis Campus**
- 8:50 Welcome**
Joel Glassman, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs,
Director of the Center for International Studies
J.C. Penney Conference Center, Room 126
- 9:00-9:15 Morning Briefing (Room 126)**
- 9:15-10:15 Federalism in the United States**
Dr. David Robertson, Curators Professor of Political Science,
UM-SL

10:30–Noon University Roundtable Discussions

**Dr. Anne Winkler, Dr. Brady Baybeck, Dr. Mark Tranel,
Dr. Todd Swanstrom, Dr. Jean-Germain Gros, Mr. Dan Sise**

Noon-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-2:30 Local Government Roundtable Discussions

**Mayor Gerry Welch, Mayor Linda Goldstein, Mayor Norman
McCourt, Mayor Pat Kelly, Mayor Kyra Watson, City
Administrator Jason McConachie, City Administrator Mark
Perkins, City Manager Amy Hamilton, Assistant City Manager
Bola Akande**

3:00-4:30 Non Profit Roundtable Discussions

**Jim Braun-Youth in Need, Suzanne LeLaurin-International
Institute, Barbara Bartley Turkington-OASIS, Cheryl
Gardine- Center for Life Solutions, Nancy Kelley-Women in
Transition, Lynne Cooper-Doorways, Amy Blouin-Missouri
Budget Project**

4:30 Return to hotel

Friday, 13 May

MEDIA, SCHOOLS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8:15am Leave hotel

8:45-9:00 Morning Briefing (KETC)

9:00-10:45 Media

**Patrick Murphy, Vice President of Production, KETC (TV)
Alvin Reid, Writer, Commentator and Former Editor (TV,
Print, Online)
Margie Freivogel, Founder and Editor, St. Louis Beacon
(Online)
KETC-Channel 9 Studios
3655 Olive St.**

11:15 – 1:15pm Education

**Clayton High School
Dr. Louise Losos, Principal
#1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton**

**1:45-3:00 Economic Development
St. Louis County Economic Council**

**Denny Coleman, President and CEO
Doug Rasmussen, Vice President, Business Development
World Trade Center
121 S Meramec Ave. Rooms 1012/1013**

- 3:00 Back to Hotel**
- 3:30 Certificate Ceremony
Clayton Sheraton**
- 6:00 Leave hotel for evening BBQ**
- 6:30 Arrive at Gladney Family House for Picnic Dinner**

Saturday, 14 May

Sightseeing and shopping to be arranged

Sunday, 15 May

- 10:00am Leave hotel for airport**
- 12:30pm Depart St. Louis UA 7393**

SEMINAR EXPERTS - Washington D.C.

Janine Ellison

Senior Advisor to the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission, Department of State

Janine Ellison is Senior Advisor to the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission. Previously, she served as Senior Director and Director for Russia at the National Security Council. During the July 2009 Summit in Moscow, Ms. Ellison was the Acting Director of the Office of Russian Affairs at the Department of State. From 2002 to 2004, Ms. Ellison worked as Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and at the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York. She also worked as a research analyst in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. In addition, Ms. Ellison was a National Security Education Program fellow at Irkutsk State Polytechnic University in Irkutsk, Russia.

The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane

Chairman, McFarlane Associates Inc, Former National Security Advisor under President Ronald Ragan

Mr. McFarlane serves Chairman of McFarlane Associates Inc., a consulting firm focused on advancing technologies in the national security and homeland security domains. He is a co-founder (with Dr. Henry Kissinger) and Vice Chair of the America-China Society, and is a Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

He entered the private sector following a distinguished career in government, including serving as President Reagan's National Security Advisor where he was responsible for the development of U.S. foreign and defense policy. Mr. McFarlane is best remembered as the architect of the comprehensive set of U.S. policies – including most notably the Strategic Defense Initiative (or Star Wars).

Following his retirement from government Mr. McFarlane founded his own company, Global Energy Investors (GEI), a developer of energy infrastructure projects in Asia and South America. In 2000, he co-founded and chaired Energy and Communications Solutions LLC, which focused on projects in the former Soviet Union, Turkey, Eastern Europe and other emerging market countries.

Michael McFaul

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russian and Central Asian Affairs, National Security Council

Michael McFaul is Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russian and Central Asian Affairs at the National Security Council. McFaul was an advisor on Russia and Eurasia to Barack Obama during the presidential campaign and the transition. He is

a leading expert on U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Russian relations, and political and economic reform in the CIS.

