

Federal

Appointed Officials

Leanne Abdnor, President and National spokesperson of For Our Grandchildren
Samir Abu Ghazaleh, Cancer Advisory Board
Sana Akili, International Program Specialist, Commercial Law Development Program, US Department of Commerce
Salah Asad, Information Technology Customer Relations Manager, Federal Reserve Bank
Joseph C. Ayoub, Team Leader, U.S. Department of Commerce
Alex M. Azar II, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, US Department of Health and Human Services
Michael Bouchard, Assistant Director for Field Operations, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
David Dowd, Jr., U.S. District Court Judge, Northern District of Ohio
Sandra Edwards, Department of Commerce, USEAC Director, International Trade Administration
Irma Elder, Federal Reserve Board
Abul Hoda Farouki, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Joseph Ghougassian, Advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority
Zead A. Haddad, Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Energy
June S. Hamra, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Eva Teig Hardy, Southern States Energy Board
Randa Fahmy Hudome, Board Member, U.S. Secretary of State Advisory Board
Mike Korbey, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration
Sam LaHood, Special Assistant, Office of Strategic Communications and Planning, Bureau of Public Affairs, Department of State
Walid Maalouf, Director of Public Diplomacy, Middle Eastern and Middle East Partnership Initiative, USAID
Dina Habib Powell, Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State
Sam Saad III, Special Assistant to the Solicitor, Department of Labor
Mark Sadd, Member, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Naomi Shihab Nye, National Council on the Humanities
Edna L. Saffy, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; National Institute for Literacy
George Salem, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy
George Selim, Special Assistant to the Director, U.S. Department of Justice
Simon Shaheen, President's Advisory Committee on the Arts, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
George Caram Steeh, U.S. District Court Judge, Eastern District of Michigan
E. Najla Tanous, USSBA District Counsel
Jay C. Zainey, U.S. District Court Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana
Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Director, U.S. National Institute of Health

Congressional/Federal Staff

Huma Abedin, Special Assistant, Office of New York Senator Hillary Clinton
Radi Barkett, Special Agent, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce
Jerry Couri, Professional Staff, House Commerce Committee
Mostafa Eldakdoky, Food Technologist and International Issues Analyst, Department of Agriculture
Jamal El-Hindi, Attorney-Advisor, OFAC, Office of General Counsel, Department of Treasury
Mark Esper, Assistant to House Majority Leader for National Security Affairs
Sam H. Haidar, Pharmacometrics Scientist, Department of Health & Human Services
Kathryn Hazeem, Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on the Constitution, House Committee on the Judiciary
George Farag, Vice Consul, Department of State
Malak Jadallah, Office of Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich
Chris Mansour, Chief of Staff, Representative Dale Kildee
George Nassif, International Affairs Contract Officer, Department of State
Tarik Obeidi, Foreign Missions Officer, Department of State
Lara Shahriyar Alameh, Research Associate, U.S. House International Relations Committee
Kelly Sharbel, Special Assistant Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense
Frederick Shwaery, Chief of Training and Development, Federal Highway Administration
Susan L. Ziadeh, Department of State

Joseph Zogby, Counsel, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee

Party Leaders and Activists

James J. Zogby, Member, Executive Committee, Democratic National Committee

Alabama

Judges

Alfred Bahakel, Circuit Judge, Jefferson County

Gloria Bahakel, Circuit Judge, Jefferson County

Arizona

Elected Officials

Paula Aboud, State Senator (28th District)

Arkansas

Appointed Officials

Anita Langhover, Chairman, Carroll County Citizen Corp

Party Leaders and Activists

Abe Akel, Boone County Democratic Central Committee

Bishara Bahbah, Precinct Committeemen, Scottsdale Republican Party, Scottsdale

Mary Jane Akel, Secretary/Treasurer of Boone County Democratic Central Committee; Member, Democratic State Executive Committee

Anita Z. Langhover, President, Republican Women of Carroll County

California

Elected Officials

Luis Acle, San Diego School Board

Darrel Issa, U.S. House of Representative (49th District)

Dennis Zine, Los Angeles City Council

Appointed Officials

Albert Dib, President, Los Angeles Relocation Appeals Board

Mike Farrah, Senior Advisor to Mayor Gavin Newsom, City and County of San Francisco

Khaldoun Baghdadi, Esq. Chair of Human Rights Commission, City and County of San Francisco

Gus Murad, Commissioner, Small Business Commission, City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Homsey, Manager of Constituent Relations, City and County of San Francisco

Ahsha Safai, Deputy Director, Community Development, City and County of San Francisco

Jamal Dajani, Commissioner, Immigrant Rights Commission

Johnny Khamis, Chair, Santa Clara Human Relations Commission

Ross Nammur, San Jacinto City Manager

Simon Naoufal, Rialto Housing Beautification Commissioner

Ghada Saliba-Malouf, Chair, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Suheil Shatara, Chair, San Francisco Architecture Review Committee of Preservation Advisory Board

Vicky Tamoush, Deputy Labor Commissioner

Terry A. Thomas, Chula Vista Resource Conservation Commissioner, Chula Vista Board of Ethics

Judges

Peter C. Deddah, Superior Court Judge, San Diego
James A. Kaddo, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge
Richard G. Berry, Superior Court Judge, San Diego

