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Andy Beshear taps Louisville leaders for transition team

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Gov.-elect Andy Beshear and Lt. Gov.-elect Jacqueline Coleman have pulled partners from all corners of the state to serve on their transition team, including some prominent Louisville politicians and business leaders.

Louisville businessman Jack Dulworth, Louisville Urban League President and CEO Sadiqa Reynolds and Mightily CEO Lesa Seibert are some of the local names on the team. Dulworth and Reynolds are co-chairing the economic development committee with Eric Farris of Shepherdsville, while Seibert is a member of that committee.

Other prominent Louisville names on the list include Madeline Abramson, Family Scholar House CEO Cathe Dykstra, state Sen. Dan Seum, R-Fairdale, state Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively, and former Louisville Metro Councilwoman Marianne Butler. You can find the list of transition team members here. More than 150 people are part of Beshear's transition team.

"Jacqueline and I are honored to have such a strong and talented team of leaders and experts committed to helping Kentucky start this new chapter," Beshear said in a news release. "We are truly excited about this opportunity. We will never stop working to serve every single Kentuckian, including the lost, the lonely and the left behind."

Beshear also has named Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Lonnie Ali, the widow of Muhammad Ali, as honorary inauguration co-chairs.

"It's an honor to be chosen by Gov.-elect Andy Beshear to serve on his transition team for the Energy and Environment Cabinet," Seum said in the news release. "The challenges facing this state are bigger than party politics, and I'm glad the new administration is willing to reach across the aisle and seek help from Republicans. I look forward to continue serving the people of Kentucky."

Beshear announced his transition team a day after incumbent Gov. Matt Bevin conceded the race to him on Thursday after a canvass of votes in all 120 counties found no change in the final results. Beshear finished more than 5,000 votes ahead of Bevin. In his concession speech, Bevin promised a smooth transition.



MARVIN YOUNG

Kentucky Gov.-elect Andy Beshear has named several Louisville leaders to his transition team.

"I truly want the best for Andy Beshear as he moves forward," Bevin said. "I genuinely want him to be successful."

Beshear tweeted out that he was ready to get to work after Bevin conceded.

Beshear and Coleman will be sworn into office on Dec. 10.

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