Previously, he was Deputy Director of Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Director of its Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, and Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, where he co-directed the Iran Democracy Project. He was also a non-resident Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Eurasia Foundation, the Firebird Fund, Freedom House, the International Forum for Democratic Studies of the National Endowment for Democracy, and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX).

He is the author of many monographs and articles on Russia, Ukraine, and the CIS, focusing on political developments in the region

Ambassador James F. Collins
Director of the Russia and Eurasia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Ambassador James Collins was appointed the Director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment in January 2007. Prior to that, he served as Senior Advisor to the public law and policy practice group at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP. He was the U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation from 1997 to 2001.

James Collins served as Ambassador-at-Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States and as deputy chief of mission and charge d'affaires at the American Embassy, Moscow from 1990 to 1993. He also held positions in the American Embassy in Amman, Jordan, and the Consulate General in Izmir, Turkey.

Ambassador Collins is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Award for Distinguished Service; the Department of State's Distinguished Honor Award; the Secretary of State's Award for Career Achievement; the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service; and the NASA Medal for Distinguished Service.

Ambassador Collins is Co-Chair of the new U.S.-Russia Foundation for Economic Advancement and the Rule of Law (the U.S.-Russia Foundation) and has served as a member of the board of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, the American Academy of Diplomacy, the Open World Leadership Center, and the American Councils for International Education.

Ambassador John M. O'Keefe

Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center, Library of Congress

John O'Keefe is Executive Director of the Open Word Leadership Center at the Library of Congress. Before assuming his position in 2007, former Ambassador O'Keefe had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State. He was Acting Director General and then Deputy Director of the Foreign Service Institute from February 2006 to August 2007. Before that, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of the Director General, Bureau of Human Resources, and head of the Office of Career Development and Assignments from 2003 to 2006. Before serving as U.S. Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic from 2000 to 2003, O'Keefe served in many high-profile positions.

The Honorable Toby T. Gati

Senior International Advisor, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Toby T. Gati is Senior International Advisor at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, where she focuses on Russia, Central Europe, the Newly Independent States, and various politically sensitive regions of the world, as well as the workings of international political and economic institutions.

Mrs. Gati served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia, Ukraine and the Eurasian States at the National Security Council in the White House in 1993 and then as Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research (INR) until May 1997. Before joining government, Mrs. Gati was Senior Vice President for Policy Studies at the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), where she worked for over 20 years.

Bert L. Steele, III

Policy Advisor, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Bert L. Steele III represents clients before Congress and the executive branch on a wide range of issues, including defense, homeland security, military base enhancement, federal appropriations and the intelligence community. Prior to joining Akin Gump, Mr. Steele served on active duty as a Senate liaison officer in the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs. Prior to working at the Senate, Mr. Steele served in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy as the White House liaison for the Marine Corps.

John M. Simmons

Senior Advisor, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

John M. Simmons devises and executes strategies to advance client interests before Congress and the executive branch in the areas of defense, federal appropriations, homeland security, military base enhancement, space and related domestic policy issues.

Before joining Akin Gump, Mr. Simmons served as appropriations associate and military legislative assistant to Rep. James T. Walsh (R-NY) from 1991 to 2001.

Svetlana Babayeva
Chief of the RIA Novosti Bureau in the United States

Svetlana Babayeva is Chief of RIA Novosti's U.S. Bureau and a political journalist. She previously worked as Chief Editor of Profile magazine, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Moskovskie Novosti newspaper, Chief of the RIA Novosti Bureau in Great Britain (2004-2006), and the head of Izvestia's political department (2000-2004).

Dorothy Dwoskin
Senior Director of Global Trade Policy and Strategy, Microsoft

Dorothy Dwoskin has been the Senior Director of Global Trade Policy and Strategy for Microsoft Corporation since 2007. She is also a member of Microsoft's Federal Government team in Washington DC. Ms. Dwoskin is responsible for leading the company's policy efforts to promote open markets and fair trade in software and services, collaborating with government agencies, Congress, international organizations, and foreign governments.

