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November 08, 2007

## Beshear names top aides, transition team

Governor-elect **Steve Beshear** will turn to his campaign manager, a deputy Louisville mayor and one of state Auditor **Crit Luallen's** top aides to be the nucleus of his administration leadership.

Beshear also picked the 10 top transition team members, which includes two prominent Republicans named Steve -- outgoing **Lt. Gov. Steve Pence** and former state **Rep. Steve Nunn** of Glasgow - - as well as a state Senator and several former cabinet secretaries under past Democratic governors.

Here are the top administration officials:

- **CHIEF OF STAFF: Jim Cauley**, a Pikeville native who ran Beshear's campaign and previously guided Barack Obama's successful U.S. Senate campaign.
- **SECRETARY OF THE CABINET: Larry Hayes**, deputy mayor and finance secretary for the City of Louisville. He previously served as secretary of the cabinet and budget director for **Gov. Martha Layne Collins** from 1983 to 1987 -- the same period Beshear was lieutenant governor.
- **GENERAL COUNSEL: Ellen Hessen**, who has been general counsel in Luallen's auditor office. She previously worked as general counsel in the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services and had been interim commissioner for the Department for Medicaid Services.

In addition, Hayes and incoming **Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo** will preside over the transition team that will be tasked with looking at the government's structure and other key appointments, such as cabinet secretaries and commissioners.

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Here are the people Beshear and Mongiardo have picked to head up the transition team's 10 key areas:

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE: **Ed Holmes** of Lexington, who is president and owner of engineering firm EHI Consultants. Holmes served in 1994 as Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet secretary under then-Gov. **Brereton Jones** and later was appointed by Gov. **Paul Patton** to the Public Service Commission.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: **JoEtta Wickliffe** of Harrodsburg, chairman and president of the State Bank & Trust Co. since 1963 and a member of the University of Kentucky board of trustees since 1997.
- FINANCE CABINET: **Mark Guilfoyle** of Northern Kentucky, a lawyer with Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle in Covington. He was one of Jones' top aides from 1991 to 1995, serving as general counsel, budget director and executive cabinet secretary.
- PERSONNEL CABINET: **Carol Palmore** of Frankfort, who served as personnel cabinet secretary under Patton's administration. She was Secretary of Labor for Democratic governors Collins, **Wallace Wilkinson** and Jones.
- HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES CABINET: **Eleanor Jordan** of Louisville, the former state representative and congressional candidate in 2000. Patton appointed her ombudsman for the Families and Children Cabinet in 2001.
- EDUCATION CABINET: **Donna Moore** of Lexington, who worked at Kentucky Educational Television from 1975 to 2004, including serving as senior producer for public affairs.
- ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET: **Steve Nunn** of Glasgow, the former representative and son of the late former Republican Gov. Louie Nunn. Nunn served as a key member of the House health and welfare committee.
- JUSTICE CABINET: **Steve Pence** of Louisville, the lieutenant governor and former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky. Pence won election with Gov. Ernie Fletcher, whom Beshear defeated on Tuesday and served as Fletcher's Justice Cabinet Secretary from 2004 to 2006.
- COMMERCE CABINET: **Helen Mountjoy** of Owensboro, who is the executive vice president of the Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation and chairwoman of the Owensboro Advisory Board for BB&T. She serves on various boards, including the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.
- TRANSPORTATION CABINET: **Ernesto Scorsone** of Lexington, a state senator and attorney and former chairman of the

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Well, who are the others?

Posted by: | [November 08, 2007 at 02:44 PM](#)

Well, these are some very distinguished appointees, for sure. I am very pleased to see some old faces, and some new faces in this crowd, and it will be nice to have Steve Pence back in state government. He has always acted as a model of dignity and ethics, and I really liked him when he was Lt. Governor.

Posted by: Blazing Tiger | [November 08, 2007 at 03:19 PM](#)

Glad to see Pence is following the Governor Fletcher's concession speech directive and helping out with the transition.

There will be a time for Republicans to go on the offensive. That time is not now.

Posted by: | [November 08, 2007 at 03:23 PM](#)

It should be Ellen Heslen (with one 's' in her last name)

Posted by: | [November 08, 2007 at 03:34 PM](#)

Elanor Jordon, the same lady who was too busy with a fundraiser to be doing legislative business while she was a member of the house. What a joke.

Posted by: | [November 08, 2007 at 03:35 PM](#)

Same ol' crowd, same ol' bunch of Democrat (or Democratic, if you prefer) hacks.

Guilfoyle, Jordan, Scorsone, Wickliffe, Hayes ..... I hear The Who playing right now.

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"Meet the new boss, same as the old boss."

Kentucky sure got fooled again. Just like we did in '95 and '91 and '83.

Posted by: | [November 08, 2007 at 04:06 PM](#)

4:06 hopefully you voted, but for the other 2/3 that did not vote, they will never have a right to complain. 1/3 of the registered voters voted and that is pitiful

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