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# MEMBER AND COMMITTEE VACANCY LISTING Week of May 18, 2015

## **MEM-130-15**

Northern California Democrat seeks a hard-working **Press Secretary** to help drive a dynamic, entrepreneurial communications operation. Responsibilities will include writing and editing press releases, op-eds, talking points, enewsletters, and franked communications; developing content for and managing website and social media; coordinating telephone town halls; directing interns on communications projects; and pitching stories to the press. Candidates must be able to develop a fine-tuned sensitivity to the priorities and views of the district and find ways to advance the Member's short-term and long-term legislative goals.

Potential candidates must have excellent writing skills and demonstrated abilities in digital media and communication. We're looking for a problem solver who can work quickly and calmly under pressure, with significant political experience and at least an above-average sense of humor. California ties, Spanish fluency, and familiarity with water, agriculture, military, and transportation policy will each be considered a plus. Please send cover letter, resume and a writing sample to <a href="mailto:CaliforniaCongressionalStaff@gmail.com">CaliforniaCongressionalStaff@gmail.com</a>. No phone calls or walk-ins please.

### MEM-127-15

A conservative Kansas Republican is seeking a high energy, highly-organized, and detail oriented **Field Representative** for his District Office.

## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as an official representative for the Member throughout communities in the District.
- Act as liaison with federal, district, and local government agencies, political officials, and other community organizations to form effective relationships for the Member.
- Monitor and update the Member and District Director on district and local issues of importance.
- Staff and provide logistical support for scheduled district meetings and events for the Member.
- Assess local and casework related issues for problems requiring possible legislative action; make recommendations to the District Director and Chief of Staff.
- Answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents.
- Provide casework assistance to constituents in a timely and efficient manner; proactively follow up on all open cases until a resolution is reached.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A candidate with a background or understanding of rural issues is preferred.
- Available to work long hours, including nights and weekends, if needed.
- Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to work with staff at all levels, work well under pressure and be detail oriented.
- Possess a thorough knowledge of the federal legislative process.
- Ability to quickly learn about key issues and events in the district for which the Member is involved.
- A qualified applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, possess or have the ability to possess a valid Kansas driver's license with the ability to travel as needed.

To apply, please email a resume and cover letter to Steven.Howe@mail.house.gov.

## MEM-125-15

Democratic member is seeking a **staff assistant** to manage the front office, supervise interns, assist with legislative tasks, and greet visitors. Qualified candidates will have excellent attention to detail, possess strong writing skills, excel at balancing competing demands, be able to anticipate and quickly solve problems in a fast-paced work environment, and be comfortable and welcoming with a wide variety of stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have a car and clean driving record, Capitol Hill experience, and a basic familiarity

with the legislative process. Depending on previous work history, the opportunity for additional legislative responsibilities exists. Those with Northern California ties are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to <a href="jo.th@mail.house.gov">jo.th@mail.house.gov</a>. Please no calls or drop-ins.

#### MEM-124-15

Florida Democrat (Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz) seeks a high energy, highly organized, and detail oriented **District Outreach Coordinator** to work in the District Office. Excellent written and oral communication skills and the desire to work collaboratively with a team in a fast-paced environment are required.

Ideal candidate would be politically astute and possess the ability to respond to challenging situations quickly and strategically. This position requires non-traditional hours and travel around the District.

## **CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- attend local meetings on behalf of the Congresswoman in the district;
- organize district events and meetings with key constituency groups;
- monitor and update the Member and District Director on district and local issues;
- answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents; and
- handle all White House and Capitol tour requests.

# QUALIFICATIONS:

- strong academic credentials;
- strong writing, editing, and proofreading skills and oral communication skills:
- knowledge of all issues and events in the district in which the Member is involved;
- thoroughness and careful attention to detail;
- ability to exercise discretion and independent judgment in fulfillment of casework responsibilities;
- availability to work long hours;
- ability to work well under pressure; and
- ability to work cooperatively and courteously with others.

## **DUTIES:**

- acts as the grass roots representative for the Member within his or her area of responsibility;
- including answering casework correspondence, verbal communications with constituents, and acting as liaison with federal, district, and local agencies;
- informs the Member and the District Director of all happenings in his or her assigned issue areas by screening district media sources and interacting with constituents;

- handles all constituent tour requests for the White House and Capitol tours;
- acts as liaison and interfaces with city, county, district, and federal officials, the chamber of commerce and other persons or groups to form effective relationships for the Member;
- assesses casework for problems requiring legislative action and makes recommendations to the District Director and Chief of Staff/Administrative Assistant:
- screens and refers cases, when appropriate, to other district offices;
- trains and supervises Staff Assistants, including Interns, to handle Office matters such as logging incoming and outgoing correspondence, handling visitors, telephone calls, and computer operations;
- logs in all incoming and outgoing mail and incoming telephone calls relating to casework; and
- prepares monthly reports for the District Director on pending cases and district activities in his or her assigned issue areas
- performs other duties as assigned.

# TO APPLY PLEASE SEND A COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO: FL23resume@mail.house.gov

### **MEM-123-15**

Ranking Member seeks a **Press Secretary or Communications Director** to manage committee, legislative and local press priorities. The applicant must be a hard worker who possesses excellent written, verbal and interpersonal skills. The ideal candidate has Hill and political experience. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:employ@mail.house.gov">employ@mail.house.gov</a>.

#### **MEM-119-15**

Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth seeks an experienced Senior Legislative Assistant. Responsibilities will include managing the Congresswoman's Oversight and Government Reform Committee portfolio, including her role as Ranking Member of the Transportation Subcommittee; managing her work on transportation, manufacturing, small business, tax/budget, appropriations, labor, and trade issues; serving as the Member's liaison to the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and the Friends of Thailand Caucus; coordinating vote recommendations and reports from the legislative team; and helping oversee the member's legislative agenda. The ideal candidate will be proactive, resourceful, a strong team player, and will have substantial Hill experience as a legislative staffer. Strong oral and written communications skills, the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment, and good judgment are essential. Veterans, minorities, women, and those with Illinois ties are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to kalina.bakalov@mail.house.gov.

