# **Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 117th Congress**

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asks you to provide typed answers to each of the following questions. It is requested that the nominee type the question in full before each response. Do not leave any questions blank. Type "None" or "Not Applicable" if a question does not apply to the nominee. Return printed answers to Committee. Begin each section (i.e., "A", "B", etc.) on a new sheet of paper.

# A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Name (Include any former names or nicknames used):

Jainey Kumar Bavishi

2. Position to which nominated:

**Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere** 

3. Date of Nomination:

August 10, 2021

4. Address (List current place of residence and office addresses):

Office: 253 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007

5. Date and Place of Birth:

August 29, 1981 Bethlehem, PA

6. Provide the name, position, and place of employment for your spouse (if married) and the names and ages of your children (including stepchildren and children by a previous marriage).

Spouse: Jerome Hughes, Faculty, University of District of Columbia School of Law

7. List all college and graduate degrees. Provide year and school attended.

Bachelor of Arts, Public Policy and Cultural Anthropology, 2003, Duke University Master of City Planning, 2007, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, and highlight all management-level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

June 2003 – August 2003: Faculty Advisor, Global Young Leaders

August 2003 – December 2003: Intern, Self-Help

January 2004 – July 2004: Lewis Hine Documentary Fellow, Duke University

**August 2004 – December 2006: Research Assistant, Fannie Mae Foundation** 

January 2006 – July 2006: Field Research Co-Coordinator and Funding Liaison, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

July 2006 – June 2007: Consultant, Gulf Coast Funders for Equity

September 2006 – June 2007: Research Assistant, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning

January 2007 – June 2007: Consultant, Mobilizing Communities

August 2007 – November 2007: Program Associate, Community Engagement, Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation

December 2007 – July 2009: Director, Equity and Inclusion Campaign, Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation

November 2009 - December 2009: Consultant, Emily Pelton Consulting

January 2010 – May 2013: Senior Policy Advisor and Director of External Affairs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

May 2013 – August 2015: Executive Director, R3ADY Asia-Pacific

August 2015 – January 2017: Associate Director, Climate Preparedness, White House Council on Environmental Quality

January 2017 – present: Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Climate Resiliency

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

See attached.

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above, within the last ten years.

Urban Ocean Lab, Advisor, 2018 - present

National Academies of Science, Member, Resilient America Roundtable, 2019 – present

Nicholas Institute, Resilience Roadmap, Steering Committee Member, 2021 – present

Resilience 21, Leadership Council Member, 2021 – present

11. List all positions held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business, enterprise, educational, or other institution within the last ten years.

# Foundation for Louisiana, Director, 2018 – present

12. Please list each membership you have had during the past ten years or currently hold with any civic, social, charitable, educational, political, professional, fraternal, benevolent or religiously affiliated organization, private club, or other membership organization. (For this question, you do not have to list your religious affiliation or membership in a religious house of worship or institution.). Include dates of membership and any positions you have held with any organization. Please note whether any such club or organization restricts membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

# Not Applicable.

13. Have you ever been a candidate for and/or held a public office (elected, non-elected, or appointed)? If so, indicate whether any campaign has any outstanding debt, the amount, and whether you are personally liable for that debt.

Appointed as a Policy Advisor at NOAA in 2010. Appointed as Director, Mayor's Office of Climate Resiliency in 2017.

14. List all memberships and offices held with and services rendered to, whether compensated or not, any political party or election committee within

the past ten years. If you have held a paid position or served in a formal or official advisory position (whether compensated or not) in a political campaign within the past ten years, identify the particulars of the campaign, including the candidate, year of the campaign, and your title and responsibilities.

Climate, Energy, Environment Policy Committee, Biden for President, 2020.

15. Itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$200 or more for the past ten years.

Biden for President, \$200.

16. List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary society memberships, military medals, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievements.

Marshall Memorial Fellowship, German Marshall Fund, 2017 Louisiana Effective Leadership Program, Duke University and Southern University, 2008-2009

17. Please list each book, article, column, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. Also list any speeches that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Do not attach copies of these publications unless otherwise instructed.