Ms. Dwoskin previously served as the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Multilateral Affairs at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). In that position, she was responsible for trade negotiations and policy matters before the WTO. Ms. Dwoskin also was the senior career official responsible for the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) negotiations and the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations. She served as lead U.S. negotiator on a variety of trade policy issues in the WTO, APEC and OECD, including the Information Technology Agreement (ITA). She successfully negotiated WTO market access agreements and multilateral accession negotiations with Russia and the Ukraine, and concluded membership negotiations for the accession of Vietnam and Saudi Arabia to the WTO, among others.

From 1985 to 1988, Ms. Dwoskin served in USTR's Geneva office, which represented the United States to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), where she was the officer in charge of trade in services and development-related issues.

Shelby Coffey III
Senior Fellow, Freedom Forum

Shelby Coffey is a Senior Fellow at the Freedom Forum and a Trustee of the Newseum. He was President of CNN Business News and CNNfn, the financial network, from 1999 to 2001. Previously, he was Executive Vice President of ABC News. Mr. Coffey worked as editor and Executive Vice President of the Los Angeles Times from 1989 to 1997 and was named editor of the year by the National Press Foundation in 1995. Prior to joining

the Times, he was Senior Vice President and editor of the *Dallas Times Herald*, and the editor of *U.S. News & World Report*. Mr. Coffey began his journalism career at The *Washington Post* as a sports reporter and held a variety of editorial positions there over the next 17 years.

SEMINAR EXPERTS- St. Louis

Thomas Rhodenbaugh is the Program Coordinator and Consultant-Supporters of Civil Society in Russia (SCSR). He provides program planning, development and fundraising support to non-governmental organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Previously he served as Director of U.S. and Eastern Caribbean programs for Save the Children and Christian Children's Fund and as President of Designs for Rural Action.

E. Terrence Jones is Professor of Political Science and Public Policy Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. His specialties include metropolitan governance, voting behavior, and public opinion. He is the author of numerous books and articles addressing research methods, governmental reform in the St. Louis region, metropolitan politics and regional trends. He can often be heard as a commentator on local public radio and has served as a consultant for numerous public, private and non-profit concerns.

Julianne Stone is the Director of the Local Government Partnership, a collaborative of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and University of Missouri, to provide training, technical assistance, outreach and information to local government officials. She has also worked for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and as Policy Assistant to the Mayor of the City of St. Louis City.

Jerol Enoch is the Coordinator of International Programs for the Center for International Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He serves as the coordinator for numerous international programs sponsored by the University. He is currently a PhD student in the school of Education, focusing on teaching and learning processes.

Russ Signorino is the Executive Director of Gateway EITC Community Coalition. He previously served at the Vice President of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. Russ also has extensive experience in workforce development as a Workforce Coordinator with the St. Louis County Economic Council and as a Labor Market Analyst with the State of Missouri.

Maggie Hales is the Deputy Executive Director of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG). EWG is the regional planning organization serving eight counties. A governmental organization headed by a board of directors comprised of the chief elected officials of the region, EWG handles transportation and other regional projects. Hales has also served as the Deputy Director of the St. Louis Area Regional Response System and as Legal Counsel to the May Company.

Steve Johnson is Senior Vice President for the Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA), the region's chamber of commerce. He joined RCGA in 2004. He has held similar positions in Kansas City (Missouri-Kansas) and Mobile (Alabama).

Tom Irwin is Executive Director for Civic Progress, the organization representing the largest corporations in the St. Louis region. His previous positions include Executive Director of Metro (the regional transit agency) and Executive Director of the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Christine Chadwick is the founding Executive Director (since 1996) of FOCUS St. Louis, a non-profit organization that works to strengthen the St. Louis region by developing leadership, influencing policy and promoting community connections. She also directs the Leadership St. Louis and Experience St. Louis programs and serves as lead consultant/project manager on many customized programs for clients such as Pfizer, Commerce Bank, Monsanto, Parkway Schools, and others.

Lawrence Mooney serves as a Judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. He was appointed in 1998 to the Court of Appeals and retained in office by election in 2000 for a 12-year term expiring December 31, 2012. He served as Chief Judge from 2002-2003. Before joining the bench, he served as executive assistant to the St. Louis County Executive, prior to which he was a prosecuting attorney for St. Louis County.

Gary Dollar has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the region's federated funding entity, since 2001. The United Way raises over \$60,000,000 annually to help fund over 200 nonprofit social service agencies.

Kathy Gardner is the Senior Vice President for Community Investment for the United Way. Her unit is responsible for determining how the funds raised by United Way are allocated among the partner agencies.

