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Exchange Guide

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Schedule

Saturday, September 7

Washington, DC

4:44pm Arrive at **Reagan National Airport (DCA)**

Please proceed through customs and immigration. ACYPL Program Officer Rob Smalley + 1 (706) 459-7585 will meet you in international arrivals

5:00pm Depart for hotel

5:30pm Arrive at and check in to hotel:

Residence Inn by Marriott

2120 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
Tel: 202.466.6800

6:30pm Meet in hotel lobby

7:00pm Welcome dinner at **Pi Pizzeria**

Location: 910 F Street NW
Washington, DC 20004

Sunday, September 8

Washington, DC

Attire: *Casual*

Breakfast: *Available in the hotel restaurant*

Additional: *Please wear comfortable shoes to today's activities*

8:30am Meet in hotel lobby

9:00am Depart for first activity

9:30am Attend **DC Monuments Tour**

*Highlights will include the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the World War II Memorial, The Korean War Memorial, The Jefferson Memorial, and The Lincoln Memorial***

11:30am Depart for lunch

12:00pm Group lunch at **Earl's Sandwiches**

Location: 2605 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201

1:00pm Depart for next activity

1:30pm Tour of **Arlington National Cemetery**
2:30pm Depart for next activity
3:00pm Visit to **Smithsonian Museums**
5:30pm Depart for dinner
6:00pm Arrive at **District Wharf**

Free time; please use your per diem for dinner

8:30pm Return to hotel

Monday, September 9
Washington, DC

Attire: **Business**
Breakfast: **Available in the hotel restaurant**
Additional: **Please bring your passports for today's meetings**

8:30am Meet in hotel lobby

9:00am Depart for first meeting

9:15am Meeting with **Ms. Libby Rosenbaum**
CEO, ACYPL

Topic: ACYPL welcome and delegate expectations
Location: 1030 15th Street NW, Suite 580 West

10:15am Depart for next meeting

11:00am Meeting with representative(s) of the **US Department of State**

In attendance will be:

Ms. Sonia Urbom

Division Chief, Professional Fellows Division, US Department of State

Mr. David Atkinson

EAP/RSP Director, US Department of State

Ms. Sarah Beran

EAP/EP Director, US Department of State

Topic: US and New Zealand government relations
Location: 2201 C Street NW

12:00pm Depart for lunch

12:30pm (Pending) Lunch at **ACYPL**

2:30pm Meeting with **Ms. Kristen Soltis-Anderson**
Partner and Co-Founder, Echelon Insights
[ACYPL alumna to New Zealand 2018]

Topic: US voter attitudes and trends
Location: 1030 15th Street NW, Suite 580 West

3:30pm Depart for next meeting

4:00pm Meeting with **Dr. Andrea Travnicek**
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, US Department of
Interior
[US to Turkey 2015]

Topic: Parks and wildlife issues
Location: 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20240

5:00pm Depart for hotel

Free time

6:00pm Meet in hotel lobby

6:30pm Depart for dinner

7:00pm Dinner with **Ambassador Rosemary Banks**
Ambassador to the United States, New Zealand Embassy Washington

Location: 27 Observatory Cir NW

9:00pm Return to hotel

Tuesday, September 10
Washington, DC

Attire: **Business**
Breakfast: **Available in the hotel restaurant**

8:30am Meet in hotel lobby

9:00am Depart for first meeting

9:30am Meeting with **Mr. Daniel Lippman**

Topic: Washington media landscape
Location: 1030 15th Street NW, Suite 580 West

10:30am Depart for next meeting

11:00am Meeting with representative(s) of the **Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC)**

Topic: Role and mission of DLCC in Democratic politics
Location: 1225 I St NW, Suite 1250

12:00pm Depart for lunch meeting

12:30pm Lunch meeting hosted by **Mr. Jacapo Namari**
Director of Government Affairs, International Gaming Technology
[New Zealand 2016]

Topic: Role of government affairs in political landscape
Location: 900 17th St NW, Suite 1100

1:30pm Depart for next meeting

2:40pm Tour of the **US Capitol**

4:00pm Meeting with **The Honorable Rick Larsen (D-WA)**
Member, US House of Representatives
Member, Friends of New Zealand Caucus

