



## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS 2017 ISSUES CONFERENCE

### *Fighting For All Americans*

Wednesday, February 8 – Friday, February 10, 2017

**Note: All events are closed to the press unless otherwise noted**

### **WEATHER**

#### Wednesday, February 8

Washington, DC: High 63; Low 39 – Mostly Cloudy

Baltimore, MD: High 63; Low 40 – AM Mostly Cloudy/PM Rain

#### Thursday, February 9

Baltimore, MD: High 41; Low 23 – AM Snow Showers/PM Partly Cloudy

#### Friday, February 10

Baltimore, MD: High 37; Low 33 – Mostly Sunny

Washington, DC: High 38; Low 34 – Mostly Sunny

### **Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

#### **Washington, DC → Baltimore, MD**

- 8:00 – 9:30 AM **BAG DROP AND SECURITY SCREENING**  
Location: Across from Rayburn Horseshoe, on South Capitol Street
- 10:00 AM **BAGS EN ROUTE TO HYATT REGENCY BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**
- 11:30 AM **DEPARTURE CALL TIME & LUNCH PICK-UP**  
Location: Across from Rayburn Horseshoe, on South Capitol Street
- Note: Possible press presence as Members depart*
- 12:00 PM **MOTORCADE DEPARTS EN ROUTE TO HYATT REGENCY BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**
- 1:00 PM **MOTORCADE ARRIVAL**  
Location: Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor  
300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM **REGISTRATION**  
Location: Second Floor Atrium
- WELCOME REFRESHMENTS**  
Location: Ballroom Foyer



2:00 – 3:00 PM

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Location: Ballroom

**Rep. Joseph Crowley**

*Chairman, House Democratic Caucus*

**Rep. Linda T. Sánchez**

*Vice Chair, House Democratic Caucus*

Invocation: **Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08)**

Baltimore delegation:

**Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (MD-02)**

**Rep. John P. Sarbanes (MD-03)**

**Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (MD-07)**

**Catherine Pugh, Mayor, City of Baltimore**

Remarks:

**Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader**

3:00 – 3:45 PM

**“RUMORS, TRUTHS, AND REALITY: POLITICAL MISINFORMATION IN THE MODERN DAY”**

Location: Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. James P. McGovern (MA-02)**

Remarks:

**Adam Berinsky, Professor of Political Science,  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

3:45 – 4:30 PM

**“FIGHTING FOR OUR PRINCIPLES: TACTICS, STRATEGIES, AND COALITIONS”**

Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-33)**

Speakers:

**Neera Tanden, President and CEO, Center for American Progress**

**Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus**

**Clarissa Martínez De Castro, Deputy Vice President,  
National Council of La Raza**

4:30 – 5:00 PM

**MEMBER DIALOGUE: “PROTECTING OUR PEOPLE”**

Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Val Butler Demings (FL-10)**

**Rep. Adam B. Schiff (CA-28), Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence**

**Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02), Committee on Homeland Security**

**Rep. Eliot Engel (NY-16), Committee on Foreign Affairs**



5:00 – 5:30 PM

**“PERSPECTIVES: JIM KESSLER”**

Location: Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. James A. Himes** (CT-04)

Remarks:

**Jim Kessler**, *Senior Vice President for Policy, Third Way*

5:30 – 6:30 PM

**DOWNTIME****OPTIONAL ON-SITE:**

5:30 – 6:30 PM

**REPRESENTATIVES AND REPORTERS RECEPTION**

Location: Lobby

Chairman Crowley and Vice Chair Sánchez invite you to join press, including reporters from *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* to CNN, NBC News and *Huffington Post*, who will be on-site for an informal (and off-the-record) reception.

5:30 – 6:30 PM

**ON-SITE RECORDING STUDIO**

Location: Frederick Room

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6:30 – 7:00 PM

**DINNER RECEPTION**

Location: Ballroom Foyer

7:00 – 9:00 PM

**DINNER****“CONFRONTING INJUSTICE, INSPIRING CHANGE”**

Location: Ballroom

Invocation: **Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester** (DE-AL)Introduced by **Rep. Terri A. Sewell** (AL-07)

Keynote Address:

**Bryan Stevenson**, *Founder and Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative*

9:00 – 11:30 PM

**RECEPTION IN HONOR OF DEMOCRATIC SPOUSES FORUM**Location: Pisces Room, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**HYATT REGENCY BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**

