

## A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Laura Gore Ross (Laura Constance Gore)

2. Position to which nominated:

Director, Corporation for Public Broadcasting

3. Date of Nomination: April 12, 2018

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):



5. Date and Place of Birth: May 21, 1946; Tulsa, Oklahoma

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Spouse: James J. Ross, Retired.

Children: Elizabeth G. Ross, 42; David G. Ross, 38.

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Barnard College, AB, 1968

George Washington School of Law, J.D. 1973

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

U.S. Department of Justice (1968)

Office of Congressman Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (1969-1971)

Chief of Staff, N.Y. State Attorney General's Office (1987-1993)

Chief Counsel, New York State Senate (1994)

9. Attach a copy of your resume. Attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

Alternate U.S. Representative to the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the U.N. General Assembly (2009-2010)

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

Trustee, WNET, Public TV (2015-2018)  
Director, Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City (2001-2013)  
Trustee, Citizens Budget Committee (2009-2011)  
Trustee, Turnaround for Children (2006-2010)

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or handicap.

Panelist, Federal Judicial Screening Panel, 2008-present  
Member, East Hampton Tennis Club, 1972-2014  
Member, National Finance Committee, Obama for America, 2012  
National Chair, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, 2006-2008

To my knowledge, none of these organizations and clubs restrict membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or handicap.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

No.

14. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$500 or more for the past ten years. Also list all offices you have held with, and services rendered to, a state or national political party or election committee during the same period.

See Attached.

From 2006 to 2008, I served as National Chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. In 2012, I served on the National Finance Committee for Obama for America. Both of these positions were honorific.

15. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Dean's List, Barnard College (1967-1968)  
J.D. With Honors from George Washington University National School of Law (1974)

16. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

Not Applicable.

## Attachment A(14)

Date	Contribution	Name
3/6/2018	\$ 1,000.00	Perry Gershon for Congress
1/25/2018	\$ 1,000.00	Serve America Victory Fund
10/27/2017	\$ 2,000.00	Deblasio 2017
7/31/2017	\$ 500.00	Eleanor's Legacy
6/11/17	\$ 2,000.00	Georgia Federal Elections Committee
5/31/17	\$ 2,700.00	Jon Ossoff For Congress
3/31/17	\$ 1,000.00	Jon Ossoff For Congress
3/3/17	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed-out Women
9/28/16	\$ 14,900.00	DSCC
9/15/16	\$ 1,000.00	Friends Of Anna Throne-Holst
6/1/16	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed-out Women
4/24/15	\$ 2,700.00	Hillary For America
3/19/15	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed-out Women
3/5/14	\$ 17,400.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
2/7/14	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed Out Women
9/11/13	\$ 10,000.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
8/19/13	\$ 25,000.00	Ready For Hillary PAC
5/1/13	\$ 2,600.00	Sean Eldridge For Congress
5/1/13	\$ 2,600.00	Sean Eldridge For Congress
11/14/12	\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Democratic State Committee
10/18/12	\$ 1,000.00	Friends Of Patrick Murphy
9/30/12	\$ 1,224.00	Democratic Executive Committee Of Florida
9/30/12	\$ 792.00	Democratic Party Of Virginia
9/20/12	\$ 3,000.00	Murphy Heitkamp Victory Committee
8/24/12	\$ 1,000.00	Kathy Hochul For Congress
6/29/12	\$ 792.00	Colorado Democratic Party
6/29/12	\$ 936.00	Pennsylvania Democratic Party
6/29/12	\$ 1,152.00	Ohio Democratic Party
6/25/12	\$ 28,300.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
4/30/12	\$ 2,500.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
4/16/12	\$ 10,000.00	Priorities USA Action
4/9/12	\$ 2,500.00	Sean Patrick Maloney For Congress
1/24/12	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed Out Women
12/11/11	\$ 1,000.00	Jeffries For Congress
10/5/11	\$ 2,500.00	Obama For America
10/5/11	\$ 30,800.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
5/13/11	\$ 1,000.00	Kathy Hochul For Congress
4/20/11	\$ 2,500.00	Obama For America
1/6/11	\$ 1,000.00	Tri-State Maxed Out Women
10/23/10	\$ 2,400.00	Bill Owens For Congress

6/7/10	\$	1,000.00	Rangel For Congress
5/20/10	\$	1,000.00	Maloney For Congress
4/5/10	\$	1,000.00	Nita Lowey For Congress
11/23/09	\$	1,000.00	Campaign For Change
10/16/09	\$	15,200.00	DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee
8/31/08	\$	2,300.00	Obama For America
7/31/08	\$	2,300.00	Obama For America
7/14/08	\$	2,300.00	Hillary Clinton For President
5/16/08	\$	2,300.00	Obama For America
3/17/08	\$	28,500.00	Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

17. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

I have never testified orally or in writing before the United States Congress.

18. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated, what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

I have served as a Trustee for more than a decade in public radio and in public television and believe I know the needs and value of public broadcasting first hand. Having served in the premiere public broadcasting arena, I recognize quality programming both in adult and children's education. Finally, having had more than three decades of experience in government across the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches as well as at the Federal, State, and Municipal levels, I am aware of the limitations of the role of government and the benefits it can bestow to individuals and communities.

19. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

From 1987 to 1993, I was the Chief of Staff of the Attorney General's Office in New York State. Among other responsibilities, I managed an office of 1100 people at that time and oversaw 14 regional offices. As a director of CPB, I would establish benchmarks to ensure that recipients of grants are achieving the goals of the Corporation.

20. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

(1) Supporting content relevant to today's young audiences to enhance learning outcomes;

(2) adhering to the goal of informing the public with news and information that is accurate, fair, and balanced to enlighten the civil discourse that is the hallmark of American society; and

(3) bolstering innovative use of multiple digital platforms to reach broader audiences.

## **B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

I have an IRA account with a total value of \$106,061. It holds NewsCorp Class A stock at \$10,301 and Twentieth Century Fox Class A stock valued at \$95,760.

2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated.

None. In connection with the nomination process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's designated agency ethics official to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with CPB's designated agency ethics official and that has been provided to this Committee.



5. Describe any activity during the past ten years in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

None.

6. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, including any that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

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### C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group?

No.

2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None.

## **D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE**

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

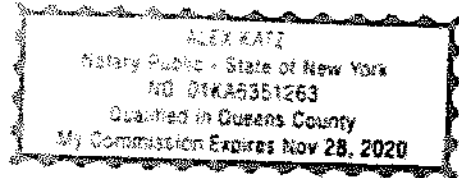
**F. Affidavit**

Laura G Ross being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

Laura G. Ross  
Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 18 day of 11, 2018

Alex Katz  
Notary Public



**Laura G. Ross**



- Private Investor** 1968 - present  
Manage family investments over multiple asset classes including venture capital and public and private equities.
- Public Delegate to the US Mission to the United Nations** 2009 - 2010  
Represented the United States at the 64<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
- New York State Senate, Chief Counsel** 1994
- New York State Attorney General's Office - Chief of Staff** 1987 - 1993  
Managed NYS Department of Law employing 400 attorneys and 1000 support staff at 14 regional offices. Formulated policy, set strategy, and determined NY's role in multi-state appellate court proceedings.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- WNET, Public TV, Trustee (Channels 13, WLIW21, and NJTV)** 2015 - present
- Federal Judicial Screening Panel, Member** 2008 - present
- Citizens Budget Committee** 2009 - 2011
- Turnaround for Children, Trustee** 2006 - 2010
- Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, Director** 2001 - 2013
- WNYC Public Radio, Trustee** 1997 - 2003
- New York Association of New Americans, President** 1979 - 2001  
Largest local refugee settlement agency in the United States.
- Mount Sinai Hospital** 1993 - 1994  
Institutional Review Board.
- Guild Hall, Trustee** 1992 - 1999  
Cultural institution of East Hampton.
- Horace Mann School, Trustee** 1984 - 1989
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York** 1979 - 2000
- Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Board Member** 1997 - 1999

**EDUCATION**

- George Washington University National Law Center, J.D. With Honors** 1974  
Also attended New York University School of Law. Admitted to practice in Eastern and Southern Districts and the United States Supreme Court.
- Barnard College, A.B. Degree in Political Science.** 1968

## **Biography of Laura Ross**

Laura Ross is an attorney with a career in government service, community affairs, and politics. Currently, she manages family investments.

Mrs. Ross' past professional experience includes eight years as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General of the State of New York. She began government service at the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and most recently was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Public Delegate to the 64<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly.

She is currently a member of the Screening Panel for New York's Federal Judiciary. She was a Trustee of WNET, Public TV for three years, a Director of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City for twelve years, a Trustee of WNYC radio for seven years, President of NYANA, a refugee resettlement agency, a member of the Board of the Horace Mann School, a Trustee of the Citizens Budget Committee and a Trustee for Turnaround for Children, an educational not-for-profit.

She is married to James J. Ross who is a retired attorney, an investor, philanthropist, and African art collector. He was a founder and Vice-Chairman of Omnipoint Corporation which was ultimately acquired by Deutsche Telekom to form the basis of T-Mobile USA. He is currently a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Yale University Art Gallery.

They have two grown children who live in New York City.