Topic: Friends of NZ Caucus
Location: 2254 Rayburn House Office Building

5:00pm Return to hotel

Free evening; please use your per diem for dinner

Wednesday, September 11
Washington, DC/Denver, CO

Attire: **Business Casual**

Breakfast: **Please use your per diem for breakfast**

Additional: **September 11th is "Patriot Day" in the United States. Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. Please have your passport readily accessible.**

5:30am Meet in hotel lobby and load luggage onto bus

5:45am Depart for airport

6:30am Arrive at **Dulles International Airport (IAD)**

Check into flight and proceed through security

Please use your per diem for breakfast

8:15am **United Airlines flight #1889** departs Washington, DC

10:00am Arrive at **Denver International Airport (DEN)**

10:30am Collect luggage and depart for lunch

12:00pm Lunch at **Illegal Pete's**

Location: 2001 E Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80206

1:00pm Depart for next meeting

1:30pm Meeting with **The Honorable Faith Winter**
Member, Colorado State Senate
[US to Turkey 2013]

Topic: Women in politics
Location: Pending

2:30pm Depart for hotel

3:00pm Check into hotel

The Westin Denver Downtown

1672 Lawrence Street
Denver, CO, 80202
Tel: (303) 572-9100

4:00pm Meet in hotel lobby

4:30pm Depart for dinner and reception

5:00pm Attend the **Colorado Remembers 9/11** dinner and reception

In attendance:

Gen. Stanley McChrystal
4 Star US General

The Honorable Ed Royce

Former Member, US House of Representatives [D-CA]
[US to Germany 1984]

Ambassador Christopher Hill

Former US Ambassador to Iraq

Mr. Tom Sanderson

Co-Founder and Director, Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

9:00pm Return to hotel

Thursday, September 12
Denver, CO

Attire: **Business**
Breakfast: **Available in the hotel restaurant**

9:00am Meet in hotel lobby

9:30am Depart for first meeting

10:00am Meeting with **The Honorable Jared Polis**
Governor, The State of Colorado

Topic: State governorships in America
Location: 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203

10:30am Depart for next meeting

11:30am Working lunch with **Ms. Heather Howerton**
Programs and Marketing Manager, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce
[Professional Fellows exchange to Cambodia 2019]

Topic: Chamber of Commerce work in Colorado
Location: 523 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO 80203

12:30pm Depart for next meeting

1:00pm Meeting with **Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner**
Regional Director, Office of Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Topic: Constituent affairs in the state office of a US Senator
Location: 1244 Speer Blvd., Denver, CO 80204

2:00pm Depart for next meeting

3:00pm Meeting with representative(s) of the **Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife**

Topic: Parks and wildlife Issues

4:00pm Return to hotel

Free afternoon

5:00pm Meet in hotel lobby

5:30pm Depart for reception

6:00pm Reception with the **New Zealand Expat Community in Denver**

In attendance:
Representative(s) of the **New Zealand Consulate General – Los Angeles**

Location: 1615 Platte St floor 4, Denver, CO 80202

Free evening; please use your per diem for dinner

7:30pm Return to hotel

Friday, September 13

Denver, CO/ Colorado Springs, CO

Attire: Business
Breakfast: Available in the hotel restaurant
Additional: Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel

8:30am Check-out from hotel

9:00am Depart for first meeting

9:30am Meeting with **The Honorable Phil Weiser**
Attorney General, The State of Colorado

Topic: Justice system in Colorado
Location: 1300 Broadway, 10th Fl, Denver CO 80203

10:00am Depart for **Colorado Springs, CO**

11:30am Lunch meeting with **The Honorable William Bain**
Judge, 4th Judicial District of Colorado

Topic: Judicial system in Colorado
Location: El Paso County Judicial Building, 270 S Tejon St, 80903

1:00pm Depart for next meeting

1:30pm Meeting with **The Honorable Richard Skorman**
President, Colorado Springs City Council