Rick Skinner is Vice President for Volunteer Services at United Way. The United Way uses hundreds of volunteers to execute its mission. He also provides leadership to selected community initiatives.

Lewis Reed serves as the President of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen. He is elected to this legislative position in a city-wide contest and presides over the business of the 28 member Board of Aldermen (City Council) representing the 320,000 residents of the City of St. Louis. He previously served as the Alderman from the 6th ward. President Reed will be joined by several other members of the Board of Aldermen.

Jeff Rainford is the Chief of Staff for City of St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, a position he has held since 2001. Rainford was also in charge of the Mayor's three election campaigns. His position is as chief policy and political advisor and gatekeeper for the Mayor. He previously served as a reporter for KMOX radio and for KMOV television.

Genevieve Frank is the St. Louis County Clerk and Administrative Director for the St. Louis County Council. She has served as president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Hazel Erby was first elected to the St. Louis County Council in 2002 and has been reelected in 2006 and 2010. She is the first African American woman to serve on the Council. She has served as Council Chair and Chair of the Justice, Health, and Welfare Committee. She is a Democrat.

Kathleen Kelly Burkett was initially elected to the St. Louis County Council in 2002 for a special shortened term. She was elected to a four-year term in 2004 and again in 2008. She currently is the Chair of the Revenue and Personnel Committee. She is a Democrat.

Colleen Wasinger is in her second term on the St. Louis County Council. She was first elected in 2006 and then reelected in 2010. She is a member of the Public Improvements Committee and the Justice, Health, and Welfare Committee. She is a Republican.

Michael O'Mara is in his third four-year term on the St. Louis County Council. He was first elected in 2000 and then reelected in 2004 and 2008. He has served as Council Chair and now is Chair of the Committee on Disabilities. He is a Democrat.

Pat Dolan is in his first term on the County Council. He was elected in 2010 and previously had been an elected member of the City of Richmond Heights Council. He is a member of the Public Improvements Committee and the Justice, Health, and Welfare Committee. He is a Democrat.

Steve Stenger was elected to the County Council in 2008. He is Chair of the Public Improvements Committee. He is a Democrat.

Greg Quinn is in his fifth four-year term on the County Council. He has served two terms as Council Chair and is currently a member of the Committee on Disabilities and the Revenue and Personnel Committee.

Charlie Dooley is the St. Louis County Executive, the chief elected official of St. Louis County.. He has held that position since 2003. Previously, he served as a member of the St. Louis County Council and, prior to that, was the Mayor of the City of Northwoods.

Joann Gladney works for the St. Louis County Executive and is the liaison to the Sister Cities Program that includes Samara, Russia.

Craig Owens has served as the City Manager of Clayton, Missouri, since 2008. His 20 years experience in City Management includes positions in Rowlett, Texas, O'Fallon IL, and Hazelwood, MO. He oversees 7 departments with a municipal budget of over \$37 million. Clayton is a full service city including police and fire departments and also serves as the center of St. Louis County government. It's population of 16,000 increases to 80,000 during the workday.

Deb Chollet Frank is Vice President of Sustainability for the Missouri Botanical Garden. She has over 25 years experience in energy and environmental education, issues,

and policy. She previously served as Director of the EarthWays Center. She was a founding member of the U.S. Green Building Council-St. Louis. Prior to joining the Garden, she directed the Midwest Energy & Resource Partners (MERP) for the Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis.

Jean Ponzi is the Green Resources Manager for the Earthways Center, a division of the Missouri Botanical Garden that promotes sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment. The center strives to inform residents about practical ways to conserve natural resources. For 21 years, she has hosted and produced a weekly environmental talk show, “Earthworms,” on Community Radio KDHX.

Stephen Acree has been with the Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance since 1999 and has been its Executive Director and President since late 2002. He was born and raised in the City of St. Louis, worked in three successive City of St. Louis Mayoral administrations, and is the former Director of the City of St. Louis Community Development Agency, which administers the Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs for the City.

Colleen Starkloff is co-founder, with her husband Max, of the Starkloff Disability Institute. She has served as Co-Director since Max’s death in December 2010. The Institute is dedicated to creating a world that welcomes all people with disabilities. In the 1970s, she and her husband co-founded Parquad, Inc., where as Vice President she educated the disabled and non-disabled communities about independent living; implemented the Americans with Disabilities Act; and oversaw programs on Independent Living for international visitors

Gregory Vogelweid serves as Chief Operating Officer for the St. Patrick Center. He has been the Chief Operating Officer for St. Patrick Center since 2001. He served as the agency's Director of Finance from 1995 to 2001 and, prior to that, had over thirty years experience in financial and operational management in the private sector.

