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Walter A. Baker is an attorney in Glasgow, Kentucky. He graduated from Harvard College (A.B., *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa) and from Harvard Law School (LL.B.). He served as a state representative of Kentucky's 23rd House District from 1968 to 1971 and as a state senator from the 9th Senatorial District from 1972 to 1981 and from 1989 to 1996. He was the Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs, Office of Secretary of Defense in the Department of Defense, from 1981 to 1983 and a Justice in the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1996. Mr. Baker served as Judge Advocate with the rank of Lt. Colonel for the USAFR, Kentucky Air National Guard, from 1961 to 1981. He received the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency Outstanding Service Award (1975), Department of Defense Outstanding Public Service Award (1983), the Louisville-Jefferson

County Crime Commission Legislator of the Year Award (1990 and 1992), the Barren River ADD William H. Natcher Award for Outstanding Public Service (1995), and the Glasgow-Barren County Chamber of Commerce "Ernie Award" (1996). He is a Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference, serves on the Council for Postsecondary Education, and is First Vice President of the Kentucky Historical Society.



Evelyn Boone is a native of Covington and graduate of Bethel Women's College, Hopkinsville. She has been a resident of Elkton, Todd County, Kentucky, for 43 years. Ms. Boone originally owned the local county newspaper, *The Todd County Standard*, and now serves as its local news editor. She has served in nearly every volunteer capacity through the years, as well as on the Elkton City Council and as Mayor for eight years (1982-1990). Presently, Ms. Boone serves on the regional Sanctuary Board (for abused women and children) and chairs the local group. She also chairs the Welform committee for Todd County and serves as a member of the Todd County School Board and on the Diversity, Strategic Planning, and Alternate Calendar committees. Ms. Boone also serves as a Sunday School teacher and

member of the Administrative Board of Petrie Memorial United Methodist Church, Elkton. She serves on the state Selective Service Board as Todd County representative and has recently been appointed to the Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission. Ms. Boone is widowed and has one daughter, deceased, and three grandsons, one 13 and twins 11, who live in Louisiana.



Jack Brammer has been the Frankfort bureau reporter for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* since 1983, primarily covering state government and politics. He has received recognition for his outstanding work in journalism from the Kentucky Press Association and Sigma Delta Chi and was a 1990 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting. The former President of the Bluegrass Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists has a hefty list of community affiliations that include President of the Shelby County Historical Society, former President of the Shelby County High School Parents-Teachers-Students Association, and Christian lay speaker and member of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville.



Robert W. Cox serves with the Governor's Office for Policy Research (GOPR). He is principally responsible for the official General Fund and Road Fund revenue estimates used to prepare the Commonwealth's biennial budgets. Mr. Cox received his master's degree in economics at the University of Virginia in 1985. After working as a research economist at the University of Virginia's Center for Public Service and Tayloe Murphy Institute for five years, he began working within the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet in 1990. His primary interests are in the areas of public finance, regional economics, and input-output analysis.



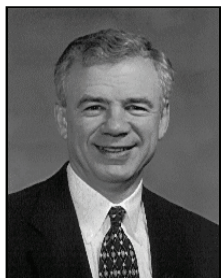
Karen Cunningham is only the second female Mayor the City of Madisonville and the youngest person elected to the office. Although only 38 when elected, Karen has a long record of public service, including service as President of the Boards of Directors of United Way of Hopkins County, James Madison Days, Madisonville Business and Professional Women's Club, Leadership Greater Madisonville, and the Waddill PTA. She has also served as Vice Chair of the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of Discover Downtown and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She is a past evaluator for the Kentucky Certified Cities Program and has served as a representative on the Green River Tourism Committee.