### MEM-116-15

A Maryland Democrat is seeking a high energy, highly-organized, and detail oriented **Field Representative** for his District Office.

#### PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as the official representative for the Member in the local community.
- Act as liaison with federal, district, and local government agencies, political officials, and other community organizations to form effective relationships for the Member.
- Monitor and update the Member and District Directors on district and local issues of importance.
- Staff and provide logistical support for scheduled district meetings and events for the Member.
- Assess local and casework related issues for problems requiring possible legislative action; make recommendations to the District Directors and Chief of Staff.
- Answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents.
- Provide casework assistance to constituents in a timely and efficient manner; proactively follow up on all open cases until a resolution is reached.
- Train and supervise a staff of Interns to handle routine Office matters, such as incoming correspondence, visitors, telephone calls, and other issues that may arise.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Thoroughness and careful attention to detail.
- Ability to work well under pressure while juggling multiple tasks with competing priorities.
- Ability to exercise discretion and independent judgment in fulfillment of casework responsibilities.
- Availability to work long hours, including nights and weekends, if needed.
- Ability to work cooperatively and courteously with others.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Thorough knowledge of legislative process.
- Knowledge of all issues and events in the district in which the Member is involved.
- A working knowledge of the VA and military issues are preferred, but not required.
- Maryland ties are a plus.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. To apply, please email a resume and cover letter to <a href="MD06.Jobs@mail.house.gov">MD06.Jobs@mail.house.gov</a>. No phone calls or walk-ins please.

## **MEM-111-15**

Senior Democratic Congresswoman seeks an experienced, organized and detail-oriented **Scheduler/Office Manager** for the Washington, D.C. office. Responsibilities include managing office calendars and visitor access to Member and staff in front office, organizing and tracking invitations, speaking engagements, travel reservations and other requests for the Member, coordinating with district staff, and maintaining administrative demands. The Scheduler/Office Manager will work closely with other staff members,

particularly senior staffers, to ensure efficient and seamless office operations. Ideal candidates are flexible, responsive, collaborative, work well under pressure and on short deadlines, and are able to balance competing demands. Candidates must be available to assist the Member outside of regular business hours. Applicants should also have a positive attitude, excellent organizational skills, strong written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills, political instincts and an ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment. This is not an entry-level position. Previous Capitol Hill operational and/or scheduling experience is required. Ohio ties preferred. No phone calls, emails or drop-bys. Please submit cover letter, resume, and at least two references to Midwestern. Resume @mail.house.gov.

#### MEM-108-15

Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives seeks a prolific **writer**. The writer will be responsible for writing in the Member's unique voice for a weekly newsletter, op-eds, speeches, floor statements, press releases and more.

The successful candidate may have decades of writing experience or s/he may be a gifted recent graduate who can adeptly turn a phrase. An ability to digest complicated policies and turn them into short and concise articles or statements is a necessity. The qualified applicant will have the ability to work and thrive in a fast-paced environment with short deadlines. Basic knowledge and understanding of web site technology for producing and sending newsletter is a must.

Please submit a resume and several types of writing samples to:

job.app@mail.house.gov by close of business May 1st.

#### MEM-098-15

The Majority staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is seeking a health care professional with expert knowledge of drug interactions, pathology, and general issues regarding quality of care to serve as a **Committee Investigator**. Clinical experience and/or healthcare-related investigatory background preferred. Veterans with requisite experience strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send their cover letter, resume, references and writing samples to <a href="VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov">VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov</a> with "Health Care Investigator" in the subject line. No walk-ins please.

## **MEM-097-15**

The Majority staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is seeking a federal contracting professional with expert knowledge of federal statutes and regulations pertaining to acquisitions and procurement to serve as a **Committee Investigator**. At least 5 years of federal government acquisitions and procurement experience preferred, as is experience with facility construction contracts. Veterans with requisite experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send their cover letter,

resume, references and writing samples to <u>VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov</u> with "Contract Investigator" in the subject line. No walk-ins please.

### **MEM-092-15**

California Democrat (Rep. Jerry McNerney) seeks experienced **communications director** to develop and execute aggressive, proactive long-term media and outreach strategy.

Responsibilities include serving as chief spokesperson, successfully pitching stories and press events to both national and local media outlets, responding to media inquiries, effectively messaging policy and other priorities, maintaining an active new media profile, and writing press releases, op-eds, speeches, talking points, and franked mail.

Excellent written and oral communication skills, strong editing and proofreading abilities, and the desire to work collaboratively with a team in a fast-paced environment are required.

Candidate must be comfortable working closely with the Member and staff.

Ideal candidate would be politically astute and have a good sense of humor. Desired qualities include the ability to respond to challenging situations quickly and strategically.

This position requires non-traditional hours and travel to the District.

California ties, Hill experience, and Spanish literacy are a plus. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and two writing samples to: <a href="McNerneyResumes@mail.house.gov">McNerneyResumes@mail.house.gov</a>. No calls or drop ins, please.

## MEM-091-15

The Democratic staff of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is seeking a mid-level **Health Counsel** with 5 to 10 years of congressional experience on health policy issues including ACA, Medicare, and Medicaid. Attorneys with investigative or litigation experience are preferred. Candidates with diverse backgrounds and experiences are strongly encouraged to apply. Please send resume and cover letter to <a href="mailto:oversightjobs@mail.house.gov">oversightjobs@mail.house.gov</a>. Please no phone calls.