Location: 300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202



**Thursday, February 9, 2017**  
**Baltimore, MD**

6:00 – 8:30 AM **FULL BREAKFAST**  
 Location: Harborview Room

7:30 – 9:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
 Location: Ballroom Foyer

7:45 – 8:45 AM **MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

***WINNING THE DEBATE ON CLEAN AIR AND WATER***  
***Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-02) & Rep. Paul Tonko (NY-20)***  
 Location: Baltimore Room

***THE FUTURE OF WALL STREET REFORM: FIGHTING FOR CONSUMERS AND INVESTORS***  
***Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43)***  
 Location: Frederick Room

***LISTEN, TALK AND TWEET TO SENIORS***  
***Rep. Doris O. Matsui (CA-06), Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (IL-09) & Rep. John B. Larson (CT-01)***  
 Location: Columbia Room

***A 2016 REVIEW: WHAT ROLE DID GUNS PLAY?***  
***Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05)***  
 Location: Chesapeake “A” Room

***NATIONAL SECURITY: POLICY AND MESSAGE IN THE AGE OF TRUMP***  
***Rep. Adam B. Schiff (CA-28)***  
 Location: Annapolis Room

8:45 – 9:00 AM **BREAK**

9:00 – 10:10 AM **PLENARY 1: “FIGHTING FOR A STRONG ECONOMY: TAKING A STAND FOR WORKING AMERICANS”**  
 Location: Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI-12)**  
 Moderated by **Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02)**

Speakers:

**Mark Huelsman**, Senior Policy Analyst, Demos

**Dennis Williams**, President, International Union, UAW

**Esther López**, International Secretary-Treasurer, UFCW

**Teresa Ghilarducci**, Professor of Economics, The New School



10:10 – 11:00 AM **PLENARY 2: “UNITED WE STAND: ENGAGING ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE”**

Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44)**

Speakers:

**Chris Kang**, *National Director, National Council of Asian Pacific Americans*

**Gautam Raghavan**, *Vice President of Policy, Gill Foundation*

**Angela Ferrell-Zabala**, *Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

**Chiqui Cartagena**, *Senior Vice President, Political & Advocacy Group, Univision Communications, Inc.*

11:00 – 11:15 AM **BREAK**

11:15 AM–12:30 PM **PLENARY 3: “REACHING ALL AMERICANS”**

Location: Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. James E. Clyburn**, *Assistant Democratic Leader*

Moderated by **Rep. Cheri Bustos (IL-17)**, **Rep. David N. Cicilline (RI-01)**, **Rep. Hakeem S. Jeffries (NY-08)**, *Co-Chairs of Democratic Policy and Communications Committee*

Speakers:

**Katherine Cramer**, *Professor of Political Science and Director of Morgridge Center for Public Service, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Arlie Russell Hochschild**, *Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley*

**Cornell Belcher**, *President of Brilliant Corners Research & Strategies*

12:30 – 1:00 PM **BREAK / LUNCH PICK-UP**

Location: Ballroom

1:00 – 2:30 PM **WORKING LUNCH  
“MARCH TO THE MAJORITY”**

Location: Ballroom

Invocation: **Rep. Pete Aguilar (CA-31)**

Speakers:

**Rep. Ben Ray Luján**, *(NM-03)*

**Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney**, *(NY-18)*



2:30 – 6:00 PM **DOWNTIME/BREAKOUT SESSIONS/FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

3:00 – 4:00 PM **AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

***A CRISIS OF FAITH: WHY VETERANS SUPPORTED TRUMP AND THE PATH FORWARD***

***Rep. Timothy J. Walz (MN-01)***

Location: Chesapeake “A” Room

***STRENGTHENING THE WORKING CLASS***

***Rep. Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (VA-03) & Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01)***

Location: Columbia Room

***CREATING A NEW APPROACH TO TRADE POLICY IN THE TRUMP ERA***

***Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-03) & Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-09)***

Location: Frederick Room

***VISION FOR AMERICA’S MIDDLE CLASS: A DISCUSSION ABOUT ACA, TAX AND TRADE***

***Rep. Richard E. Neal (MA-01)***

Location: Douglass Room

**OPTIONAL ON-SITE:**

2:30 – 6:00 PM **ON-SITE RECORDING STUDIO**

Location: Charles Room

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2:30 – 3:15 PM **BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE SPEECH DELIVERY AND TV INTERVIEWS WITH EXPERT SETH PENDLETON**

Location: Annapolis Room

**Seth Pendleton**, *founding partner, KNP Communications*

3:20 – 6:00 PM **MEDIA TRAINING: PERSONALIZED ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS WITH SETH PENDLETON**

Location: Baltimore Room

By appointment only

To schedule a 20-minute slot, please email Courtney Gidner at [Courtney.Gidner@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Gidner@mail.house.gov).