Topic: City council work
Location: City Hall, 107 N Nevada Ave, 80903

2:30pm Depart for hotel

3:00pm Check into hotel

Hilton Garden Inn Colorado Springs Downtown

125 N Cascade Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Tel: (719) 632-1000

Free afternoon to explore Colorado Springs

6:00pm Dinner at **Springs Orleans**

Location: 123 E Pikes Peak Ave, 80903

Saturday, September 14
Colorado Springs, CO

Attire: **Business casual**
Breakfast: **Available in the hotel restaurant**

8:00am Meet in hotel lobby

8:30am Depart for first meeting

9:00am Meeting with **The Honorable John Suthers**
Mayor, City of Colorado Springs

Topic: Local government
Location: Bailey Boardroom 1 Lake Ave, 80906

11:15am Meeting with **Ms. Debbie Howell**
Member, Native American tribe

Topic: Native American issues
Location: Bailey Boardroom 1 Lake Ave, 80906

12:15pm Depart for lunch

12:30pm Lunch at **Bambino's Urban Pizzeria**

Location: 36 E Bijou St, 80903

2:30pm Depart for next meeting

3:00pm Tour of **U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center**

4:30pm Return to hotel

5:00pm Meet in hotel lobby

5:30pm Depart for dinner

6:00pm Dinner at **The Warehouse**

Location: 25 West Cimarron Street, 80903

7:00pm Return to hotel

Sunday, September 15
Colorado Springs/ Denver, CO

Attire: **Casual**
Breakfast: **Available in the hotel restaurant**
Additional: **Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. Please have your passport readily accessible**

9:00am Check-out of hotel
9:30am Depart for first activity
10:00am Visit to **Garden of the Gods**
11:00am Depart for next activity
11:30am Explore **Manitou Springs, CO**
12:30pm Depart for lunch
1:00pm Lunch at **Till Kitchen**

Location: 9633 Prominent Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80924

2:30pm Depart for airport
3:45pm Arrive at **Denver International Airport (DEN)**

Please refer to your flight itineraries for the remaining flight dates and times

****End of Program****

Schedule Notes

Sunday, September 8

Jefferson Memorial is a presidential memorial dedicated to Thomas Jefferson, a Founding Father and the third President of the United States (1801-1809). One of the most prolific Founding Fathers, Jefferson is best known as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. The Memorial not only memorializes the man himself, but also pays homage to his contributions to the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Inside the memorial are five Jefferson quotes that best represent these principles and a 19 ft. tall bronze statue of Jefferson looking out toward the White House. The memorial was dedicated in 1943.

The Lincoln Memorial is a national monument built to honor Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States (1860-1865). In 1861, the US was sharply divided on the issue of slavery and the rights of individual states to enforce that practice. The Northern and Southern states worked to formulate a compromise and when none could be reached, the South seceded and plunged the US into the Civil War. President Lincoln not only saved the Union, preserving the government and the national boundaries, but also emancipated all Southern slaves in 1863. In both his life and death, Lincoln has been an inspiration for many and is considered one of the greatest Presidents in American history. He was assassinated in 1865, a month before the Civil War ended.

The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The Second World War is the only 20th Century event commemorated on the National Mall's central axis. The memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004 and was dedicated one month later May 29.

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial honors the four-term president. The memorial is divided into four outdoor "rooms", which mirror his terms, and they hold statues and murals that represent issues from the Great Depression to World War II.

The Korean War Memorial commemorates the 5.8 million Americans in the US armed services who died during the Korean War from 1950-1953. The memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial was dedicated in 2011 in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. who is considered one of the great leaders of the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He preached the use of non-violent protests to propel the Civil Rights Movement forward, and thousands of African-Americans and whites participated in sit-ins, boycotts and marches throughout the 1950s-1960s. He was also a renowned writer and orator who delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington in 1963 and was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated on a hotel balcony in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968 at the age of 39.

Arlington National Cemetery serves as a cemetery and a memorial to Americans of national importance, including presidents, Supreme Court justices and countless military heroes. The cemetery was established during the Civil War as a final resting place for Union soldiers on approximately 200 acres of Mary Custis Lee's 1,100 acre Arlington estate. The property was expanded over the years to encompass more than 624 acres of burial grounds of more than 400,000 American servicemen. Each year, more than four million people visit Arlington, attending graveside services and special ceremonies to pay tribute to veterans and historical figures.