Party Leaders and Activists

Charlie Ara, Chair 56th AD, Democratic Party of Orange County
Reed Hamzeh, Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee
David Kawas, San Mateo County Republican Central Committee, California Republican Party
Johnny Khamis, Vice President, California Congress of Republicans; President, Republican Arab American Congress
Elias Khawam, California Democratic Central Committee
Rima Nashashibi, Exec Board Member Democratic State Central Committee; Vice Chair, Democratic Party of Orange County
Tareef Nashashibi, Chairman Arab American Council, Republican State Central Committee, Orange County
Salim Qaru, San Mateo Central Committee, California Republican Party; President, San Mateo Republican Arab American Congress
Arkan Somo, Republican State Central Committee
Samira Haddad Tamer, Arab American Republican Caucus
Samuel Wakim, Vice Chair, Siskiyou County Republican Central Committee, California Republican Party

Colorado**Appointed Officials**

Troy A. Eid, Chief Legal Council for Governor's Office
Diedra A. Garcia, State Personnel Board
John Zakhem, Colorado Justice Commission

Party Leaders and Activists

Suzanne Asaff Blankenship, Precinct Committee Chairperson, Jefferson County
Suzanne Asaff Blankenship, Chair, Jefferson County Progressives
Sam H. Zakhem, Republican Nationalities Council and Republican State Executive Committee
John Zakhem, Chairman, State Personnel Board; Executive Committee of Denver County Republicans
Khadija Qadri, Denver Democratic Party Steering Committee

Connecticut**Elected Officials**

Emile Buzaid, Jr., Danbury City Council
David J. Cappiello, State Senator (24th District)
William A. Hamzy, State Representative (78th District)
Michael Jarjura, Mayor of Waterbury
Lori Kaback, Town Clerk, Danbury
Selim Noujaim, State Representative (74th District)
Thomas J. Saadi, Councilman (4th Ward) & Legislative Leader, Danbury City Council

Appointed

Thomas J. Saadi, Assistant Attorney General
Robert J. Yamin, Corporation Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, and Director of Legal Affairs, city of Danbury

Judges

Hon. Fred Anthony, Judge of the Probate of Shelton
Paul Ganim, Judge of the Court of Probate, Bridgeport
Dianne E. Yamin, Judge of the Probate Court, Danbury

Party Leaders and Activists

William A. Hamzy, Chair of the Republican Party of Connecticut
Robert J. Yamin, Republican State Central Committee
Jimmetta Samaha, Secretary, Democratic State Central Committee

District of Columbia**Appointed Officials**

Claudette Shwiry, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Party Leaders and Activists

Mai Abdul Rahman, Precinct Vice Chair Ward 3 Republican Party
Pamela Howar, Vice Chair, District of Columbia Republican Committee
Jacqueline Rizik, District of Columbia Republican Central Committee

Florida**Elected Officials**

Tommy Hazouri, Duval County School Board
Ginger Soud, At-Large, Group 4, Jacksonville City Council

Appointed Officials

Norman Abraham, Chairman, Jacksonville Recreation Advisory Board
Al Maloof, Vice Chairman, Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association; Miami-Dade County Planning Land-Use Board
Sam E. Mousa, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Jacksonville Mayor
Ron Salem, Florida Board of Pharmacy

Judges

Richard D. Eade, Judge, Family Division, 17th Judicial Circuit Court
Peter Haddad, Judge
Nelly N. Khouzam, Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit
George Shahood, Judge
A.C. Soud, Jr. Judge, Circuit Court, 4th Judicial Circuit

Party Leaders and Activists

Edna Louise Saffy, Central Committee of the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee
Ron Salem, Duval County Republican Executive Committee
Helen Zaborniak, Dewar City Democratic Executive Committee

Georgia**Elected Officials**

Joan Haddad Saliba, Mayor, Hartwell

Appointed Officials

Hani Q. Khoury, Executive Director, Mayor's Commission for Disability Issues
Mary Zumot Abu-Akel, County Commissioner, DeKalb County

Party Leaders and Activists

Mary Zumot Abu-Akel, State Delegate, GA Republican Party

Hawaii

Party Leaders and Activists

Saleem Ahmed, Democratic State Party Central Committee Member

Illinois

Elected Officials

George Caleel, Board of Trustees Oak Brook Village
Emil/Bill D. Haddad, Jr., York Township Committeeman, Dupage County
Ray LaHood, U.S. House of Representatives (18th District)
George P. Shadid, Illinois State Senator, 46th District

Appointed Officials

Widad Al-Bassam, Board Member, Advisory Council, Commission for Human Relations for Arab Affairs, City of Chicago
Clem Balanoff, Cook County Deputy Director – Elections
Gabriel F. Fakhouri, Illinois State Senate Advisory Committee
Ray Hanania, Orland Park Civic Center Authority Member
James Maloof, Human Rights Commission of Illinois
Sahar Mawlawi, Director, Commission for Human Relations for Arab Affairs, City of Chicago
Terry Meriden, Governor's Advisory Board on Diabetes
Rouhy J. Shalabi, Director of the Human Relations Commission, City of Chicago, Commissioner, Chicago Park District and President of the Arab-American Bar Association of Illinois
Salameh I. Zanayed, Chicago Mayoral Arab Advisory Council, Human Rights Commission

Judges

Miriam D. Balanoff, Circuit Court Judge
Robert Balanoff, City Court Judge, Cook County
James E. Shadid, 10th Circuit Judge, Peoria
William James Haddad, Judge of the Circuit Court, Cook County
Samual Betar, III., Circuit Court Judge of Cook County; and Board Member, Arab-American Bar Association
Saffiya Shillo, Election Judge, Director of Ethnic Affairs, Office of Lt. Governor

Party Leaders and Activists

Shibli Sawalha, Committeeman, Will County Republican Party

Political Professionals

Ray Hanania, Bipartisan Political Consultant
Maysoon Deeb, Republican Campaign Consultant

Indiana

Elected Officials

George Azar, City Councilman at Large, Terre Haute
Ray Azar, Vigo County Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Mitch Daniels, Governor
David Sabbagh, Member, Bloomington City Council, 5th District