March 2006: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, New Orleans post Katrina Community organizing landscape: current efforts, unmet need.

April 2006: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, From Action to Policy <a href="https://www.uua.org/files/documents/gcrp/0604">https://www.uua.org/files/documents/gcrp/0604</a> uua-uuscreport.pdf

June 2006: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Building Relationships to Rebuild New Orleans

https://www.uua.org/files/documents/gcrp/0606 uua-uuscreport.pdf

2007: MIT Master's Thesis, Building community capacity in the rebuilding of New Orleans: the role of philanthropic funders post-Katrina <a href="https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/39931">https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/39931</a>

September 2008: Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity Congressional Briefing, The Gulf Coast and the New Administration: An Agenda for the First 100 Days <a href="https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x31xs20">https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x31xs20</a>

March 28, 2014: Global Connections TV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= p1gQCDLs18

October 5, 2016: Developing Climate Resilience: An Island Perspective, <a href="https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2016/10/developing-climate-resilience-island-perspective/">https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2016/10/developing-climate-resilience-island-perspective/</a>

June 14, 2017: Building Energy Exchange, Women in Sustainability and Energy, Building Resilient Communities,

https://be-exchange.org/wise-resilient-communities/

June 15, 2017: Hot 97, NYC Paris Agreement and NYC Heat Resiliency Programs, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsgdeOm7idk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsgdeOm7idk</a>

April 23, 2019: Verge Science, This is what sea level rise will do to coastal cities, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tesHVSZJOg&t=2">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tesHVSZJOg&t=2</a>

July 23, 2019: Columbia University, Managed Retreat Conference Opening Remarks,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJF rh9nvqY

September 19, 2019: MIT A Livable Climate,

https://events.technologyreview.com/video/watch/jainey-bavishi-nyc-plan-for-adapting-to-climate-change/

October 15, 2019: Conscious Cities Festival, Heat Resiliency <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB1QS1IVkdo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB1QS1IVkdo</a>

October 24, 2019: City Limits, Summer of 2019 Is Over but Heat Risk Is Not Going Away

https://citylimits.org/2019/10/24/the-summer-of-2019-is-over-but-the-heat-risk-to-nyc-is-not-going-away/

February 10, 2020: Global Center on Adaptation, Adaptation Voices: New York <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUekpm6okKs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUekpm6okKs</a>

March 13, 2020: American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Coastal Resiliency in NYC

https://asbpa.org/2020/03/13/bavishi-capitol-beach/

August 3, 2020: Mayor DeBlasio Media Availability on Tropical Storm Isaias Preparations

https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/565-20/transcript-mayor-de-blasio-holds-media-availability-tropical-storm-isaias-preparations#/0

August 21, 2020: Now This, Climate Crisis is a Fight for Social Justice <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kufzX2GrVcs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kufzX2GrVcs</a>

September 2020: A Tale of Three Cities, All We Can Save

October 3, 2020: Crain's op-ed, "Our vision for coastal resiliency must go past the shoreline"

https://www.crainsnewyork.com/op-ed/our-vision-climate-resiliency-must-go-past-shoreline

October 9, 2020: Climate One Podcast, A Feminist Climate Renaissance <a href="https://www.climateone.org/people/jainey-bavishi">https://www.climateone.org/people/jainey-bavishi</a>

November 9, 2020: Verge Green Biz, Collaborating with the ocean is essential to addressing climate change and environmental justice <a href="https://www.greenbiz.com/video/collaborating-ocean-essential-addressing-climate-change-and-environmental-justice">https://www.greenbiz.com/video/collaborating-ocean-essential-addressing-climate-change-and-environmental-justice</a>

December 3, 2020: Living on Earth, *All We Can Save* <a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=685513895439861&ref=watch\_permalink">https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=685513895439861&ref=watch\_permalink</a>