She has served on the Kentucky Council on Community Leadership and was a charter member of the Leadership Greater Madisonville Class of 1985. Karen was chosen Woman of Achievement by the Madisonville Business and Professional Women's Club in both 1988 and 1999 and was honored as 1983 Madisonville Business and Professional Women's Careerist of the Year, as Realtor of the Year in 1989, as Volunteer of the Year in 1990, and as the Lions Club's 1991 Woman of the Year. She also received the 1987 Kentucky Business and Professional Women's Club Program Award. Karen holds a B.A. in Organizational Communication and Business Administration from Murray State University. A 1989 graduate of Leadership Kentucky, Karen accepted the position of Deputy Director with Leadership Kentucky in 1994. In 1999, Karen was selected from a field of over 300 applicants as a Kentucky Leader for the 21st Century and participated in that capacity in the Shakertown Roundtable. Governor Jones appointed her to the Madisonville City Council in 1994, where she ran unopposed twice and served on the Council until her election to the office of Mayor in 1998. She currently chairs the Madisonville Hopkins-County Economic Development Corp., is treasurer of both the Board of West Kentucky Corp. and the Pennyriple Area Development District, and serves on the Executive Board and Legislative Committee of the Kentucky League of Cities. She is a member of the Noon Kiwanis, Madisonville Business and Professional Women's Club and a charter member of Leadership West Kentucky. Karen and her husband, Bill, attend the First Baptist Church, where she is active in the vocal and hand bells choirs.



Robert Michael "Mike" Duncan is Chairman and CEO of Inez Deposit Bank. His professional career as attorney and banker has coincided with more than 30 years of work for Republican candidates for local, state, and national office. Mr. Duncan has been a delegate to four Republican National Conventions (RNC) and chaired the RNC Committee on Contests for the 2000 convention. He has worked in various campaign positions for Senators Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell and for Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush. He also served as Regional Chairman for Kentucky and nearby states for President George W. Bush's campaign. Mr. Duncan and his wife, Joanne, are the principal owners of two community banks with six offices in eastern Kentucky, and their bank monitoring program has received national media attention. His civic

activities have included Chairing the Boards of the Governor's Scholars Program, Morehead State University, and Alice Lloyd College; and President of the Kentucky Bankers Association. Mr. Duncan holds degrees from Cumberland College and the University of Kentucky.



Dr. William F. Fox is a Professor in the Department of Economics and Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee. He earned his B.S. in Business at Miami University in Ohio and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Dr. Fox has held appointments as a Visiting Scholar for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and as a Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii. In addition, Dr. Fox has served as a consultant on finance, taxation, and economic development in a number of states and developing countries. Dr. Fox is a member of the American Economics Association and immediate past President of the National Tax Association. He is widely published.



Bill Goodman began hosting *Kentucky Tonight* on the Kentucky Education Network (KET) in September 1996. Prior to joining KET, Mr. Goodman ran a business in Glasgow, Kentucky. Before that, he served as News Director at KPRC-TV in Houston and worked in various capacities at WTVF-TV in Nashville. Mr. Goodman is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.



Dr. Merl Hackbart is Professor of Finance and Public Administration at the University of Kentucky. In addition, he is a member of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, a Senior Fellow at the Council of State Governments, and a Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Paul Patton. He also serves on the Kentucky Consensus Forecasting Group and is the Director of Graduate Studies for the doctoral program in Public Administration. His research focuses on public financial management, debt financing, and municipal securities. He has previously served as State Budget Director for Kentucky, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Associate Dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics, and Director of the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.



Anne R. Joseph is the Director of the Kentucky Task Force on Hunger. Prior to this post, she served as Residence Hall Director at Berea College, consultant to the National Child Nutrition Project, and organizer of the Kentucky Welfare Rights Organization and edited for both the Brown University Press and World Publishing Company, and served as an editorial trainee for Doubleday and Company. Ms. Joseph received her B.A. from Hunter College and her master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island. She is a former board member of the Kentucky Association of Older Persons and the League of Women Voters of Kentucky, where she also chaired the state Human Resources Committee, the State Legislative Network, and the Pro-ERA Initiative. She was a Co-Founder of the National Anti-Hunger Coalition, the Council of Southern Anti-Hunger Coalitions, and Kentucky Action for Human Needs. Ms. Joseph is a former Co-Chair of the Human Services Council of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Social Services Committee of the Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Council, and the People for People Campaign: Every Kentuckian Counts. She is a former member of the Steering Committee of the Campaign to End Childhood Hunger and a convener of the Kentucky Welfare Reform Coalition. Her awards include Outstanding Woman of the Year from the American Association of

University Women, Central Kentucky Chapter; Berea College Service Award for Promoting the Ideals of Berea College; the Raymond M. Wheeler Award for Distinguished Service in Fighting Hunger in America, from the Food Research and Action Center in Washington, D.C.; the Hunter Hall of Fame in Recognition of Outstanding Achievement; and the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award.