Appointed Officials

Frank E. Shahadey, Vigo County Sergeant
Danny Tanoos, Superintendent of Schools, Vigo County School Corporation

Judges

Larry Cary Sakel, Demotte Traffic Court Judge

Party Leaders and Activists

Michael T. Ellis, Secretary of Vigo Democratic Party

Kay Borchert, Democratic Precinct Chair

Iowa

Elected Officials

Riad G. Mahayni, Ames City Council

Judges

Albert Habhab, Senior Judge, Iowa Court of Appeals

Party Leaders and Activists

Miriam Amer, Linn County Democratic Central Committee

Saleh "Sal" Mohamed, Woodbury County Democrats Central Committee

Linda Nassif, Member, Republican Central Committee Linn County Advisory Board

Jordan Trcka, Chair, Affirmative Action Committee, Democratic Party of Linn County and 2nd Congressional District

Kentucky

Elected Officials

Dennis George, Lebanon City Council

Teresa Ann Isaac, Mayor of Lexington

Judges

Douglas George, Lebanon Circuit Court Judge, 11th district

Sheila Isaac, Circuit Judge, Fayette County

Louisiana

Elected Officials

Bobby Abrusley, Mayor, Oakdale

Charles Boustany, Lafayette City Coroner

Charles Boustany, Jr., U.S. Representative, 7th District

Appointed Officials

Constance Koury, Louisiana Economic Development Corp.

Judges

Richard Haik, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Jay C. Zainey, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Maine

Elected Officials

John Elias Baldacci, Governor

Maryland

Elected Officials

Bilal Ayyub, Precinct Chair, District 15, Maryland Democratic Party

Appointed Officials

Laila K. Atallah, Assistant Attorney General & Principal Counsel to the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development

Randa Fahmy Hudome, Chairperson, Maryland Commission for Women

Michele Forzley, Board member to the Sister States Committee

Massachusetts**Elected Officials**

Stephen Abraham, Register of the Probate, Worcester County Probate

Steven Baddour, State Senator (3rd District)

James J. Massery, City Councilor at Large, Pittsfield

Mary S. McElroy, Co-Chair, Weymouth Master Plan Steering Committee

James G. Peters, Chairman of American Arab Veterans

Kathleen Corey Rahme, Councilor at Large, Methuen City Council

Richard S. Thomas, Chairman, Hampden County Commission

Appointed Officials

AbdulKader C. Hamadeh, Design Review Committee, Town of Duxbury

Steven P. Kfoury, Executive Director, Office of Secretary of State

Mary S. McElroy, Zoning Board of Appeal

Susan Saliba, International Trade Specialist for the Middle East, Governor's Office

Judges

Charles A. Abdella, First Justice, East Brookfield District Court

Edward G. Daher, Chief Justice, Housing Court Department

Joseph Lian, Jr., First Justice, Worcester Probate and Family Court

Jan Lewis Najemy, Associate Justice, Worcester Juvenile Court

Kenneth P. Nasif, Justice, Juvenile Court

James G. Peters, Justice of the Peace; Notary Public; Commissioner, Brookline Commission of Disabled Persons

Party Leaders and Activists

Helen Abdallah Donohue, Chairwoman, Town of Norwood Board of Selectmen

Paul Michael Kalill, Chariman, Springfield Democratic Committee

Steven P. Kfoury, Ward Chairman, Lawrence Democratic Committee

Mushtaque A. Mirza, Chairman, Cambridge Democratic City Committee Ward #4; Member, Executive Board Massachusetts Democratic State Committee

Jamie Ann Sabino, Cambridge Ward Four Democratic Committee

Robert P. Zahka, Chairman, Dedham Republican Town Committee

James Shaer, Chairman, Melrose Democratic City Committee

Michigan**Elected Officials**

Robert A. Abraham, Dearborn City Council

Michael J. Bouchard, Sheriff, Oakland County

Nancy Cassis, State Senate (15th district)

David Farhat, State Representative (91st District)

Barbara A. Farrah, State Representative (13th District)

Al Haidous, Mayor of Wayne

Marianne Yared McGuire, Member, Michigan State Board of Education

Nida' Samona, Southfield City Council, Chair of Liquor Control Commission

Suzanne Sareini, Dearborn City Council

Richard Paul Sulaka, Warren City Clerk

Ted B. Wahby, Treasurer, Macomb County
Kirk Yousif, City Council, Oak Park

Appointed Officials

Mohammed Abdrabboh, Civil Rights Commission, Office of Governor
Nancy A. Abraham, Assistant US Attorney, Flint, Michigan
Riad Ahmad, Investigator, Special Operations, Civil Process Unit, Sheriff's Executive Administrative Offices, Wayne Co.
Mostafa Al' Aswad, Michigan Department of Community Health
Alan Amen, Director, Community Development and Outreach Division, Wayne County
Dr. Yahya Basha, Commissioner, Michigan Department of Civil Rights
Joe Beydoun, Mayor's Citizens Liaison, City of Dearborn
George Darany, Board of Commissioners
Dennis Denno, Chief of Staff, State Senator Buzz Thomas
Joseph M. Eadeh, Westland City Council
Azzam Elder, Wayne County Deputy CEO
Charlene M. Elder, Dearborn District Court Magistrate
Linda Saoud Hallmark, Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice
Abed Hammoud, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor
Ken Harb, Livonia Zoning Appeals Board
Nick Hawatmeh, Member, Board of Zoning Appeals, City of Warren
Hassane Jamal, Director of Community and Economic Development
Jumana Judeh, Vice President, Planning Commission, Dearborn
Abdul M. Mackie, Michigan Board of Counseling
Samir Mashni, State Mental Health Board
Mohamed Okdie, Wayne County Mental Health Board
Claude Richards, Commission for the Blind
Hassan Saab, Director of Engineering, Wayne County
Noel Saleh, Michigan Advisory Committee to U.S. Civil Rights Commission
Suzanne Sareini, Commission on Women, Dearborn City Council
Sally Shaheen Joseph, Michigan Women's Commission, Office of Governor

Michigan (cont.)