The **Smithsonian Institution** was established with funds from James Smithson, a British scientist who left his estate to the United States “to found in Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.” An Act of Congress, signed by President James Polk in 1846, established the Smithsonian as a trust to be administered by a Board of Regents and a Secretary, and since its founding, the Smithsonian has become the world’s largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities.

District Wharf is a mile-long stretch along the Potomac River with restaurants, retailers, residences, and businesses—all complemented by monumental views and a vibrant culture.

Monday, September 9

Libby Rosenbaum serves as the Chief Executive Officer overseeing ACYPL’s fundraising, communications, grants management, new business development, and strategic planning. Libby previously served as the Vice President of Programs and Communications. Prior to this, Libby served as the Education Partnerships Manager at the British Council where she promoted and established US-UK university research collaborations and planned international summits devoted to higher education best practice. She also served as the Major Gifts Officer at the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank, and as a fundraiser on the US Senate campaigns of Ken Salazar and Joe Hoeffel. Libby graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science and received an MSc in politics and government of the European Union from the London School of Economics.

The US Department of State is the federal executive department responsible for the international relations of the United States, equivalent to the foreign ministries of other countries. The Department was created in 1789 and was the first executive department established. The Department operates the diplomatic missions of the United States abroad and is responsible for implementing the foreign policy and diplomacy efforts of the United States. The Department is led by Secretary Mike Pompeo who was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the US Senate in April 2018.

Sonia Urbom is the Division Chief in the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) in the Office of Citizen Exchanges, Professional Fellows Division.

David Atkinson is the Regional Security Policy Director for the US Department of State’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Sarah Beran is the Economic Policy Director for the US Department of State’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Kristen Soltis-Anderson is a Partner and Co-Founder at Echelon Insights, a research and analytics firm. She is also an ABC News political contributor, a columnist at *The Washington Examiner*, and the co-host of *The Pollsters*, a bipartisan weekly podcast. Prior to launching Echelon Insights, Kristen was the Vice President of The Winston Group and was a Resident Fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics. She has been featured in *The New York Times Magazine* and on programs such as *Morning Joe*, *Fox News Sunday*, and *Real Time with Bill Maher*. Kristen was one of *TIME*’s “30 Under 30 Changing the World” and one of *ELLE*’s “Most Compelling Women in Washington.” She received her bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Florida and her master’s degree in government from Johns Hopkins University. Kristen traveled on an ACYPL exchange to New Zealand in 2018.

The US Department of the Interior is a federal executive department that conserves and manages the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people, provides scientific and other information about natural resources and natural hazards to address societal challenges and create opportunities for the American people, and honors the Nation's trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities to help them prosper. The Department is led by Secretary David Bernhardt who was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the US Senate in April 2019.

Dr. Andrea Travnicek is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management at the US Department of the Interior. She has over 15 years of research and work experience within the natural resources, communication, and public policy fields. Previously, Andrea served as Natural Resources Senior Policy Advisor to North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple. She earned her Ph.D. in natural resources management (NRM)/communication from North Dakota State University. Andrea is an ACYPL alum, traveling on the US to Turkey exchange in 2015.

Amb. Rosemary Banks is a New Zealand diplomat and Ambassador-Designate to the United States. She was Ambassador to France and Permanent Representative to the OECD from 2010 to 2014. She was previously New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from June 2005 to June 2009. She earlier served as deputy high commissioner to the Solomon Islands (1985–1987), and Australia (1992–1995). Ambassador Banks graduated with a master's degree in Russian from the University of Canterbury and received an master's of science degree from the London School of Economics. She was awarded an honorary doctorate of literature by the University of Canterbury in April 2015.

