COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

Nancy Pelosi is the Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 114th Congress. From 2007 to 2011, Pelosi served as Speaker of the House, the first woman to do so in American history. As the Democratic Leader, Pelosi is fighting for bigger paychecks and better infrastructure for America's middle class families. In 2013, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of the American women's rights movement. For 29 years, Leader Pelosi has represented San Francisco, California's 12th District, in Congress. She has led House Democrats for more than 12 years and previously served as House Democratic Whip. Under the leadership of Pelosi, the 111th Congress was heralded as "one of the most productive Congresses in history" by Congressional scholar Norman Ornstein.

Representative Barbara Lee

Congresswoman Barbara Lee proudly represents California's 13th Congressional District. She serves on the Appropriations and Budget Committees; is a Senior Democratic Whip; Chair of the Democratic Whip's Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality, and Opportunity; and Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Poverty and the Economy Task Force. Lee is former co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and Chair of the CBC. Since entering Congress, she has authored or coauthored all major legislation relating to HIV/AIDS and is a co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus. In 2005, Lee was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for her work in global peace and security. She is the only Congressperson or Senator to oppose the Authorization for Use of Military Force following 9/11, which gave President Bush and subsequent presidents a blank check to wage endless war. In 2013, President Obama recognized Lee's leadership by nominating her as a Representative to the 68th U.N. General Assembly. Lee began her political career as an intern in the office of her predecessor, Congressman Ronald Dellums. She served in the California State Assembly and State Senate. She is a graduate of Mills College and received an MSW from the University of California, Berkeley.

Deborah Weinstein

Deborah Weinstein is the executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs where she works to address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations. Prior to joining CHN, she served as the director of the Family Income Division at the Children's Defense Fund and before that, executive director of the Massachusetts Human Services Coalition, a nonprofit coalition that advocates for the needs of Massachusetts people with limited income. During her nine years at CDF, she worked on numerous issues, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child support, jobs and wages, housing, nutrition, unemployment insurance, and equitable tax policy. Deborah earned a master's degree of social work from San Diego State University.

Olivia Golden

Olivia Golden is the executive director of the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). An expert in child and family programs at the federal, state, and local levels, she has a track record of delivering results for low-

income children and families in the nonprofit sector and at all levels of government. Prior to joining CLASP, she served as Commissioner for Children, Youth, and Families and then as Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she improved Head Start and created Early Head Start. She has also worked at the Urban Institute, the D.C. Children and Family Services Agency, the Children's Defense Fund, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and Massachusetts' Executive Office of Human Services. She earned a doctorate and a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

LaJuana Clark

LaJuana Clark is a native Washingtonian who, after losing her job in security, became homeless and wound up in a D.C. homeless shelter. During her time in the shelter, she began working with Theatre Lab of D.C. and 14 other formerly homeless and/or incarcerated women to craft an original play about their life stories. LaJuana and the other women then performed the play in a one-night-only feature at The Kennedy Center. Their journey to create and perform the play was made into a documentary entitled *How I Got Over*, written and directed by Nicole Boxer, daughter of Senator Barbara Boxer, and released in 2015. LaJuana currently works part time as a security officer for Job Corps and is in school. She rents an SRO (single room occupancy), a type of affordable housing in which individuals rent single rooms within a multiple-tenant building, and struggles to make ends meet.

Melissa Boteach

Melissa Boteach is the Vice President of the Poverty to Prosperity Program at the Center for American Progress. In this capacity, she oversees American Progress' poverty policy development and analysis, as well as its advocacy and outreach work. Under her tenure, CAP's Poverty team has launched its annual report tracking progress to cut poverty, its TalkPoverty.org blog, and the Our American Story project. In 2011, she was named as one of *Forbes* magazine's 30 under 30 for law and policy. Before joining CAP, she worked as a senior policy associate and the poverty campaign coordinator at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. She earned a master's degree in public policy from The George Washington University and a master's degree in equality studies from University College Dublin.

Liz Schott

Liz is a Senior Fellow with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' Welfare Reform and Income Support Division. She served as a Senior Policy Analyst at CBPP from 1997-2000 and continued to work as a consultant for CBPP after 2000 until rejoining the Center staff in 2007. Before joining CBPP, she served as President of the Board of the Washington State Budget and Policy Center. Liz has also taught at Seattle University Law School and has consulted on projects for Mathematica Policy Research, MDRC, the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Employment Law Project and the Washington State Budget and Policy Center. She also spent time working as an attorney at Evergreen Legal Services and Columbia Legal Services. She received her law degree from Boston University School of Law.

Elizabeth Lower-Basch

Elizabeth Lower-Basch is the Center for Law and Social Policy's director of the income and work supports team. Her expertise includes federal and state welfare (TANF) policy, other supports for low-income working

families (such as refundable tax credits), systems integration, and job quality. From 1996 to 2006, Elizabeth worked for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this position, she was a lead welfare policy analyst, supporting legislative and regulatory processes and managing research projects. Liz received a master's of public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jim Weill

Jim Weill has been President of the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) since February 1998. Jim has devoted his entire professional career to reducing hunger and poverty, protecting the legal rights of children and poor people, and expanding economic security, income and nutrition support programs and health insurance coverage. Before joining FRAC, he worked at the Children's Defense Fund and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago. He has served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the UNICEF Executive Board. Currently, he is chair of the board of directors of the Alliance for Justice Action Council, a member of the board of the National Center for Youth Law, and a member of the advisory council to the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families.

David Bowers

David Bowers is vice president and Mid-Atlantic market leader for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. His work includes facilitating affordable housing and community development transactions and policy implementation in collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. Enterprise's Mid-Atlantic office also participates with local coalitions advocating for increased resources for affordable housing and community development. Prior to joining Enterprise, David worked at the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and the office of U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. He has also served as chairman of the D.C. Housing Production Trust Fund Advisory Board and a member of the boards of Thrive DC, City First Enterprises, City Homes and Jubilee Housing. He earned a master's of divinity from Howard University.

Sarita Gupta

Sarita Gupta is the executive director of Jobs With Justice and the co-director of Caring Across Generations. She is a nationally recognized expert on the economic, labor and political issues affecting working people across all industries, particularly women and those employed in low-wage sectors, as well as the changing nature of work in America. Under Sarita's direction, Jobs With Justice is leading the fight to generate power and opportunities for working people. In her role with Caring Across Generations, Sarita is spearheading a national movement to transform the way we care in this country. Prior to Jobs With Justice, she worked for the United States Student Association and as a community activist and grassroots organizer. She serves on the board of directors for the International Labor Rights Forum, the Institute for Policy Studies, the General Service Foundation and the Labor Network for Sustainability.