Appointed Officials

Alex Shami, Trustee, Henry Ford Board of Education; Secretary, Dearborn's Library Board of Commissioners

Judges

David Allen, Judge, 3rd Circuit Court
Annette Berry, Circuit Court Judge, Wayne County term expires 2006
Dianne Dickow D'Agostini, Oakland County District Judge (48th District)
Joseph J. Farah, Circuit Judge, Genesee County
Linda Saoud Hallmark, Probate Judge, Oakland County
Karen Khalil, Judge, 17th District Court
Charlene Mekled-Elder, Magistrate Judge, Dearborn District Court
James J. Rashid, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge
Henry William Saad, Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals
Tracy A. Yokich, Circuit Court Judge, Macomb County
Sam Salamey, Magistrate Judge, Dearborn District Court

Party Leaders and Activists

Abdalla Raphael Awad, 3rd District Precinct Delegate

Ismael Ahmed, Democratic State Central Committee

Tarek M. Baydoun, 26th Precinct Delegate

Ahmad Chebbani, Executive Board 13 Congressional District Democratic Party, Member, State Democratic Party

Kenwah Dabaja, 15th District Precinct Delegate Democratic Party

Ramzi Dalloo, Precinct Delegate and Recording Secretary for Oakland County Democratic Party; Chairman of the Chaldean Democratic Caucus

Abed Hammoud, Treasurer, Dearborn Democratic Club

Mark Hanna, Chair, Oakland County Democratic Party

Ken Harb, Secretary, Livionia Republican Club

Nicola Hawatmeh, Youth Chairman, Macomb County Republican Party

Alex Isaac, Member, Genesee County Democratic Party Executive Board

Jumana Judeh, Member, Democratic State Central Committee

Bill Khoury, Member, Genesee County Democratic Party

Abdul M. Mackie, Chairman, Dearborn Republican Club

Florence Nasser, Member Genesee County Democratic Party Executive Board

John D. Nickola, President, Genesee County Democratic Party Executive Board; Chair, Arab American Democratic Party Caucus for the Executive Committee

Mohamed Okdie, Vice Chair, 13th Congressional District Democratic Party

Claude Richards, Vice-President, Grosse Pointe Democratic Club

Sally Shaheen Joseph, Member, Genesee County Democratic Party

Wafa A. Sayed, Community Organizer, Michigan Caucuses and Michigan State House of Representatives

Minnesota**Appointed Officials**

Ismail A. Ismail, Hennepin County Capital Budgeting Task Force; Eden Prairie, Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Party Leaders and Activists

Herb Mocol, Democratic State Central Committee; Chair, Blue Earth Democratic Party

Missouri**Elected**

Francis Slay, Mayor, City of St. Louis

Party Leaders and Activists

Brian Wahby, Democratic Committeeman 7th Ward, Chair of St. Louis City Democratic Central Committee

Asma Raza, City of St. Louis Democratic party Committeewoman

Nebraska**New Hampshire****Elected Officials**

Benjamin C. Baroody, State Representative (54nd District), Assistant Democratic Leader, State House of Representatives

John E. Sununu, U.S. Senator

Judges

William Shaheen, Judge, Durham District Court

New Jersey

Elected Officials

Joseph Atallo, Paterson Board of Education
Hassan Cona, Haledon City Council
Hassan Fahmy, Councilman, Borough of Prospect Park Council
Randy George, Mayor of North Haledon
Khalil Kasht, Prospect Park City Council
Mohamed T. Khairullah, Mayor, Prospect Park City Council
Fehmi Khayrullah, Board of Education for Prospect Park
Joseph Kyrillos, State Senator (13th District)
Ayman Mamkej, Municipal Chairman, Republican Party, City of Haledon
Hesham Mahmoud, County Committee, Bergen County
Harold Nafash, Bergenfield City Council
Joseph Palaia, State Senator (11th District)
William M. Saydah, River Vale City Council
Andre Sayegh, Commissioner, Board of Education for Paterson County
George Shalhoub, President, Borough Council

Appointed Officials

Awni Abu Hadba, Deputy Mayor, Paterson, NJ
Dr. Mahmoud Aqeal, Member of the Board of Managers of Preakness Hospital
Tawfiq Barqawi, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee, Gloucester County Human Relations Commission, New Jersey State Human Relations Committee
Yosry H. Bekhiet, International Account Executive, New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission
Jo Ann Hajjar Byrnes, Board of the Graystone Park State Psychiatric Hospital
Sherine El-Abd, Council on Local Mandates; State of NJ Division on Women
Nancy Shehata Fitterer, Policy Advisor, NJ General Assembly Republican Office
Maha Munayyer Kabbash, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee
Samer Khalaf, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee
Maher Khalil, Confidential Aide to the Mayor of Jersey City
Hani Khoury, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee
Cesar Nakhleh, West Paterson Board of Adjustment
Hany Mawla, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee
Sami Merhi, Commissioner, President, and Board of Managers, Preakness Hospital, Passaic County
Bassima Mustafa, Member of the Attorney General's Arab and Muslim Advisory Committee
Dr. Yousef Zibdie, West Paterson Board of Health
Ahmed Shedeed, Deputy Mayor, Jersey City

Party Leaders and Activists

Jo Ann Hajjar Byrnes, Morris County Democratic Party Committeewoman
Sherine El-Abd, State Republican Arab American Advisory Council; President, Women's Republican Club of Middlesex County; State Board of Governors, State Federation of Republican Women; District Committeewoman, 6th District Republican Committee
Samer Khalaf, Northern New Jersey Chair, Democrats 2000
Sami Merhi, Passaic County Democratic Committee and member of the Finance Committee of the Passaic County Democratic Committee
Bassima Mustafa, Executive Board Member, New Jersey Democratic Future
Souzan Soliman, Treasurer, Women's Republican Club of Middlesex County.
Nadia Younes, Middlesex County Republican Committeewoman, District 29.