Mary E. Lassiter currently serves as the Deputy Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Policy Research and a Special Assistant to the State Budget Director. She served as a financial analyst in the Office for Financial Management and Economic Analysis, which operates the Commonwealth's investment and debt management programs, for 15 years. Ms. Lassiter has served as a special assistant to Governors Wilkinson and Patton on economic development and workers' compensation issues. She holds both a B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Kentucky. Ms. Lassiter lives in Woodford County with her husband, Frank, and two children, Mary Beth and Ben.



William M. Lear, Jr. is Managing Partner of Stoll, Keenon & Park, LLP, a member of the firm's Real Estate and Land Use Planning Department, Litigation Department, and Equine Law Department and practices in the areas of zoning law and litigation and equine law. Mr. Lear is generally recognized as one of the state's leading real estate development and municipal law practitioners. He has represented numerous developers and property owners in major real estate projects throughout Kentucky. Mr. Lear served as a Representative to the Kentucky General Assembly from 1985 to 1994. In that capacity, he introduced and secured passage of numerous bills relating to economic development, including the nationally recognized House Bill 89 creating the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership. While serving in the Kentucky General Assembly, Mr. Lear also participated in drafting and successfully sponsoring bills, resolutions, and amendments covering such diverse subjects as planning and zoning, privatization of infrastructure, tort reform, insurance reform, corrections, ethics, drunk driving, licensure for various types of professions, campaign finance, election reform, environmental law, seat belts, and mental health. He has served on the following boards, special committees and task forces: Chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the House of Representatives (1991-94); Co-Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development Structure and Programs for the General Assembly (1991-92); Chairman of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures (1992-93); Delegation Leader of the European Workforce Training and Business Assistance Study Tour for the National Conference of State Legislatures (1992); Co-Chairman of the Investing in People Project for the General Assembly (1993); Co-Chairman of the Governor's Tax Policy Commission (1995); Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce (1995-96); member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Lexington United (1995-2000), and Chairman of the Board (1996-2000); member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky World Trade Center (1992-1996); member of Networks Team for the Kentucky Strategic Plan for Economic Development (1994-96); and member of the Governor's Agricultural Policy Task Force (1993). Mr. Lear was educated at Davidson College (B.A., 1972), and received his law degree from the University of Kentucky (J.D. with high distinction, 1975). While studying at the University of Kentucky, Mr. Lear was elected to Order of the Coif and served as Editor in Chief of the *Kentucky Law Journal*, 1974-1975. Mr. Lear is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and is a member of the Fayette County, Kentucky, and American Bar Associations.



Dr. Lawrence K. "Larry" Lynch is Emeritus Professor of Economics at Transylvania University. He earned a B.S. in 1962 and a Ph.D. in Economics in 1967, both at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lynch was Senior Economist and Division Manager at Spindletop Research in Lexington from 1967 to 1974 before leaving to teach at the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Administration. He moved to Transylvania in 1979. In 1996, he was named Kentucky Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Lynch now teaches part time at Transylvania and serves as consultant to a number of law firms and government agencies. His work is principally in the areas of taxation, economic-impact analyses, and forensic economics. He has served as Tax Consultant to the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission since 1975. His recent research includes, "The Economic Effects on Kentucky of Ohio River Casinos" (with Paul A. Coomes), a report prepared for the Kentucky Economic Development Corporation in September 1999.