Sean Thomas is Executive Director of Old North St. Louis (ONSL), a community-based non profit organization pursuing a comprehensive revitalization strategy rooted in the community’s vision of creating a sustainable and welcoming neighbourhood in an area of St. Louis that had experienced a high degree of disinvestment. Sean previously served as the deputy director of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations.

Tom Pickel serves as Executive Director of the DeSales Community Housing Corporation, a community-based non-profit formed in 1976 to promote investment in the Fox Park and Tower Grove East neighborhoods in the City of St. Louis. DeSales promotes the ongoing growth of neighborhoods focusing its program activities in four main areas: housing development, property management, technical assistance, and neighborhood improvement.

Kara Lubischer is a community development specialist for the University of Missouri-Extension. As a public university, University of Missouri - Extension offers direct community programming, assistance and education in every county in the state. Kara formerly served as a planner for St. Louis County government and holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development.

Joel Glassman is the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, the Director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Associate Professor in Political Science. He provides administrative leadership and exercises responsibility for planning and coordinating the comprehensive international education program of the University.

David Robertson is Curators Teaching Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is a specialist on American political development. His latest book is *The Constitution and America's Destiny*. He is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Policy History*. He also is the political analyst for KSDK Television (NBC).

Anne Winkler is a Professor of Economics and Public Policy Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She serves on the editorial boards of the *Social Science Quarterly* and the *Journal of Labor Research* and is a research affiliate with the National Poverty Center of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

Brady Baybeck is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is also the Director of the Public Policy Administration program. He is a specialist in political geography with a strong interest in urban politics and policy.

Dan Sise serves as an instructor and Community Engagement Manager of the Non-Profit Management and Leadership Program in the Public Policy Administration Program at University of Missouri-St. Louis. He serves on the board of several non-profit organizations and has served as the director of operations for Habitat for Humanity. Dan is a licensed attorney.

Jean-Germain Gros is Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy Administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. His research and teaching areas are comparative public administration, health policy, and African politics.

Mark Tranel is the Director of the Public Policy Research Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and he teaches in the public policy administration program. He has been the principal investigator or research project manager on over 50 applied research projects in the metropolitan St. Louis area. He is a specialist in program evaluation and public policy analysis.

Todd Swanstrom is the E. Desmond Lee Professor of Community Collaboration and Public Policy at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. His current research focuses on policies for improving equity within metropolitan regions. Prior to joining UMSL, Swanstrom was Professor of Public Policy Studies at Saint Louis University.

Linda Goldstein was just re-elected as Mayor of the City of Clayton (population about 13,000), a position she has held since 2007. She is the first woman mayor of the city and prior to being elected to that office was an elected member of the Clayton City Council for 8 years. The City of Clayton serves as the home of St. Louis County Government offices and is the major legal and commercial center within St. Louis County.

Jason McConachie was appointed City Administrator for the City of Overland (population about 17,000) in 2008. In that position, he is responsible for the oversight of day-to-day municipal operations. He previously served as the Assistant City Administrator in the City of Des Peres and as a Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Crestwood.

Norman McCourt was reelected this April to his fourth term as Mayor of Black Jack, a municipality in North St. Louis County with a population of about seven thousand. He also serves as the Vice President of the Missouri Municipal League, an association that represents the more than six hundred cities in the State of Missouri.

Pat Kelly has been Mayor of Brentwood for over a decade and was unopposed in the April 2011 election for that office. He also serves as City Administrator (an appointive position) for the City of Twin Oaks. Brentwood has about seven thousand residents and is located in Central St. Louis County.

Gerry Welch is in her fourth four-year term as Mayor of the City of Webster Groves, an office she has held since 1998. Prior to that, she served four years on the City Council. She is a past president of the St. Louis County Municipal League. The City of Webster Groves has about 22,000 residents.