Nevada

Judges

George Assad, Judge, Las Vegas City

New York

Elected Officials

John Abi-Habib, County Committee Member – Kings County

Sandy Annabi, Minority Leader, Yonkers City Council

Thomas Libous, State Senator, 52st District, Head of Transportation Committee, Assistant Majority Leader

Jeanine Ferris Pirro, Westchester County District Attorney

Appointed Officials

John Abi-Habib, Committee Chair, Community Board 7

Therese Abi-Habib, Committee Member, 60 Assembly District

Nader Sayegh, Board Chairman, Yonkers Parking Authority

Judges

Kevin M. Dowd, Judge, Chenango County

Joseph G. Owen, Supreme Court Justice, 9th Judicial Circuit

Anthony F. Shaheen, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Oneida County

Didi M. Skaff, Administrative Law Judge, Dept. of Transportation

Party Leaders and Activists

Sandy Annabi, Ward Leader, Yonkers City Democratic Party

John Abi-Habib, Vice Chair, Republican Party Kings County, Brooklyn Republican Party

Joan Dacken, Edmund Seergy Republican Club of Brooklyn

Joseph Elhilow, Brooklyn-Verrazano Republican Club

Jennifer Faucher, New York State Public Employees Federation AFL-CIO, Region 10 PAC Chair

Zehy Jereis, Chairman, Yonkers Republican Party and NY State Committee

Jerry Kassar, Vice Chair of NY State Conservative Party, Chair Kings County Conservative Party; Treasurer of Interstate Environmental Commission

Maurice Salem, Chairman of East Fishkill New York Democratic Party

Majed Samarneh, Yonkers Democratic Party Precinct Chair

Nader Sayegh, Chair of the Independent Party

Political Professionals

John J. Zogby, Pollster, Zogby International

North Carolina

Party Leaders and Activists

George Maron El-Khoury, State Democratic Party Executive Committee

Ohio

Elected Officials

Ruth Abboud, Member, Highland School Board

Tim Ali, City Council, Middleburg Heights

William J. Bishilany, City Council, Seven Hills

Timothy Bryan, Massillon City Council

Kristine George, Fairview Park City Council

Joseph Nahra, Eighth Appellate District Court of Appeals

Jim Telb, Sheriff, Lucas County

Appointed Officials

Slayman N. Bedra, Ohio Parole Board Member

Bruce Coury, Assistant Law Director, City of Parusa; Magistrate, City of Brook Park

John S. Coury, Assistant Canton City Law Director, Chief Civil Division

Nadeem Salem, Board of Directors, Toledo Lucas County Post Authority

Joseph T. Sadie, Commander, Cleveland Police Department

Samuel J. Sliman, Director, Canton Civil Service Commission

Judges

Edward J. Elum, Judge, Massillon Municipal Court

Cherreffe A. Kadri, Acting Judge, Ohio Supreme Court

Edmond Sargas, Federal District Court Judge, Southern District of Ohio

Mitchell Shaker, Judge, Trumbull County

Jack Zouhairy, Common Pleas Judge, Lucas County

Party Leaders and Activists

Peter Sadie, Precinct Committeeman, Ward 4 Democratic Committee

Ali Faraz, Cuyahoga Democratic Party Precinct Chair

Layla Khouri D Cuyahoga Democratic Party Precinct Chair

Juliette M Saad Cuyahoga Democratic Party Precinct Chair

Faouzi A Baddour , Cuyahoga Democratic Party Precinct Chair

Political Professionals

Ruth Abboud, Legislative Representative, Ohio State School Board

Jeffrey Kassouf, Media Consultant, Take 1 Studios

Oklahoma

Appointed Officials

Hassen A. Cara, Chamber of Commerce International Committee

Oregon

Appointed Officials

Richard L. Unis, Special Master Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal National Class Action (Federal Court)

Judges

Philip T. Abraham, Senior Circuit Judge

Party Leaders and Activists

Nadia Sindi, Member, Lane County Democratic Party, Precinct Member

Pennsylvania

Elected Officials

Lynne Abraham, District Attorney, City of Philadelphia
Robert M. Aber, Member, Board of Directors, Steel Valley School District
Camille "Bud" George, State Representative (74th district)
Fadia Halma, Chair, Lehigh Valley Democratic Coalition Executive Board, Lehigh Valley
Rose Hykel, Real Estate Tax Collector, Upper Merion Township
Tom Makowski, Luzerne County Commissioner
Issam T. Masri, Mayoral Ambassador
Jeffrey W. Thomas, City Council, New Kensington
Joanne Zogby, Councilwoman, Ringtown Borough

Appointed Officials

Joe Elias, Member, Pennsylvania Ethnic Heritage Commission
Mahmoud K. Kobeissi, Human Relations Commissioner, Pottstown
Marwan Kreidie, Chairman, Philadelphia Civil Service Commission
Kweilin Nassar, Commissioner, PA Human Relations Commission

