OBAMA  
president of the United States  
http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/08/09/remarks-president-press-conference  
Obama press conference, Aug. 9

“I consider them both outstanding candidates”

Sheila Bair

Former chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.  
http://finance.fortune.cnn.com/2013/07/22/janet-yellen-federal-reserve/  
Yellen is clearly the most qualified successor to follow Ben Bernanke. There is no reason to pass her over for less-qualified males. Yellen already has a "Y" in her name; she doesn't need one in her chromosomes.

Paul Krugman  
Princeton University economist and New York Times columnist  
http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/07/19/the-fed-succession/  
if the final choice isn’t Janet Yellen, I think the president is going to have to offer a very good explanation of why not  
  
Steven Rattner  
chief adviser to Obama Administration on auto-industry bailout  
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/02/the-right-leader-for-the-fed/?smid=tw-share&_r=1>  
No one is perfect, but I score Larry’s batting average and qualifications at the top of the heap.  
  
Bette Midler  
singer and performer  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/08/12/larry-summers-is-not-the-wind-beneath-bette-midlers-wings/>

Or this link to her twitter feed. Not sure if this works if you aren’t signed into Twitter.  
https://twitter.com/search?q=bettemidler&src=typd  
HUH. The architect of bank deregulation, which turned straitlaced banks into casinos and bankers into pimps, may be next Head Fed: Summers.

Mohamed El-Erian, CEO of Pacific Investment Management Co., the world’s biggest mutual fund

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-02/obama-fueled-speculation-on-fed-pick-political-circus.html>

“What’s really unfortunate is how public and polarized this debate has gotten.”

Bradford DeLong  
Economist, University of California-Berkeley

http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/2013/07/on-larry-summers.html

the situation is unclear and confused enough that we want really smart people serving as intellectual coordinators and traffic cops as the Obama-Biden administration assembles its policies.

Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill.  
July 29

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-07-30/durbin-senate-democrats-would-question-summers-for-fed.html>

“If Summers is the nominee, I sure would have a lot of questions to ask him. He’s served several administrations, and I’d like to hear his point of view on the role of the Fed in terms of helping the middle class and creating jobs.”

Phil Angelides, chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission  
quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle, Aug. 4  
"Look, [Larry **Summers**](javascript:void(0);) has given a lot of good service to this country," said Angelides. "He has a very deep economic background, but he's been part of the Washington-Wall Street revolving door - and part of the group that helped cause so much damage. **Yellen** wasn't.