December 8, 2020: Books & Books, Discussion about *All We Can Save* <a href="https://booksandbooks.com/virtual-event/an-evening-with-sarah-miller-jainey-k-bavishi-jane-gilbert-laurencia-strauss-and-greg-bloom/">https://booksandbooks.com/virtual-event/an-evening-with-sarah-miller-jainey-k-bavishi-jane-gilbert-laurencia-strauss-and-greg-bloom/</a>

December 11, 2020: George Mason University, Power Lunch Series, Climate Change

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEsoAnrVrn4

January 27, 2021: Milken Institute, New Pathways for Resilient Infrastructure Innovation

https://milkeninstitute.org/article/public-financecfo-forum-2021

March 12, 2021: Climate Museum, Talking Climate: Infrastructure https://climatemuseum.org/blog/2021/3/12/talking-climate-infrastructure

April 8, 2021: Urban Design Forum, Power after the Pandemic: Greening Growth https://urbandesignforum.org/events/power-after-the-pandemic-greening-growth/

April 14, 2021: Chatham House, From Local to Global: A Roadmap for U.S. Climate Action

https://www.chathamhouse.org/events/all/research-event/local-global-roadmap-us-climate-action

April 21, 2021: Gotham Gazette Op-Ed, "Building a climate safe future for Manhattan's east side"

https://www.gothamgazette.com/opinion/10406-building-climate-change-safe-future-manhattan-east-side-resiliency

April 21, 2021: Nicholas Institute, Climate Resilience: An Urgent Opportunity for U.S. Leadership

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPwlYiFElbY

May 17, 2021: Honolulu Climate Change Commission, Adapting to Climate Change in New York City

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=799632117343307&ref=watch\_permalink

May 21, 2021: Reuters, East Side Coastal Resiliency Project <a href="https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/park-protect-nyc-rising-sea-174509385.html">https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/park-protect-nyc-rising-sea-174509385.html</a>

May 24, 2021: The Hill Op-Ed, "FEMA's flood insurance overhaul could entrench inequalities in coastal cities"

https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/555077-femas-flood-insuranceoverhaul-could-entrench-inequities-in

18. List all digital platforms (including social media and other digital content sites) on which you currently or have formerly operated an account, regardless of whether or not the account was held in your name or an alias. Include the name of an "alias" or "handle" you have used on each of the named platforms. Indicate whether the account is active, deleted, or dormant. Include a link to each account if possible.

Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/jaineytweets?lang=en">https://twitter.com/jaineytweets?lang=en</a> (@jaineytweets), active

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jainey.bavishi/, active

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/j41n3y8/ (@j41n3y8), active

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/jaineybavishi/, active

19. Please identify each instance in which you have testified orally or in writing before Congress in a governmental or non-governmental capacity and specify the date and subject matter of each testimony.

Not Applicable.

20. Given the current mission, major programs, and major operational objectives of the department/agency to which you have been nominated,

what in your background or employment experience do you believe affirmatively qualifies you for appointment to the position for which you have been nominated, and why do you wish to serve in that position?

For the last 15+ years, I have worked to help communities adapt to and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. I have worked in diverse communities across the U.S. – from the Gulf Coast States to Hawaii to New York City. I have also directed climate adaptation policy at the Federal and local levels. My work experience is complemented by my education, having received my bachelor's degree in public policy and cultural anthropology, and my master's degree in urban planning.

21. What do you believe are your responsibilities, if confirmed, to ensure that the department/agency has proper management and accounting controls, and what experience do you have in managing a large organization?

My responsibilities will be to support the NOAA Administrator in advancing the mission of the agency, and help to develop the programs, budgets, and policies to accomplish the components of that mission.

I currently lead the New York City Mayor's Office of Climate Resiliency, where I oversee the implementation of a \$20 billion portfolio of climate resilience and adaptation projects.

22. What do you believe to be the top three challenges facing the department/agency, and why?

The first challenge will be developing and deploying a suite of user-friendly and accessible data, information and tools to support informed decision-making and planning in a changing climate. NOAA is the authoritative source for these products and services and will have a critical role to play in supporting local, state and Tribal governments, the private sector, as well as other Federal agencies, in planning for climate change.

The second challenge is to ensure that NOAA's program balances both environmental stewardship and economic growth. There is abundant opportunity to create jobs and foster growth while transforming to a clean energy economy, building resilience to climate impacts and conserving our natural resources. NOAA, in partnership with other Department of Commerce bureaus like the Economic Development Administration (EDA), has an important role to play to unlock these opportunities.

The third challenge is to ensure that NOAA workforce of the future represents the diversity of our country. NOAA plays a key role in educating and training the next generation of scientists and environmentalists. NOAA has an important leadership

role to play to recruit and diversify young talent in an inclusive and equitable manner.

# **B. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

1. Describe all financial arrangements, deferred compensation agreements, and other continuing dealings with business associates, clients, or customers. Please include information related to retirement accounts.

#### **Retirement accounts include:**

- 1) City of New York, 401K
- 2) City of New York, 457 Tax Deferred Savings Plan
- 3) City of New York, defined benefit plan
- 4) University of Hawaii Foundation, 403B
- 5) University of Hawaii Foundation, 403B TDA
- 6) Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, 403B TDA
- 2. Do you have any commitments or agreements, formal or informal, to maintain employment, affiliation, or practice with any business, association or other organization during your appointment? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Indicate any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which could involve potential conflicts of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

Any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of my ethics agreement, which was developed in consultation with ethics officials at the Department of Commerce and the Office of Government Ethics. I understand that my ethics agreement has been provided to the Committee. I am not aware of any potential conflict other than those addressed by my ethics agreement.

4. Describe any business relationship, dealing, or financial transaction which you have had during the last ten years, whether for yourself, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that could in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position to which you have been nominated. Explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

Any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of my ethics agreement, which was developed in consultation with ethics officials at the Department of Commerce and the Office of Government Ethics. I understand that my ethics agreement has been provided to the Committee. I am not aware of any potential conflict other than those addressed by my ethics agreement.

5. Identify any other potential conflicts of interest, and explain how you will resolve each potential conflict of interest.

Upon confirmation, I will resign from my position with the City of New York and from the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Louisiana. Any potential conflict of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of my ethics agreement, which was developed in consultation with ethics officials at the Department of Commerce and the Office of Government Ethics. I understand that my ethics agreement has been provided to the Committee. I am not aware of any potential conflict other than those addressed by my ethics agreement.

6. Describe any activity during the past ten years, including the names of clients represented, in which you have been engaged for the purpose of directly or indirectly influencing the passage, defeat, or modification of any legislation or affecting the administration and execution of law or public policy.

None.

# C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics, professional misconduct, or retaliation by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group?

No.

If yes:

- a. Provide the name of agency, association, committee, or group;
- b. Provide the date the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action was issued or initiated;
- c. Describe the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action;
- d. Provide the results of the citation, disciplinary action, complaint, or personnel action.
- 2. Have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or held by any Federal, State, or other law enforcement authority of any Federal, State, county, or municipal entity, other than for a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

3. Have you or any business or nonprofit of which you are or were an officer ever been involved as a party in an administrative agency proceeding, criminal proceeding, or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

4. Have you ever been convicted (including pleas of guilty or *nolo contendere*) of any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

5. Have you ever been accused, formally or informally, of sexual harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other basis? If so, please explain.

No.

6. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be disclosed in connection with your nomination.

None.

# D. RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMITTEE

1. Will you ensure that your department/agency complies with deadlines for information set by congressional committees, and that your department/agency endeavors to timely comply with requests for information from individual Members of Congress, including requests from members in the minority?

Yes.

2. Will you ensure that your department/agency does whatever it can to protect congressional witnesses and whistle blowers from reprisal for their testimony and disclosures?

Yes.

3. Will you cooperate in providing the Committee with requested witnesses, including technical experts and career employees, with firsthand knowledge of matters of interest to the Committee?

Yes.

4. Are you willing to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Congress on such occasions as you may be reasonably requested to do so?

Yes.

(Nominee is to include this signed affidavit along with answers to the above questions.)

# F. AFFIDAVIT

<u>Jainey Bavishi</u> being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement on Biographical and Financial Information and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge, current, accurate, and complete.

Signature of Nominee

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 202!

Notary Public

Hilary Semel
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 02SE6127819
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires November 2, 2021

# JAINEY K. BAVISHI

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## New York City Mayor's Office of Climate Resiliency, New York, NY

2017 - Present

**Director** – Lead a team of 30 multi-disciplinary staff. Collaborate with senior leadership in the De Blasio Administration to advance resilience initiatives and policies to address the impacts of climate change.

- Oversee implementation of \$20 billion multi-layered resilience program, which includes strengthening coastal defenses, upgrading buildings, protecting critical services, and making neighborhoods safer.
- Established an Equity Core Team to embed anti-racism across operations, policies and programs through training, data-driven tools, and accountability mechanisms.
- Identify and leverage synergies between resilience and other Administration priorities, such as carbon mitigation, racial equity, affordable housing and workforce development.
- Support the City's response to and resilient recovery from COVID-19.

# White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Washington, DC

2015 - 2017

Associate Director for Climate Preparedness – Implemented the climate preparedness pillar of the President's Climate Action Plan. Served as lead for Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, which includes over 30 departments, agencies, and White House offices.

- Recruited and managed a team of 15 staff that integrated management, operational and subject matter expertise from key federal agencies.
- Strengthened government-wide agency adaptation planning process through engagement of budget officers and developing clear accountability measures to ensure results.
- Developed a roadmap for federal climate resilience priorities building on the successes of the Obama Administration.

#### R3ADY Asia-Pacific, Honolulu, HI

2013 - 2015

**Executive Director** – Spearheaded the establishment of a new public-private partnership comprised of U.S. government agencies, foundations, corporations, and universities to enhance multi-sectoral approaches to reducing the risk of natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific region through innovative projects and coalition building. Led fund development and grant management. Served as primary spokesperson with ministerial-level government officials and other external audiences.

- In 2 years, transformed R3ADY from an idea to a fully functioning organization, negotiating all foundational procedures for running the organization with Advisory Council of 23 members.
- Executed \$2 million in initial projects and programs across the region that advance disaster risk reduction in Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, and the Philippines, overcoming early funding obstacles.
- Developed and executed communications strategy, including new brand, website, and social media presence.
- Cultivated project-based partnerships with foreign governments, companies, and communities.
- Led smooth fiscal sponsor transition to realize fiscal efficiencies.

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, DC

2012 - 2013

**Director of External Affairs** – Directed NOAA's stakeholder engagement efforts with routine outreach to businesses, academic and research institutions and nonprofit organizations. Oversaw small staff and led coordination of constituent affairs activities across 6 line offices.

- Established a Council of 5 Governors and 6 Cabinet officials responsible for investment of \$3+ billion in economic and environmental restoration projects and programs in the Gulf Coast states.
  - Designed initial organizational structure and recruited staff for new federal agency.
  - Mobilized and directed a cross-agency team of 50+ that integrated management, operational
    and subject matter expertise to stand up new agency.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, DC

2010 - 2012

**Senior Policy Advisor** – Advised senior leadership and led the development of policies and initiatives related to Deepwater Horizon oil spill recovery and ecosystem restoration, climate change adaptation, and environmental justice. Provided input on budget formulation and legislative drafting.

- Developed and managed critical NOAA information systems during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, encompassing 1,000+ people and numerous state and federal agencies.
- Shaped Federal strategy on climate adaptation and Gulf Coast ecosystem restoration by helping to author Administration plans and reports.
- Served as the NOAA Administrator's designee on interagency task forces on ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation and environmental justice.
- Oversaw the development of the Department of Commerce's first climate adaptation plan.

# Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, Baton Rouge, LA

2007 - 2009

**Equity and Inclusion Campaign Director** – Served as the founding director of a regional, multi-issue policy advocacy and public messaging campaign aimed at the recovery of Gulf Coast communities after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike. Oversaw all aspects of campaign strategy, including government and external relations, research and development, coalition building and communications. Hired and managed a team of staff and consultants. Led all fund development and grants management.

- In 2 years, launched Campaign from concept to an independent nonprofit, developing all foundational principles and processes.
- Coalesced a new coalition of 300+ nonprofit and community leaders from 3 Gulf Coast states through intensive outreach and relationship building.
- Organized Congressional briefings and presence at Presidential Conventions.
- Developed and executed a transition plan to establish Campaign as independent organization, raising operational funds and facilitating the election of the first Board of Directors.

#### Gulf Coast Funders for Equity, New Orleans, LA

2006 - 2007

**Consultant** – Provided advice on strategic opportunities to support community rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina for consortium of over 50 public and private foundations and individual donors.

- Conducted a scan of donor activity to facilitate coordination and more effective grantmaking.
- Developed a framework for a small grants and technical assistance fund by interviewing funders and potential grantees, analyzing similar funding initiatives and reviewing best practices.

## Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), New Orleans, LA

2006

**Field Research Co-Coordinator and Funding Liaison** – Conducted outreach to community leaders and investigated key funding requirements immediately after Hurricane Katrina. Provided grant recommendations to UUSC staff and affiliates.

Co-authored a series of reports highlighting the needs of community leaders for funders.

#### Fannie Mae Foundation, Washington, DC

2004 - 2006

**Research Assistant** – Reviewed recent literature on urban community development strategies. Represented the Foundation at academic and professional conferences in the planning field.

## Committee for Legal Aid to the Poor, Cuttack, India

2003 - 2004

**Fellow** – Investigated the lack of childcare centers in communities below the poverty line through interviews and research. Produced and compiled stories for organization's quarterly newsletter on issues related to children's rights.

#### **EDUCATION**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Master of City Planning

<u>Duke University</u>, Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Cultural Anthropology

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

Marshall Memorial Fellowship, German Marshall Fund, 2017
Louisiana Effective Leadership Program, Duke University and Southern University, 2008-2009

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Bavishi, Jainey. "FEMA's flood insurance overhaul could entrench inequities in coastal cities." The Hill, 24 May 2021, https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/555077-femas-flood-insurance-overhaul-could-entrench-inequities-in, Op-ed.
- Bavishi, Jainey. (2020). "A Tale of Three Cities." In All We Can Save, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine Wilkinson, One World, 2020, pp. 157-164.
- Bavishi, Jainey and Clare Newman. "Our Vision for Climate Resiliency Must Go Past the Shoreline." *Crain's New York Business*, 30 Oct 2020, https://www.crainsnewyork.com/op-ed/our-vision-climate-resiliency-must-go-past-shoreline, Op-ed.
- Bavishi, Jainey, Maxine Burkett and Erin Shew. (2017). Climate Displacement, Migration, and Relocation And the United States. Climate Law, 7(4), 227-231.
- Bavishi, Jainey, Alice Hill and Tamara Dickinson. (2016, August 3). Getting smart about how we finance disaster resilience [Blog post]. Available at: https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/blog/2016/08/03/getting-smart-about-how-we-finance-disaster-resilience.

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

Secretary & Treasurer, Board of Directors, Foundation for Louisiana, New Orleans, LA, 2018 - Present.

Member, Resilient America Roundtable, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, 2019 - Present.

Advisor, Urban Ocean Lab, New York, NY, 2019 - Present.

## Honors & Recognitions

Energy and Environment Power 100. City and State NY, New York, NY 2020.

2020 Power of Diversity: Asian 100. City and State NY, New York, NY, 2020.

40 Under 40. Gambit Weekly, New Orleans, LA, 2008.