Judges

James Albert, District Judge, Westmoreland County
Michael J. Koury Jr., District Judge, Northampton County
Joseph M. James, Judge, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
Mark Mansour, District Judge, Westmoreland County
Gerald Solomon, Judge, Allegheny County
Thomas Yezbak, Judge, Uniontown

Party Leaders and Activists

Jack A. Hanna, Chair, Southwest Caucus of PA State Committee of the Democratic Party

Rhode Island

Elected Officials

Scott D. Barr, Member, Lincoln School Committee
Hanna Gallo, State Senator (27-Cth District)
Daniel J. Issa, State Senator (16-Dth district)
Joseph Solomon, Warwick City Council

Appointed Officials

James N. Allam, Chairman, Board of Canvassers and Elections, Woonsocket
Milan T. Azar, Legal Counsel, State House Labor Committee
Christine Jabour, Assistant Attorney General
George Lazieh, Special Assistant Attorney General
James L. Salome, Executive Director, Rhode Island Health and Education Building Authority, Providence
George Zainyeh, Office of Congressman Patrick Kennedy

Party Leaders and Activists

Thomas Lazieh, Central Falls Democratic Committee

South Carolina

Elected Officials

Edward Saleeby, Sr., State Senator, 29th District

Vincent Sheheen, State Senator, 27th District

South Dakota

Elected Officials

Gene Adballah, State Senate (10th District)

Party Leaders and Activists

Samir Abu-Ghazaleh, Precinct Officer, Democratic Party

Qusi Al-Haj, Chairman, Pennington County Republican Party

Tennessee

Elected Officials

James Naifeh, Speaker, State House of Representatives, State Representative (81st District)

Judges

Janice M. Holder, State Supreme Court Justice

Party Leaders and Activists

Juliette Harb Howell, Treasurer, Davidson County Republican Club

Texas

Elected Officials

Jack Abercia, Constable, Harris County, Precinct 1

Mark Strama, State Representative (50th District)

Judges

Philip A. Kazen, Jr., Judge, 227th District Court, Bexar County

Alvin G. Khoury, Judge, 124th District Court

George P. Kazen, Chief Judge, Federal District/Southern District

Party Leaders and Activists

Kamal Ahmad, Democratic precinct chair

Hany Al Qutub, Harris County Republican Precinct Chair

Katie Bayoud, Democratic Precinct chair

Tarek Hussein, Harris County Republican Precinct Chair

Eyad Ibrahim, Harris County Democratic Precinct Chair

Ahmad Jarade, Harris County Republican Precinct Chair

Moustafa Keshta, Harris County Democratic Precinct Chair

Farid Ibrahim Shawky, Harris County Democratic Precinct Chair

Rita Stephan, Harris County Democratic Precinct Chair

Vermont

Elected Officials

William N. Aswad, State Representative, Chittenden 3-1 District

Virginia

Appointed Officials

Sam Abed, Governor's Commission on Community and National Service
Hanif Akhtar, Small Business Advisory Board
Azizah Y. al-Hibri, Virginia Advisory Member to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
Hady Amr, Board of Commissioners, Virginia Public Schools Authority, Advisory Board of Task Force on Business Development with Near East
Marwan Burgan, Office of Supervisor Penny Gross
Samer W. Burgan, Baily's Crossroads Revitalization Corporation Board
Peter G. Decker, Jr., Virginia State Criminal Sentencing Commission
Richard H. Decker, State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Katrina Eid, Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Jay Fiset, Chair, Arlington County Board
Frederick T. Hadeed, State Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Alam E. Hammad, Military Aides-de-Camp
Ahmed H. Hassan, Construction Management Review Board
Rich Joseph, Fairfax County Civil Service Commission
Randa Kayyali, Commissioner, Fairfax County History Commission
Dr. Daoud Khairallah Member of The Human Rights Commission
Malea Kiblan, Small Business Advisory Commission
Asaad Masri, Medical Foundation, University of Virginia
Mark R. Merhige, Virginia Scenic Rivers Advisory Committee
Paul Noursi Engineering Standards Review Committee
Saba Shami, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Eva Teig Hardy, Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors

Judges

Robert G. Doumar, Senior U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia
Ronald Tweel, Substitute Judge

Party Leaders and Activists

Maram Abdelhamid, Democratic Precinct Captain, Arlington County, Wilson Precinct 10.
Jamal Awamleh, Precinct Captain and Member of Resolutions Committee, Alexandria City Democratic Committee
Samer Alhashimi, Northern Virginia Business Republican Forum
Hady Amr, Arlington County Democratic Committee
Radi Barkett, Prince William County Republican Party
Miriam Balutis, Arlington County Democratic Party Precinct Captain
Marwan Burgan, New Americans & Ethnic Outreach Advisor to the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee
Samer Burgan, Mason District Democratic Committee
George Doumar, Member, Fairfax County Republican Committee
Dr. Ayman Eldarwish, Precinct Captain, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Yusif Farsakh, Precinct Captain, Arlington County Democratic Committee
Belkacem Hacene-Djaballah, Precinct Captain, Prince William County Democratic Committee
Mona Hamoui, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Rich Joseph, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Nancy Kader, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Omar Kader, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Terry Abdoo King, Arlington Civic Association Delegate
Tarek Maaraba, Precinct Captain, Fairfax County Democratic Party
Nidal Mahayni, Virginia State Democratic Delegate Selection Committee
Paul Noursi, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Mary Sahouri, President, Great Falls Republican Women's Club
George Selim, Arlington County Republican Committee; Delegate, Republican National Convention 2004

Sami Satouri, Precinct Captain, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Saba Shami, Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Frederick Shwaery, Fairfax County Democratic Committee