Tuesday, September 10

Daniel Lippman is a reporter covering the White House and Washington for POLITICO. He was previously a co-author of POLITICO's Playbook. Before joining POLITICO, he was a fellow covering environmental news for E&E Publishing and a reporter for The Wall Street Journal in New York. He has also interned for McClatchy Newspapers and Reuters. During a stint freelancing in 2013, he traveled to the Turkish-Syrian border to cover the impact of the Syrian civil war for The Huffington Post and CNN.com. He graduated from The Hotchkiss School in 2008 and from The George Washington University in 2012. Daniel hails from the Berkshires in western Massachusetts and enjoys playing tennis, seeing movies, and trying out new restaurants in his free time.

The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) is the official campaign arm of the Democratic Party working to elect Democrats to state legislative positions. Founded in 1992, the DLCC's mission is to build and maintain winning campaign committees in all 50 states by providing campaign services through a continuing partnership with legislative leaders, professional staff, and supporters. DLCC spending priorities are focused on legislative seats and chambers where they can impact Democratic majority status in the current election cycle.

Jacopo Namari serves as the Director of Government Affairs at International Game Technology (IGT) and works to ensure that the circulation of public information is properly prepared and coordinated. He represents the company on all levels including before international, national, and state governmental bodies and he also engages with the diplomatic community. Prior to working for IGT, Jacopo was the program manager for Africa at Guizzetti and Associates. He was also a pre-school teacher and worked at Afrika Tikun, an NGO that provides education and health services to South African Townships. Jacopo has his bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Turin in Italy and his master's degree in international relations from the University of Milan. Jacapo is an ACYPL alum, traveling on the US to New Zealand exchange in 2016.

The United States Capitol is the meeting place of the legislative branch of the United States, the House and the Senate, and houses an important collection of American art and working offices. Construction of the Capitol began in 1793 with a design by William Thornton. Though it is not the geographic center of DC, the Capitol is the origin point by which the quadrants of DC are divided and the city was planned. In 2009, a 580,000 square foot Visitor Center was added to this historic complex. The Visitor Center was the largest project in the Capitol's more than two-century history and is approximately three quarters the size of the Capitol itself. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the Capitol so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol and its grounds.

Rep. Rick Larsen is the United States Representative for Washington's 2nd congressional district and a member of the Democratic Party. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2000 and was re-elected in each of the eight subsequent elections, most recently in 2018. Congressman Larsen is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He attended Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Minnesota, earning a master's degree in public affairs. He formerly worked as director of public affairs for the Washington State Dental Association and as a lobbyist for the dental profession.

The **Friends of New Zealand Congressional Caucus** is a bipartisan working group that aims to strengthen and promote closer economic, political, and social links between the U.S. and New Zealand. The caucus is co-chaired by Rep. Kevin P. Brady (R-TX) and Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA).

Wednesday, September 11

Denver is the largest city and capital of the state of Colorado, as well as the second-most populous county in Colorado. Denver is situated at the base of the Rocky Mountains and was originally founded as a gold mining location in the 19th century. The city of Denver has a population of about 650,000 residents. In 2016, Denver was named the best place to live in the United States by U.S. News & World Report.

Faith Winter is a legislator in Colorado. In 2018, she was elected to the Colorado State Senate, representing District 24. Earlier, Faith served in the Colorado House of Representatives as a Democrat from 2014 to 2019, representing Colorado House District 35. Prior to becoming a Colorado Legislator, Faith had the experience of being the National Program Director for EnviroCitizen, National Field Director for The White House Project, Executive Director for Emerge Colorado, and Program Director for Colorado Conservation Voters. She attended the University of the Redlands in Redlands, California, where she majored in environmental management and minored in biology. Faith is an ACYPL alum, traveling on the US to Turkey exchange in 2013.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal is a Partner and Founder at the McChrystal Group, an advisory services, management consulting, and leadership development firm. He is a retired United States Army general best known for his command of Joint Special Operations Command in the mid-2000s. He previously served as Director, Joint Staff from August 2008 to June 2009 and as Commander of JSOC from 2003 to 2008, where he was credited with the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, but also criticized for his alleged role in the cover-up of the Pat Tillman friendly fire incident.

Ed Royce is an American politician who served as a Member of the United States House of Representatives from California from 1993 to 2019. Ed represented California district 39, a district including parts of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. A member of the Republican Party, Ed served as Chairman of the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2013 to 2019. He was previously a business owner and corporate tax manager for

a Portland cement company before becoming a California State Senator in 1983, serving in that post until his election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Ed is an ACYPL alum, traveling on the US to Germany exchange in 1984.

Amb. Christopher Hill is a former career diplomat, a four-time ambassador, nominated by three presidents, whose last post was as Ambassador to Iraq, April 2009 until August 2010. Prior to Iraq, Hill served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 until 2009 during which he was also the head of the US delegation to the Six Party Talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. He is currently Chief Global Advisor at the University of Denver Global Engagement.

Tom Sanderson co-founded and directed the Transnational Threats Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) from 2002 to 2018. He investigated terrorism, insurgency and criminal networks across 70 countries, interviewing NGOs, journalists, terrorists, traffickers, refugees, intelligence officials, business leaders and clergy. Tom now guides governments and the private sector in detecting, understanding and navigating a wide range of global risks and opportunities.

Thursday, September 12

Gov. Jared Polis is an American politician, entrepreneur and philanthropist serving as the 43rd Governor of Colorado since January 2019. A member of the Democratic Party, he served on the Colorado State Board of Education from 2001 to 2007 and was the U.S. Representative for Colorado's 2nd congressional district from 2009 to 2019. Governor Polis was elected governor of Colorado in 2018, defeating Republican nominee Walker Stapleton.

Heather Howerton is the Programs and Marketing Manager at Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. Previously, she worked as a Marketing Specialist and Administrator at Greystone Technology in the Denver area. She graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in public relations and advertising. She traveled on an ACYPL Professional Fellows Program exchange to Cambodia in 2019.

Annie Oatman-Gardner is the State Director of Constituent Affairs for Current Democratic Presidential Candidate and US Senator Michael Bennet. She has previously served as the campaign director for two of current City Council President of Colorado Springs Richard Skorman's runs for City Council. She graduated from Colorado College with a bachelor of arts degree.

Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife is a state executive department which manages wildlife, maintains the state parks system, provides outdoor recreation opportunities, and balances conservation with recreational needs in Colorado. The department is led by Director Dan Prenzlöw who was appointed by Gov. Jared Polis in 2019.

Friday, September 13

Phil Weiser is an American lawyer who serves as the 39th Colorado Attorney General, since 2019. He is the Hatfield Professor of Law and Telecommunications, Executive Director and Founder of the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, and Dean Emeritus at the University of Colorado Law School. He previously served in the Obama and Clinton Administrations in the White House and Justice Department. A member of the Democratic Party, he was elected Attorney General for the State of Colorado in the 2018 election, defeating Republican George Brauchler on November 6, 2018.

William Bain has lived in Colorado Springs since 1997. A fifth generation native of Colorado, Judge Bain graduated from Middlebury College in 1990 and from Cornell Law School in 1996. Prior to Governor Bill Ritter appointing him to the bench in 2010, Judge Bain worked in private practice with Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley in Denver, served as a Fourth Judicial District deputy district attorney, and was a civil litigator for the City of Colorado Springs for three years. He has served on the boards of Court Care, Safe Passage, the El Paso County Bar Foundation, and has been the president of the Ben S. Wendelken American Inn of Court. He currently presides over both a criminal and domestic docket.

The city of **Colorado Springs** was originally founded as a miners' supply camp in the 1850s. It is now the most populous city in El Paso County and the second most populous city in Colorado. Colorado Springs is situated near the base of Pikes Peak and is also home to the United States Air Force Academy and the US Olympic Committee.

Richard Skorman is the City Council President of Colorado Springs and the owner of multiple business across the Colorado Springs metro area, including Poor Richard's Restaurant, Little Richard's Toystore, Rico's Cafe and Wine Bar, and Poor Richard's Books and Gifts in Downtown Colorado Springs. Richard was first elected to public office in 1999 as a city council member. To follow, Richard was Vice Mayor from 2003-2005 as well as a member of the Colorado Springs Park Board and Pikes Peak Regional Director for US Senator Ken Salazar. Independent of public office, Richard was also the Founder and Program Director of the US Environmental Film Festivals in 1990 and 1991, the Conservation Finance Director for the Colorado Trust for Public Land, the Executive Director of the Colorado Environmental Coalition, a Founder and Board Chair of Citizens Project, Co-Director of the Trails, Open Space and Park Initiatives in 1995, 1997, and 2003 and Fundraising Chair for the Stratton Open Space Land Campaign.