**OPTIONAL OFF-SITE, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:**

Depart from atrium for all locations

2:30 – 5:30 PM      **NATIONAL AQUARIUM**  
 Visitors will receive a private visit to the catwalk above the shark tank, and be taken back behind exhibits to see food prep, holding tanks and other interesting areas. There will also be a visit to the rescue hospital where the cold-stunned turtles are being rehabilitated, along with a chance to talk with key staff from the zoo's Animal Rescue team. Visitors will have an opportunity to see other public parts of the zoo without a guide after the guided portion of the tour.

2:30 – 5:30 PM      **BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART**  
 Receive a special tour by the Curator of Prints, Photographs and Drawings and view items from the museum's collection vault. Visitors may also have an opportunity to see the museum's conservation lab to see how works of art are preserved and restored.

2:30 – 5:30 PM      **BABE RUTH HOUSE AND CAMDEN YARDS**  
 Take a private tour of the home of the Baltimore Orioles, followed by a visit to the nearby museum and birthplace of Babe Ruth.

6:30 – 7:00 PM      **DINNER**  
 Location:      Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. Steny H. Hoyer**, *Democratic Whip*

Speaker: **Rabbi Daniel Cotzin Burg**, *Beth Am Synagogue*

7:00 – 8:30 PM      **KEYNOTE: A CONVERSATION WITH KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR**  
 Location:      Ballroom

Introduced by **Rep. John Lewis** (*GA-05*)

Speaker: **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, *NBA's All-Time Leading Scorer, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient*

Moderated by **Van Jones**, *President & Co-Founder, Dream Corps*

8:30 – 11:30 PM      **ENTERTAINMENT**  
 Location:      Ballroom

Performance:  
**The Significant Others**

RON                      **HYATT REGENCY BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR**  
 Location:      300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202



**Friday, February 10, 2017**  
**Baltimore, MD → Washington, DC**

7:00 AM **BAG PICK-UP**

*Note: Hotel porters will pick up your bags. Please set them outside of your door **NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM. If you are going to BWI, bring your bags with you, do not set them outside.***

7:00 – 9:00 AM **FULL BREAKFAST**  
 Location: Harborview Room

8:00 – 9:00 AM **RELIGIOUS SERVICES, HOUSE CHAPLAIN REV. PATRICK J. CONROY**  
 Location: Baltimore Room

8:00 – 8:30 AM *Catholic Service*  
 8:30 – 9:00 AM *Interdenominational Service*

8:00 – 9:00 AM **SPOUSES FORUM MEETING**  
 Location: Ballroom A

8:30 – 9:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
 Location: Ballroom Foyer

9:00 – 9:30 AM **“PERSPECTIVES: ENGAGING IN THE DIGITAL AGE”**  
 Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Suzan K. DelBene (WA-01)**

Speaker:  
**Rep. Mark Takano, (CA-41)**

9:30 – 10:20 AM **“MEMBER DIALOGUE: ADVANCING OUR DEMOCRATIC AGENDA”**  
 Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Linda T. Sánchez, Vice Chair, House Democratic Caucus**

10:20 – 11:15 AM **“AFTER THE WOMEN’S MARCH: EMPOWERING GRASSROOTS ENERGY”**  
 Location: Ballroom

Moderated by **Rep. Kathy Castor (FL-14)**

Speakers:  
**Tamika Mallory, Co-Chair of the Women’s March on Washington**  
**Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Executive Director, MomsRising**  
**Ai-jen Poo, Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance**  
**Andy Kim, Founder and CEO, RISE Stronger**





**11:15 AM–12:00 PM CLOSING PROGRAM**

**Nancy Pelosi**, *Democratic Leader* interviews  
**Chelsea Handler**, *Host of the Netflix Talk Show*, Chelsea

**Rep. Joseph Crowley**                      **Rep. Linda T. Sánchez**  
*Chairman, House Democratic Caucus*   *Vice Chair, House Democratic Caucus*

**12:00 – 12:30PM LUNCH PICK-UP AND BUS BOARDING**

Location:     Ballroom Foyer

**12:30 PM DEPARTURE**

Location:     Hotel Lobby, Charles Street Exit

**1:30 PM MOTORCADE ARRIVAL**

Location:     Across from Rayburn Horseshoe, on South Capitol Street