West Virginia

Elected Officials

Virginia Conley, Prosecutor of Wood County
Nick J. Rahall II, U.S. Representative (3rd District)
Mark A. Sadd, Charleston City Council

Judges

Paul Zakaib, Jr., Circuit Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit

Party Leaders and Activists

John N. Ellem, House of Delegates (10th District)
Michael Kawash, Chair Republican Executive Committee, Kanawha County
Chris Wakim, House of Delegates (30th District), Ohio County

Wisconsin

Elected Officials

Robert Ashmore, Alderman, Mequon

Wyoming

Elected Officials

Jim Darwiche, Teton County Commissioner

Former Government Officials

The following Arab Americans are among those who have held elected or appointed office in selected categories:

U.S. Congress

James Abdnor, U.S. Senator, South Dakota (1981-1986) (deceased)
James G. Abourezk, U.S. Senator, South Dakota (1971-1979)
E. Spencer Abraham, U.S. Senator, Michigan (1994-2000)
John Baldacci, U.S. House of Representatives
Pat Danner, U.S. Representative, Missouri (1984-2000)
Christopher C. John, U.S. Representative, Louisiana (1996-2004)
David Kareem, State Senator (31st)
George A. Kasem, U.S. Representative, California (1959-1961)
Abraham Kazen, U.S. Representative, Texas (1967-1985)
George Mitchell, U.S. Senate Majority Leader (1980-1995)
Toby Moffett, U.S. Representative, Connecticut (1975-1982)
Mary Rose Oakar, U.S. Representative, Ohio (1977-1993)
John E. Sununu, U.S. Representative, New Hampshire (1996-2002)

U.S. Administration

E. Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy (2000-2004)
Luis Acle, White House Office of Public Liaison (1985-1986)
Judith Rainey Baroody, Director of Strategic Planning and External Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.
Michael Baroody, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Labor (1985-1988)
William J. Baroody, Jr., Asst. to the President, Office of Public Liaison (1973-1977)
Mitchell E. Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget (2001-2004); Jr. Asst. to the President, Political and Intergovernmental Affairs (1985-1987)
Lori Sharpe Day, Director & Advisor to the Attorney General, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Justice
George Doumani, Director of Technology Policy, Department of Energy, George Bush Administration
Kaleel M. Ellis, Vigo County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Michael T. Ellis, Vigo County Chief Adult Probation Officer
Michele Forzley, Office of International and Refugee Health, Department of Health and Human Services
Edward Gabriel, U.S. Ambassador to Morocco
George Ghougassian, U.S. Ambassador
Edmond Haddad, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy (1987-1988)
Najeeb Halaby, Federal Aviation Administration (1961-1965)
Sam LaHood, Special Assistant, Office of International Affairs, Department of Energy
Theodore Kattouf, U.S. Ambassador
Terry Abdo King, Press Secretary-U.S. Mint, Bush Administration
Majida Murad, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Energy
Thomas Nassif, U.S. Ambassador (1985-1988)
Selwa Roosevelt, Chief of Protocol (1982-1989)
George R. Salem, U.S. Solicitor of Labor (1985-1989)
Daniel S. Seikaly, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice
Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services
Greg Simon, Director of Domestic Policy, Office of Vice President Gore
John H. Sununu, White House Chief of Staff (1989-1991)
Ali Tulbah, Cabinet Affairs, White House
Marcelle Wahba, U.S. Ambassador to UAE
Raouf Youssef, Egypt Desk Officer, USAID
Sarah Youssef, Associate Director, Domestic Policy Council, Office of the Vice President
Sam H. Zakhem, U.S. Ambassador (1986-1989)

State Office

Chris Abboud, State Senator, Nebraska

Charles G. Abdelnour, San Diego City Clerk

Robert Aber, State Representative, Pennsylvania

Mary J. Abu-Ghazaleh, Precinct Officer, Democratic Party, South Dakota

Michael Akrouche, Director, Department of Liquor Control, Ohio

Salam Al-Marayati, Commissioner, Los Angeles Human Relations Commission

Victor Atiyeh, Governor, Oregon (1979-1987), State Senator, Oregon (1965-1978), State Representative, Oregon (1959-1964)

Anthony Azar, State Senator, Rhode Island

Clem Balanoff, State Representative, Illinois

David Constantine, Governor's Councilor, Massachusetts

John Douglas Barr II, State Representative and Deputy Majority Leader, Rhode Island

George Bayoud, Secretary of State, Texas

Elias Bo Ackal, State Representative, Louisiana

John Broujos, State Representative, Pennsylvania

Fred Buder, Member, Peace and Justice Advisory Commission, California

George Crady, State Representative, Florida

Wadie P. Deddeh, State Senator, California

Dennis Denno, Communications Director, Michigan Democratic Party & Michigan House Democrats

Timothy Deratany, State Senator, Florida

Debbie Farhat, State Representative, Michigan

Omar Ganoom, Deputy State Treasurer, Ohio

Abdel Razzaq Ghalayani, Special Assistant for Ethnic Affairs, Office of Representative Robert Brady

Ted Haik, Jr., State Representative, Louisiana

Ted Halaby, Colorado Republican Party Chairman

Charles A. Howell III, Member, Tennessee General Assembly/House of Representatives (1969-70)

Richard Ieyoub, Louisiana Attorney General

Jonathan Daniel Issa, Central Falls City Council, Rhode Island

Paul Jabour, State Representative, Rhode Island

Morphis A. Jamiel, State Senator, Rhode Island; State Representative, Rhode Island

