

Instructions for nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used): Michael Platt Jr.
2. Position to which nominated: Department of Commerce, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
3. Date of Nomination: 6/19/2017
4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):
[REDACTED]
2266 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
5. Date and Place of Birth: 12/06/1973, Fort Knox, KY
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).

Jennifer Platt, Vice President, Federal Operations, International Council of Shopping Centers
[REDACTED]

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

University of Arkansas, Bachelor of Arts, 1997

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.

Congressman Asa Hutchinson, January 1997 – October 2001

Magne for Supervisor, Campaign Manager, December of 2001 – March of 2002

Bob Pohl for Assembly, Campaign Director, May 2002 – September of 2002

Tri-County Committee, Executive Director, September 2002 - November 2002

Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Legislative Director (managerial level), January of 2003 – February of 2007

TechNet, Vice President, Government and Political Affairs, February 2007- April 2008

RIAA, Director of Government Affairs, May 2008- February 2012

Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Chief of Staff (managerial level), February 2012 – Present

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

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.

None

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.

None

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.

Capitol Hill Club – July 2008 to present

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.

11/19/2007	Rudolph Giuliani	\$1000
05/24/2011	Tom Reed	\$500
10/31/2012	Mitt Romney	\$500
09/17/2013	Elise Stefanik	\$500

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

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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?

As a long time Congressional staffer and Chief of Staff, I have personal experience with the challenges and rewards of working in and helping run a Congressional office. On any day, you never know what is going to dominate your schedule. You plan for the best, but when the phone rings and a crisis presents itself -- you cannot ignore it and you have to respond. Capitol Hill is populated by thousands of staffers and hundreds of elected officials who accept that challenge every day. As a staffer, I have always been accessible and approachable to constituents and those who want to ensure their voice or concerns are heard and registered on Capitol Hill. I will bring that approach to the position of Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. I will work with elected officials and staff to ensure that the Department of Commerce is responsive to their offices and their constituencies.

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?

If confirmed by the US Senate, it will be my responsibility as the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs to ensure that every component within the department is responsive to the constituencies they serve. As a Chief of Staff with over 14 years of experience on the Hill, that is how our Congressional office operates and, if I am confirmed, I intend to continue this in this new role.

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

I agree with Secretary Ross about the top three challenges for the Department:

- Increasing opportunities for U.S. exports and reducing our country's trade deficit while enforcing U.S. trade laws;
- Improving the Department of Commerce's responsiveness to the U.S. Congress, in addition to the constituencies in the government and non-government sectors; and
- Incorporating and enhancing evolving technology to improve the Department of Commerce's efficiency and operations.

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.

None

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

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.

Prior to returning to Capitol Hill as a Chief of Staff, I helped direct bi-partisan advocacy at the Federal and State level to promote the creative viability of creators and music companies. Prior to this position, I helped direct advocacy efforts focused on Republicans at the national and state level in support of a national CEO-driven technology trade association.

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

In connection with the nomination process, I am consulting with the Office of Government Ethics and the Department of Commerce's designated agency ethics official to identify any potential conflicts of interest, including any potential conflicts that may arise in connection with my retained investments. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement into which I will enter with the Department's designated agency ethics official and will provide this to this Committee. I am not aware of any potential conflicts of interest other than those that are the subject of my ethics agreement.

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? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of agency, association, committee, or group;
 - b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
 - c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
 - d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.

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.

Received a citation in March of 1994, for a being a minor in possession of alcohol in Tulsa, OK, that was dismissed upon payment of court costs.

Received a citation for DWI in Fayetteville, AR, plead guilty in May of 1994, paid of \$300 fine and license was suspended for 90 days.

Received a citation in Arlington, VA for DUI that was dismissed in February of 2004.

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.

None other than in question #2

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 to my knowledge

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

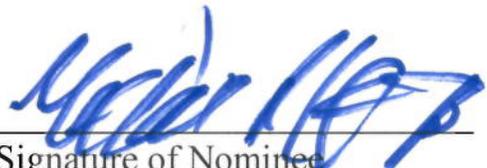
4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes

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

F. Affidavit

Beverly A. Diaz 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.


Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of June, 2017


Notary Public



MICHAEL R. PLATT, JR.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHIEF OF STAFF

February 2012 -- Present

Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-07)

Washington, DC

Serves as chief policy and political advisor for a Member of Congress overseeing a \$1.3 million budget, 3 offices and 17 staff members. Successfully navigated the organization through a 20% budget decrease without having reductions in force. Provides strategic direction to Congresswoman on all operations including legislative, communication and political strategy. Oversees political operation including fundraising and message development. Primary point of contact for Federal, State offices, and Leadership staff. Responsible for executing and overseeing projects and tasks important to Tennessee's 7th Congressional district.

DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

May 2008 -- February 2012

Recording Industry Association of America

Washington, DC

Direct bi-partisan advocacy at the Federal and State level to promote the creative and financial viability of creators and major music companies. Assist in developing, planning and executing strategic policy and political efforts. Provide regular communication and interaction with the corporate leadership of association members, including advice regarding political strategy and industry visibility.

VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

February 2007 -- April 2008

TechNet

Washington, DC

Direct advocacy activity and lobbying efforts focused on Republicans at the national and state level in support of national CEO driven technology trade association. Assist in developing, planning and executing strategic policy and political efforts. Coordinate technology policy briefings for key decision makers. Conduct political research projects. Provide regular communication and interaction with membership, including advice regarding political strategy.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

January 2003 -- February 2007

Representative Marsha Blackburn (TN-07)

Washington, DC

Served as primary policy advisor with special focus on telecommunications, trade, defense, intellectual property and issues pending before House Energy & Commerce Committee and managed legislative staff responsible for other issue areas. Formulated and implemented strategic legislative and political initiatives and special projects, including the Congressional Songwriters Caucus and Republican Whip team responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 2002 -- November 2002

Tri-County Republican Committee

Santa Barbara, CA

Implemented a successful grassroots program identifying, targeting, and canvassing 240 swing precincts in three counties. Created and directed successful GOTV program during the 100 hour plan.

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

May 2002 -- September 2002

Bob Pohl for Assembly

Santa Barbara, CA

Developed grassroots, direct mail, advocacy IDs, and radio messaging. Prepared and implemented successful fundraising strategy that generated 250K for a challenger campaign against a two-term Democrat incumbent.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

December 2001 -- March 2002

Magne for Santa Barbara County Supervisor

Santa Barbara, CA

Created and successfully implemented a 125K fundraising strategy for a local challenger campaign. Crafted and refined candidate message. Prepared and executed direct mail, phone-banking, print, radio and television to target potential supporters.

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

January 1997 -- October 2001

Congressman Asa Hutchinson (AR-03)

Washington, DC

Managed legislative issues pending before the House Transportation Committee, House Government Reform Committee and House Veterans Affairs Committee. Helped draft and review columns, press releases, speeches, and newsletters for publication. Represented the Congressman on legislative issues at national industry trade meetings. Responded to constituent inquiries and resolved problems with federal agencies. Promoted from Legislative Assistant in December 2000 and from Legislative Correspondent in December 1997.

OTHER POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- MARSHALL, *Republican Victory 2006, Clifton Park, NY* October-November 2006
Set-up Republican Victory headquarters in NY-20. Created / implemented grass roots outreach strategy resulting in 65,000 direct voter contacts.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, *GOP Legislative Directors Association, Washington, DC* November 2003 -- March 2005
- NORTHEAST REGIONAL HAVA DIRECTOR, *Ohio Republican Party* October -- November 2004

Organized strategic planning and day-to-day operations within the Northeast Ohio voter fraud elimination effort, including coordination with Ohio Republican Party Headquarters, Victory 2004, and Bush/Cheney '04. Recruited, trained and supervised over 600 Election Day challengers, 10 county counsel and 20 legal teams to provide rapid response against voting irregularities or for a possible recount.

- PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER, COMMUNICATIONS, *2004 Republican National Convention, New York* September 2004
- FLORIDA RECOUNT TEAM, *Broward County, FL* November 2000

EDUCATION

- BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, DECEMBER 1996
- LEADERSHIP MUSIC, CLASS OF 2007 NASHVILLE, TN 2006-2007