Saturday, September 14

John Suthers is the current Mayor of Colorado Springs, CO and a member of the Republican Party. His first term began in May of 2015 and he was re-elected for his second term in April of 2019. Before serving as Mayor, John served as the Attorney General of Colorado from 2005 to 2015. He graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1977 and graduated from the University of Notre Dame, from which he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in government.

The US Olympic & Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs is the flagship training center for the US Olympic Committee and the Olympic Training Center programs. USA Swimming and USA Shooting have their national headquarters on complex. More than 15 other member organizations, as well as two international sports federations and the USOC headquarters are also located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sunday, September 15

The **Garden of the Gods** is a registered National Natural Landmark designated in 1971. Featuring ancient sedimentary structures, the park is filled with large rocks of limestone that have been tilted vertically by the uplift of the Rocky Mountains and the Pikes Peak massif. Two million years ago The Pleistocene Ice Age resulted in erosion and glaciation of the rock, creating the present rock formations. The Garden of the Gods Park is popular for hiking, technical rock climbing, road and mountain biking and horseback riding. It attracts more than two million visitors a year, making it the city's most visited park. There are more than 15 miles of trails with a 1.5-mile trail running through the heart of the park.

Manitou Springs is a resort city in Colorado just outside of Colorado Springs. It is known for its mineral springs and mountain landscapes, dominated by soaring Pikes Peak. This city was founded in 1872 by General William Jackson Palmer and Dr. William Abraham Bell. Manitou

Springs and has been the quintessential tourist town since the 1870's, when visitors discovered the "healing waters" the Ute Indians had been drinking for years. Many of the town's mineral springs still function today.

Delegate Biographies

Darroch Ball, MP

Member

Parliament of New Zealand

New Zealand First

Darroch first became a Member of Parliament in 2014 after winning election and currently represents the New Zealand First party. In the Parliament, he is the Chairperson of the Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee and is a Member of the Social Services and Community Select Committee. He is also his party's Spokesperson for Serious Fraud, Social Housing, Consumer Affairs, Constitutional & Legal Matters, and Crown Legal Services.

Prior to his time in Parliament, Darroch was an Officer in the New Zealand Army and a science teacher at Waiopahu College. He also served as the New Zealand First Electorate Committee Vice-Chairman in Palmerston North and the party's Vice-President for the North Island in October 2013. He has focused on many issues in his time with New Zealand First such as a youth demerit point system, a New Zealand Defence Force and Ministry social development employment scheme for young people, and harsher penalties for assaulting first responders.

Darroch was born and raised in Auckland. He attended Liston College in Henderson before graduating with a bachelor's degree in biological science from the University of Auckland.

Dan Bidois, MP

Member

Parliament of New Zealand

National Party

Dan became a Member of Parliament for Northcote after winning the Northcote by-election in June 2018. He is also the National Party's Spokesperson for the Future of Work and Associate Spokesperson for Industry Relations and Workplace Safety. He also serves on the Social Services Select Committee and as a Member of the Maori Affairs Select Committee.

Prior to Parliament, Dan was a Strategy Manager at Foodstuffs North Island Limited. Dan has over 9 years of experience working as an economist and strategist in New Zealand, Europe, and Asia. He spent three years as an economist with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), two years with Deloitte Consulting, and time with several economic think-tanks in Auckland and Kuala Lumpur

Dan is of Maori descent (Ngati Maniapoto) and has joint undergraduate degrees in commerce (honors) and arts from the University of Auckland. In 2010, Dan won a

Fulbright Scholarship to Harvard University, where he earned a master's degree in public policy in economic and political development. Before attending university, Dan completed a butcher's apprenticeship with Woolworths NZ.