Michael Jarjura, State Representative (74th District), Connecticut

Ruth Joseph, State Representative, Maine

Nilo Juri, State Representative, Florida

Stephen Kafoury, State Senator, Oregon

George Kilsey, State Representative, Rhode Island

Fred Koory, Governor, State Senator, State Representative, Arizona

Samuel Lazieh, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office, Rhode Island

Maureen (Hallal) Maigret, State Representative, Rhode Island; State Director of Elderly Affairs

Antoine Mansour, Commissioner, Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority

Theodore P. Mansour, Director, Government Relations, Genesee Intermediate School District, Michigan

Maureen Massiwer, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, Rhode Island

Stephen Sami Mashney, Secretary, Marin County Democratic Central Committee

Edward L. Masry, Thousand Oaks City Council

Harry Meshel, State Senator, Ohio

John M. Michael, State Representative, Maine

Ollie Mohamed, Sr., State Senator, Mississippi

Norman Murdock, State Representative, Ohio

Juliet Ristom, Associate Member, State Republican Party, California

Thomas J. Saadi, Assistant Attorney General, Connecticut

Abdel Salem, City Manager, City of El Centro, California

Eugene Saloom, State Representative, Pennsylvania

Jeanne Shaheen, Governor, New Hampshire

Robert Sheheen, State Representative, South Carolina

Vincent Sheheen, State Representative, South Carolina

Richard P.F. Shibley, Deputy Secretary of State, Massachusetts
Joseph J. Skaff, West Virginia Secretary for Public Safety
Anthony Solomon, State Treasurer, Rhode Island
Robert Stephan, Attorney General, Kansas
John H. Sununu, Governor, New Hampshire (1983-1989)
James J. Tayoun, Sr., State Representative, Pennsylvania
Eva Sayegh Teig, Secretary, Health and Human Resources, Virginia
E. J. Thomas, Jr., State Representative (27th District)
Tracey A. Yokich, State Representative, Michigan
Sam Zakhem, State Senator, Colorado
George Zainyeh, State Representative, Rhode Island

Mayors

Richard Anter, City of Fairview Park, Ohio
John J. Ash, Jr., Olean, New York
Adeeb E. Bassitt, St. Albans, West Virginia
Fred Daboul, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Albans, Michigan
Alex Daoud, Miami Beach, Florida
Brenda J. Elias, Franklin, New Hampshire
Joseph El-Kateeb, Farmington, Michigan
Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor, Bridgeport
Albert Habhab, Fort Dodge, Iowa
Tommy Hazouri, Jacksonville, Florida
Robert Isaac, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Samuel T. Isaac, Cumberland, Kentucky
Paul Jabour, Providence, Rhode Island
Ruth Joseph, Waterville, Maine
Thomas Lazieh, Central Falls, Rhode Island
James Maloof, Peoria, Illinois
Abraham Malooley, Commissioner, Terre Haute Redevelopment Commission, Indiana
Joe Michael, Homer, Louisiana
George Milhim, Hempstead, New York
Herb Mocol, Mankato, Minnesota
Mary C. Moran, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Eugene F. Moses, Azusa, California
George Mowad, Oakdale, Louisiana
Tim Nader, Chula Vista, California
Lee Namey, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Alfred Saliba, Dothan, Alabama
Randel Coy Shadid, Edmond, Oklahoma
Donna Fekay Smith, Pamona, California
James Telb, Toledo, Ohio

Judges

Caram Abood, Judge, 47th Judicial District, Pennsylvania
Charles D. Abood, Judge, Ohio 6th District Court of Appeals
Philip T. Abraham, Circuit Court Judge, Oregon
Lawrence Ackels, Jr., Judge, Texas
Fred Anthony, Judge of Probate, Shelton
Louis E. Azar, Probate Judge, City of Central Falls
George N. Asack, Probate Trial Court Judge, Massachusetts
James Barakatt, Judge, California
Rosemary Barkett, Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
David Baroody, Judge, South Carolina

John Baroody, Judge, New York
Richard Berry, Superior Court Judge, Iowa
Richard G. Berry, Municipal Court Judge, Los Angeles County
George L. Betro, Court Chief Judge, Utica City, New York
Peter Michael Curry, Senior District Judge, Texas
Peter C. Deddeh, Superior Court Judge, San Diego, California
George Ellis, Senior Judge, Harris County, Texas
John E. Ellis, Circuit Court Judge, Mississippi
James Gabriel, Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court, Massachusetts
Ernest S. Hayeck, Trial Court Judge, Massachusetts
Morphis A. Jamiel, Probate Judge, Town of Warren
Moses Kando, Judge, Workers Compensation Commission
Paul Kfoury, Judge, New Hampshire
Thomas Malik, Judge, Louisiana
Anthony Mansour, Circuit Court Judge, Michigan
Martin Mansur, District Court Judge, Minnesota
Frederick M. Marshall, Supreme Court Judge, New York
Alfred Monsour, District Judge, Louisiana
Alfred Morad, Judge, Southeast Wayne County
John L. Murad, Justice, New York State Supreme Court
Robert A. Nader, Judge, 11th District, Court of Appeals, Ohio
Joseph Nahra, Judge, Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals
Charles Najjar, Judge, Birmingham, AL
Woodrow Nasser, Judge, Terre Haute Superior Court
George Nazarian, Probate Judge, City of Pawtucket
Deeb G. Sarkas, Judge, Administrative Adjudication Division, Probate Judge, City of Central Falls
M. John Shamo, Recorder's Court Judge
Joseph J. Solomon, Municipal Court Judge, City of Warwick
William G. Tajra, Probate Judge, City of Central Falls
Raymond A. Thomas, Probate Judge, Town of Bristol, Rhode Island
Richard Unis, Judge, Oregon Supreme Court
Ernest George Williams, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge