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During the past week, President-elect Donald Trump announced several key appointments to his administration. These are just a handful of the [4,000 political positions](#), including about [1,100 requiring Senate confirmation](#) that he will need to make. It will be impossible for the president-elect to effectively govern our country and [prepare for the unexpected](#) if these top leadership jobs remain unfilled by highly-qualified individuals.

That's why I am excited to announce today our partnership with The Washington Post on a new [appointments tracker](#). This first-of-its-kind tracker will follow the progress of more than 650 of President-elect Trump's Senate-confirmed political appointments. These positions include Cabinet secretaries, deputy and assistant secretaries, chief financial officers, general counsels, heads of agencies, ambassadors and other critical leadership jobs. The tracker will provide data on both number of appointments filled and the progress of candidates as they go through the nomination and confirmation process.

In administrations past, the road to identifying and nominating leaders for critical positions and then getting them confirmed has had its share of potholes. This appointments tracker will play a key role in holding both the president-elect and the Senate accountable for ensuring the top leaders are in place to effectively manage the federal workforce and move forward on the administration's policies.

The Partnership's [Center for Presidential Transition](#) believes that the president-elect should have the top 100 department and agency leaders confirmed immediately after Inauguration Day, with 300 more key political positions filled by the August 2017 congressional recess. While the rate of cabinet picks and White House staff during past transitions is a useful metric, it shouldn't be the measure of success. The benchmark should be whether or not President-elect Trump will be ready to govern on day one, not that he meets outdated standards. We look forward to following the progress toward these goals through the tracker.

You [can start tracking President-elect Trump's appointments](#) right now. I also hope you will take a look at the other resources that the Center offers including information about the appointments process, including [position descriptions](#) for many of these leadership positions and critical [information about federal agencies](#), including the health of the workforce, technology issues and more.

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/politics/trump-administration-appointee-tracker/database/>

Donald Trump has picked eight of 15 Cabinet department heads so far. All will need Senate confirmation.



Commerce – Wilbur Ross



Defense - Gen. James Mattis



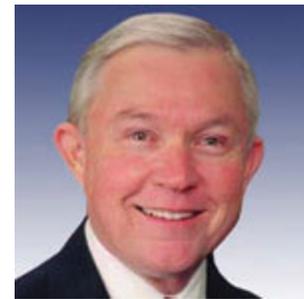
Education – Betsy DeVos



Health and Human Services
Tom Price



Housing and Urban Development
Ben Carson



Justice
Jeff Sessions



Transportation
Elaine Chao



Treasury
Steve Mnuchin

Among President-elect Donald Trump's first big decisions is to choose members of his Cabinet. This powerful group of advisers include heads of the 15 executive departments. Each of these leaders must be confirmed by the incoming Senate.

The Senate confirmation process can begin when the newly elected 115th Congress convenes on Jan. 3, 2017 — two weeks before Trump’s inauguration. The Senate can begin holding hearings to confirm Trump’s eventual nominees during this period.

In the meantime, though, other top Trump administration officials and advisers can begin working. These positions do not require Senate confirmation.

Trump has also selected other White House advisers who will not need Senate confirmation.



Senior counselor, chief strategist
Stephen K. Bannon



Chief of Staff
Reince Priebus



National Security Advisor
Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn



White House counsel
Donald McGahn

[Press Release - President-elect Trump Establishes the President's Strategic and Policy Forum
December 2, 2016](#)

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=119718>

(New York, NY) – President-elect Donald J. Trump today announced that he is establishing the President's Strategic and Policy Forum. The Forum, which is composed of some of America's most highly respected and successful business leaders, will be called upon to meet with the President frequently to share their specific experience and knowledge as the President implements his plan to bring back jobs and Make America Great Again. The Forum will be chaired by Stephen A. Schwarzman, Chairman, CEO, and Co-Founder of Blackstone.