Simeon Brown, MP

Member
Parliament of New Zealand
National Party

Simeon is a Member of Parliament for Pakuranga, elected in the 2017 general election. As the local representative for Pakuranga, Simeon is committed to representing his constituents in Parliament on the issues that matter to them, including investing in smarter transport solutions, maintaining excellent education opportunities for all students, and ensuring New Zealand communities remain safe places to live. He is a Member of the Education and Workforce Select Committee and the Party Spokesperson for Education and Tertiary Education, Skills, and Employment.

Prior to Parliament, Simeon was elected to serve as a Local Board Member in the Manurewa ward, where he held the role of Deputy Chair from 2013-2016. In 2014, he successfully led a campaign within the Auckland Council to ban the sale of synthetic drugs and legal highs across Auckland, which resulted in nationwide law reform. In addition, he has a background working in commercial banking and supporting small to medium-sized businesses in the southeast Auckland economy.

Simeon studied at the University of Auckland, completing a law and commerce conjoint degree.

Willow-Jean Prime, MP

List Member
Parliament of New Zealand
Labour Party

Elected to Parliament in 2017, Willow-Jean serves as a List Member for the Labour Party. As an MP, Willow-Jean's priorities for the Northland region are housing, health, education, growth, vibrant communities, and environmental responsibility. She is a Member of the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee and the Parliamentary Private Secretary for Local Government.

By working collaboratively with local government, businesses and communities, Willow-Jean seeks to identify opportunities and barriers to growth and to work to overcome them. She is an advocate for more investment in regional development to create better jobs and support local businesses. She previously served as a Far North District Councilor and has a strong background in law, advocacy, and Maori and community development.

Willow-Jean is of Ngapuhi descent and grew up in Northland. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in law, in addition to a degree in Te Reo and Maori

development and a graduate diploma in Maori and indigenous studies from the University of Waikato.

Priyanca Radhakrishnan, MP

List Member
Parliament of New Zealand
Labour Party

Priyanca is a List Member of Parliament based in Maungakiekie, Auckland. She is a Member of the Foreign Affairs and the Defence and Trade Select Committees, in addition to serving as the Deputy Chairperson of the Social Services and Community Select Committees. Priyanca is also the Parliamentary Private Secretary for Ethnic Affairs.

Before Parliament, Priyanca lived and worked overseas and around Aotearoa, New Zealand. She has spent her work life advocating on behalf of groups of people whose voices are often unheard—women survivors of domestic violence and migrant workers who have been exploited—while lobbying governments for legislative and policy changes. Priyanca is also a Member of the Asia New Zealand Foundation Leadership Network, the National Council of Women (Auckland), and UN Women.

Priyanca has a master's degree in development studies from Victoria University of Wellington.

Nicola Willis, MP

List Member
Parliament of New Zealand
National Party

Nicola is a List Member of Parliament based in Wellington and is the National Party's Spokesperson for Early Childhood Education, having entered Parliament in April 2018. She is also a Member of the Education and Workforce Select and Regulations Review Select Committees.

Prior to becoming an MP, Nicola had a successful career spanning the private and public sectors. She worked as a Researcher and Policy Adviser for then Opposition Education Spokesperson The Honorable Bill English. Nicola went on to serve as a Senior Advisor to The Honorable Sir John Key, as a member of his 2008 campaign team and during his first term as Prime Minister.

Nicola was born and raised in Wellington. She has a first-class honours degree in English literature from Victoria University of Wellington and a post-graduate diploma in journalism from the University of Canterbury.

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Ms. Carmen Maran

Parliamentary Engagement Officer
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Carmen works with the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a Parliamentary Engagement Officer. In this capacity, she works in the Inter-Parliamentary Relations team, as secretary to the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians, New Zealand group, and as secretary to the Parliamentary Friendship Group, Latin America and the Caribbean.

She has served in a number of roles throughout Parliament, including providing procedural and secretarial support to Select Committees and working on Parliamentary engagement.

Carmen lives in Wellington, New Zealand where she was raised. She studied International Relations and Political Science at the Victoria University of Wellington.

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