Dr. Charles W. Martie is currently Director of the Division of Research and Development at the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet. His current research includes tax policy, data warehousing, and the application of data mining techniques to tax compliance. He was formerly an Associate Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut. He has also served as an economist in the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission, specializing in antitrust and merger policy. He earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Connecticut. His publications include research in local government organization, tax policy, and health economics. He currently resides in Scott County with his wife and two children.



Representative Harry Moberly, Jr. is an attorney. He represents Kentucky's 81st House District. He attended Eastern Kentucky University, where he received a B.A. with high distinction. He earned a J.D. from the University of Louisville. He is a member of the Naval Reserve, the Kentucky and American Bar Associations, the Elks, the Greater Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, and the Governor's Commission on Full Equality. Representative Moberly was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1981 and earned the Kentucky Education Association Central District Friend of Education Award in 1982. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Policy for the Kentucky General Assembly.



Representative Stephen Nunn has served Kentucky's 23rd House District (Barren and Warren Counties) since 1991. He is an insurance agent from Glasgow and attended the University of Kentucky. Representative Nunn received his B.A. from Transylvania University and attended the University of Louisville School of Law. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA and the Museum of the Barrens and a member of the Glasgow Rotary Club, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, Glasgow D.A.R.E. Program, Glasgow Education Task Force, Ducks Unlimited, Independent Insurance Association, and the Glasgow Environmental Awareness Committee. Representative Nunn also served as a White House intern in 1974.



Dr. James R. Ramsey currently serves as Professor of Economics and Public Administration at the University of Louisville and is on loan from the University of Louisville to the Patton administration, serving as the Governor's Senior Policy Advisor and State Budget Director. Previously, Dr. Ramsey has served as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Professor of Public Administration at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Professor of Economics at Western Kentucky University, and as the state's Chief Economist. Dr. Ramsey has taught at the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, Middle Tennessee University, and Loyola University. Jim is a native of the Louisville area. He has his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky. Jim is married and has two daughters, ages 17 and 13.



Steven S. Reed is an attorney with Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs, LLP. He is a member of both the firm's environmental law and commercial litigation practice groups. He concentrates his practice in those areas as well as general litigation. He is a former United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky having served from 1999 to 2001. Before joining the Justice Department, he served as Deputy General Counsel to Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones (1991-1993). Mr. Reed has served on the Governor's Commission for Health Care Reform, the Kentucky Crime Commission Executive Committee, and as a delegate to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. He is presently a member of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and the Louisville Public Library Foundation's Board of Directors and currently serves as Vice Chair of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees. Mr. Reed is a member of the American, Kentucky, and Louisville Bar Associations. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in 1983 from Western Kentucky University and his J.D. in 1986 from the University of Kentucky College of Law.



Senator Richard A. "Richie" Sanders is from Kentucky's 9th Senate District. He is a farmer and commercial sales representative. Senator Sanders attended Western Kentucky University. His memberships include the Edmonson Saddle Club, Franklin Rotary Club, and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Policy for the Kentucky General Assembly.



County Judge Executive Larry Whitaker was once a community development planner in central Florida in one of the fastest growing areas of the United States. He studied planning at Murray State University. He's now the McLean County Judge Executive and also serves on the Governor's Smart Growth Task Force. He is chairman of the bipartisan Planning Work Group Committee. His wife, Teresa, and he have two daughters.



Dr. David E. Wildasin holds the Endowed Chair in Public Finance at the Martin School of Public Policy at the University of Kentucky and is also a Professor in the Department of Economics. He received a B.A. in economics from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Iowa. His teaching and research interests are in public, urban, regional, and international economics, with a special emphasis on federalism. His recent research includes work on fiscal policy issues in the context of European economic integration and on intergovernmental fiscal relations in developing countries. In addition to previous appointments at the University of Illinois, Indiana University, and Vanderbilt University, he has held visiting positions at such institutions as Queen's University (Canada), the Universite Catholique de Louvain, the

University of Bonn, the University of British Columbia, the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Marseille), the Economic Policy Research Unit at the Copenhagen Business School, the European University Institute (Florence), Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia), the University of Helsinki, the University of Munich, the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, the University of Tilburg, and Uppsala University.