Kyra Watson has served as the Mayor of the City of Berkeley (10,000 residents) since 2004. She is a technical writer, specializing in hardware systems and software programs to administer radiation therapy to cancer patients. She is on the board of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and has been a board member of the National Conference of Black Mayors and the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

Mark Perkins has served as the City Administrator for the City of Creve Coeur, since 1999. He previously held positions with the City of Blue Springs, MO, in suburban Kansas City, and in Highland Park, IL and Roselle, IL, both suburbs of Chicago. Mr. Perkins is a member of the International City Management Association (ICMA) and is an ICMA-Credentialed Manager.

Amy Hamilton has served at the City Manager of Richmond Heights, MO (population 8,600) since 2004. She was first hired as the assistant city manager in 2000. Previously, Hamilton worked for the City of Collinsville, IL. She serves on numerous boards and organizations including the Missouri Economic Development Financing Assoc. (MEDFA), and Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) -St. Louis.

Bola Akande has served as the Assistant City Manager in Richmond Heights, Mo. (population 8,600) since 2005. She coordinates the City's Human Resources, Information Technology, and Public Relations functions, oversees the city's Sustainability Initiatives and serves as the Director of Solid Waste Program.

Cheryl Gardine is the Executive Director and co-founder of Center for Life Solutions. The Center provides medicated assisted treatment utilizing methadone for opiate addiction and outpatient substance abuse treatment. She is a certified advanced substance abuse counselor and a licensed clinical social worker. She serves on several state and national boards addressing Mental Health and the treatment of opioid dependence.

Nancy Kelley serves as the Executive Director of Women in Transition, a non-profit that assists women successfully reenter the community after time in prison through mentoring, advocacy and transitional housing. She previously served as the Executive Director of Phoenix Crisis Center, an organization assisting victims of domestic abuse. She is a past president of the Illinois Coalition against Domestic Violence.

James Braun has been Chief Executive Officer of Youth in Need since 1988 with 37 years experience in children and family community-based services. Youth in Need serves over ten thousand children in the Missouri portion of the St. Louis region.

Suzanne LeLaurin is Senior Vice President for Individuals and Families at the International Institute St. Louis, the primary local agency serving refugees and immigrants. She is responsible for managing a wide range of programs that address the needs of this population.

Amy Blouin is the Founder and Executive Director of the Missouri Budget Project (MBP). The mission of the MBP is to advance public policies that improve economic opportunities for all Missourians, particularly low and middle income families, by providing reliable and objective research, analysis and advocacy. She previously served as the Director of Advocacy for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and as Government Relations Staff for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

Lynne Cooper serves as President of Doorways, a non-profit, interfaith agency that provides affordable, secure housing and related supportive services to people living with HIV/AIDS. DOORWAYS' programs and services benefit those affected by HIV/AIDS in over 94 counties in Missouri and another 56 counties in Illinois. She has served on the Presidential Advisory Council on AIDS, and has received the Administrator's Citation from the Health Care Financing Authority.

Barbara Bartley-Turkington is the Executive Director of St. Louis OASIS, an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of adults fifty and over through lifelong learning and service. In her first career, she was an Air Force officer for twenty years.

Patrick Murphy is Vice President of Production of KETC television. He is an award-winning producer and an on-camera talent for KETC, the region's public television channel. He has been at KETC for almost thirty years.

Alvin Reid has held editors' positions at the St. Louis American and St. Louis Argus, both newspapers that serve the St. Louis African-American community. He is a regular panelist on Donnybrook, the region's top public affairs program and a commentator for both KETC and KSDK television. He has also written for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.com.

Margie Freivogel is the founder and editor of the St. Louis Beacon, an online news outlet. She spent 34 years as a reporter, editor, and Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Louise Losos is the principal of Clayton High School (student population of 836), one of the region's and nation's premier secondary schools. She has been principal there since 2005. Dr. Losos received her PhD in Education from St. Louis University. She previously served as Assistant Principal at Parkway West High School in Ballwin, MO. She began her career in education as a Social Studies teacher at Ladue High School.

Denny Coleman has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the St. Louis County Economic Council since the early 1990s. The Economic Council leads efforts in the development and growth of business and employment on behalf of County Government. It supports small business incubators, helps to attract and retain corporations, increase the region's international business opportunities, and revitalize municipalities. Previously, he was Director of Community Development for the City of St. Louis.

Doug Rasmussen serves as vice president of business development for St. Louis County Economic Council, and is responsible for the attraction, retention, and expansion of business within St. Louis County. Prior to joining the Economic Council, Rasmussen was vice president at Green Street Properties where he worked with the public sector to negotiate and obtain development entitlements for Green Street's development projects. Rasmussen also was employed by RCGA as director of business recruitment.

