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PUBLIC HEARINGS
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PROGRAM 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

OPENING STATEMENT AND REMARKS
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman and Vice Chair Mark Gearan

PANELISTS TESTIFY

PANELIST Q&A
(two rounds of questions directly from Commissioners)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(individuals will have two minutes to relate their comments)

CLOSING STATEMENT
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman
JAIME ERNESTO UZETA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PUBLIC ALLIES
Jaime has more than 20 years of experience working across sectors and empowering young people through media, technology, education, and public service. Prior to Public Allies, Jaime served as Vice President of Innovation and Partnerships at BUILD. He has also held key leadership roles at educational nonprofit GreatSchools and the design firm IDEO. In the media space, Jaime built Participant Media’s digital and TV social action teams, which informed and mobilized audiences around critical social issues. He played a similar role for MTV, where he co-developed the Emmy Award-winning Choose or Lose and Fight for Your Rights initiatives. Jaime’s experience includes political appointments within the White House and the Departments of Treasury and Commerce and various strategy and marketing roles for clients such as CNN and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He started his career as a field organizer at Rock the Vote. Jaime has a BA in political science from the University of Houston and an MBA from Columbia University. Jaime resides with his wife and two children in California.

SHIRLEY SAGAWA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND FOUNDER, SERVICE YEAR ALLIANCE
Shirley Sagawa is Service Year Alliance’s CEO and founder of the Service Year Exchange, the technology platform for full-time, full-year service now run by Service Year Alliance. Prior to becoming founding CEO of Service Year Alliance, she developed social innovation policy, authored reports, and advised national organizations and foundations on strategy as a partner with sagawa/jospin. Shirley served as a presidential appointee in both the first Bush and Clinton administrations. She was First Lady Hillary Clinton’s first policy assistant and later deputy chief of staff. She drafted the AmeriCorps legislation and helped lead the start up of the Corporation for National and Community Service for President Bill Clinton. For President George H. W. Bush, she helped to start and served as vice chair of the Commission on National and Community Service. A visiting Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and adjunct faculty at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown, Shirley is author of three books, including The American Way to Change.

NATALYE PAQUIN, ESQ., PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, POINTS OF LIGHT
Natalye Paquin is the president and chief executive officer of Points of Light, the world’s largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. Prior to joining Points of Light in 2017, Natalye served as chief transformation officer at Girl Scouts of the USA. Natalye also served five years as CEO of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, among the largest Girl Scouts councils in the nation. Prior to Girl Scouts, Natalye was the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Kimmel Center Inc. from 2006-2010. She has held multiple leadership positions in School District of Philadelphia and the Chicago Public Schools system. Her work in education began as a regional attorney with the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, from 1989 to 1994. Natalye began her career in private practice as a litigation attorney in 1986, admitted to the Illinois Bar and U.S. District Court, N.D.II. Natalye earned her Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law, and a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida A&M University.

BRIAN LARKIN, PROGRAM OFFICER OF FLINT, CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION
A cum laude graduate of Atlanta’s Morehouse University, Brian credits his service with AmeriCorps as a major influence on his professional life. The Flint native, who returned home after graduation to work as a neighborhood planner for the Genesee County Land Bank, became fascinated with the field of urban planning. He says his most vivid memory of his AmeriCorps service was “meeting residents who were passionate about beautifying their hometown.” After graduating with a Master’s degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University in Tallahassee, he was employed by several Michigan-based nonprofits before landing the position of director for Planning and Development for the City of Flint, where he worked before joining the Mott Foundation. In addition to serving on the board of the Flint Public Library, he volunteers with a year-round mentoring program geared toward 8-12th grade boys through his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha.

KAIRO ESGATE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AMERICA’S SERVICE COMMISSIONS
Kairo Esgate serves CEO of America’s Service Commissions (ASC), the national association for the 52 governor-appointed state service commissions. ASC represents and promotes as well as builds the capacity of state service commissions around the country. Prior to her current position, Kairo served as the executive director of Reimagining Service, a national multisector coalition dedicated to converting good intentions into greater impact through effective volunteer engagement strategies.

With Reimagining Service, Kairo led efforts to bring new data and insights to volunteering and developed the nationally-recognized nonprofit service enterprise model. During her tenure with CaliforniaVolunteers, the state service commission in California, Kairo served in a variety of roles, including overseeing the agency’s program development and grantmaking activities, leading planning efforts with the service and volunteering field in the state, and serving as Chief of Staff to the nation’s first Cabinet-level Secretary of Service and Volunteering. Kairo is an honors graduate of the University of Oregon and currently serves on the University of Oregon Alumni Association Board of Directors.