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Vladimir Nikolayevich Binkovskiy

Attorney, Rostov Region Bar Association and Deputy Volgodonsk City Duma

Mr. Binkovskiy is an Attorney for the Rostov Region, Bar Association. He was also elected as a Deputy of Volgodonsk City Duma in 2010. His job includes representing peoples' civil rights and the rights of legal entities, advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. He participates in legislative committees on procedural and institutional issues in the housing and utilities sectors and works as a community ombudsman in Vogodonsk. He earned a University Diploma from the Metropolitan Institutes for the Humanities in Law and the Metropolitan Humanities Institute for State and Municipal Management. Mr. Binkovskiy has been a member of the Rostov Region, Advocate Bureau since 2001, founded the Referees Court in 2003, founded the Rostov regional public organization "Legal Groundwork," and is a member of the legal sector of the Volgodonsk Civic Chamber.

Yevgeniya Viktorovnan Formalnova

Outreach Vice Chair, Smolensk Region United Russia Party, Executive Committee

Ms. Formalnova is the Outreach Vice Chair for the Smolensk Region United Russia Party. Her responsibilities are to ensure planning, promotion and advocacy activities of the regional branch of United Russia Political Party. This includes the preparing and convening of electoral campaigns at various levels. She earned a University Diploma from Smolensk State University in Journalism and Linguistics. Ms. Formalnova has been a journalist for ten years. She is also a filmmaker at the Moscow School of Political Studies.

Roman Nikolayevich Khabarov

Head of the Community Police Officer Unit, Voronezh City Police Department

Mr. Khabarov is the Head of a Police Precinct Team for Voronezh City Police Department. His team exercises administrative, operational, and preventive powers in the 3rd District. His responsibilities include crime detection, law violation prevention, juvenile delinquents, legal assistance to neighborhood residents, conflict resolution, sanitary regulation, fire safety rules, traffic rules, and immigration rules. Mr. Khabarov is an active social servant who has served the Vorohezh City Police department for thirteen years.

Irina Sergeyevna Mordasova

Editor, Regional Web Portal, "Novgorod.ru"

Ms. Mordasova is an editor for a regional web portal, "Novgorod.ru." Novgorod.ru is an independent mass media provider whose main objective is to inform the public in order to assist them in protecting their rights and defending their interests. She writes articles and press releases, analyzes public opinion, provides information to the public, attends meetings with government officials, and evaluates government projects and work. Ms. Mordasova earned a University Diploma from Yaroslav Mudry Novgorod State University in Journalism.

Mariya Aleksandrovna Purgina

Founder, General Counsel, Nizhniy Novgorod City Association of Condominiums

Ms. Purgina is the founder and general counsel for the Nizhniy Novgorod City Association of Condominiums. The goal of the organization is to create a platform for dialogue between homeowners associations, citizens, courts, state and municipal authorities. The main objective of the organization is to increase legal awareness of citizens through weekly counseling sessions, seminars, participation in radio programs, and published articles advocating homeowners' interests. Ms. Purgina earned a University Diploma from Higher School of Economics, State University, Nizhny Novgorod Branch in Law.

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Mr. Rakhayev is a Senior Research Associate at the Humanities Research Institute and the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is a PhD. in History and an expert in Caucasian Studies at Berbekov Kabardino-Balkar State University. His CV includes 50 publications devoted to Caucasian Russian policy in the Northern Caucasus. Two notable studies are "Islam in the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, History and Present" and "Russia's Policy in the Northern Caucasus in the First Quarter of XVIII Century". Mr. Rakhayev is also a member of the editorial board of several academic periodicals. His current research considers historical consciousness and the politicization of ethnicity in the modern Russian Caucasus. His work considers how democratic ideas and practices and the values of direct citizen participation can counteract the politicization of ethnicity and the growth of Islamic fundamentalism in the Russian Caucasus.

Roman Vladimirovich RyabinsteV

General Director, Kostroma Center for Regional Research, LLC, Branch Chair, Russian Geographical Society, All-Russian NGO, Kostroma Regional Branch

Mr. RyabinsteV is the General Director at the Kostroma Center for Regional Research. He is an analyst examining the socio-political and socio-economic situation in the Kostroma region. The Kostroma Center for Regional Research develops programs to overcome current crisis and evaluates social projects. Mr. RyabinsteV is also the chairman of the board of the regional branch of the inter-regional NGO, “Public Committee for Fair Elections!” The organization was established in 2004 to promote positive conditions for developing and strengthening democratic institutions, to protect civil rights during elections, and to monitor elections on all levels. Mr. RyabinsteV is a PhD. in Social Pedagogy at Nekrasov Kostroma State University.

Zelimkhan Khamzatovich Yakhikhanov

Head of Press Service, Parliament of the Chechen Republic

Mr. Yakhikhanov is the Head of Press Services for the Parliament of the Chechen Republic. His responsibilities are to manage the department responsible for publicizing the activities of the legislative authority of the republic. His tasks include interaction with the media, creation of information products and content and communications. Mr. Yakhikhanov earned a University Diploma from Chechen State University in History and Law. Previously, Zelimkhan worked as the Head of the Analytical Department for the Parliament of the Chechen Republic and as a special correspondent to “Molodezhnaya Smena” (“Youth Generation”) Newspaper.

Timur Anatolyevich Botvin

General Director, AnT Group, LLC

Mr. Botvin is the General Director of AnT Group, LLC where he oversees the company’s strategic planning and development. The main objective of AnT, LLC is to develop IT solutions in the North Caucasus to help solve regional issues including the lack of economic and political stability, illiteracy, and religious and nationalistic disconnections. He earned a University Diploma from Dagestan State University in Mathematics and Programming. Mr. Botvin is also an alumnus of the Moscow School of Political Studies where he developed and manages the school’s website.

Aleksandr Vyacheslavovich Chernov

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Mr. Chernov is a Staff Reporter for the Russian International News Agency one of Russia’s largest news agencies. It is his responsibility to track information and write news on various events and activities in the Bryansk region. He is a local government specialist and writes extensively on related issues. He also teaches a young leaders training course “Information and Psychological Wars” that incorporates principles from journalism, public relations, and psychological methods of impact. He is an active volunteer for the Bryansk branch of the Russian political party, “A Just Russia.” He has earned a University Diploma from Orel Academy of Public Administration under the President of Russia in Economics.

Aleksey Sergeevich Grachev

General Director, "Russkiy Resurs", LLC

Mr. Grachev is the General Director of Russkiy Resurs, LLC. He is a businessman who is professionally engaged in business development in three Russian regions. His interests currently include construction, real estate and agriculture. His responsibilities include managing the daily operations of the company, setting goals, and making adjustments in the course of work and analysis. He also manages an on-line project, "www.domicon.ru" focused on religious education and distribution of spiritual culture in Russia.

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Ms. Paleyeva is an Associate Professor at Samara State University. She is involved in political and social research and leading graduation projects. Over the past five years, Ms. Paleyeva has received more than ten grants to fund research on topics such as the study of mechanisms of self-organization in Russia, strategies for constructing of a nationalist discourse, and electoral stereotypes of citizens of the Samara region and the Republic of Tatarstan. She has a PhD. from Samara State University with an emphasis in History.

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Georgiy Borisovich Kaytukov

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Ms. Koryakina is the Assistant to the RF Duma Deputy for the Krasnoyarsk Region. Her main objective is to supervise different projects on behalf of the deputy. She works on mass media, preparing press releases for the Deputy's comments and speeches, managing the Deputy's online page, and monitoring blogs and other online portals. Ms. Koryakina earned a University Diploma from Krasnoyarsk State University in Journalism.

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President, Interregional Motorist Federation. Board Chair, Novosibirsk City NGO for Special Needs Children and Persons with Childhood Disabilities

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Aleksandr Leonidovich Timakin

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Mr. Timakin is the Director of the St. Petersburg City and Region Scouts, and member of the Russian Association of Navigators/Scouts. He is also the Head of the Department of International Relations of the "Bolshaya Medveditsa" (Great Bear) Association of NGOs. His duties include fundraising, interaction with international organizations and participants, and overall coordination of his organization's activities. He believes that education and involvement in government, the two main objectives of the Scout Movement, are needed to achieve the Scout Movement mission, "Making the World a Better Place." He is a graduate of the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University.

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Prior to joining MSPS she worked as an economist/manger for the Institute for Tourism And Hospitality (Moscow,) and as a Tourist moderator for MITT International Tourism Exhibitions.

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