

Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 118th Congress

Instructions for the nominees: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (the “Committee”) 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. Begin each section (i.e., “A”, “B”, etc.) on a new sheet of paper. Electronically submit your completed questionnaire to the Committee in PDF format and ensure that sections A through E of the completed questionnaire are in a text searchable and that any hyperlinks can be clicked. Section F may be scanned for electronic submission and need not be searchable.

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

Louis Ernest Sola

2. Position to which nominated:

Federal Maritime Commission

3. Date of Nomination:

Nominated by President Donald Trump on November 15th, 2018, and renominated by President Joe Biden on July 11th, 2024.

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

CUI

(Please note primary residence is FL)

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

800 North Capitol St NW

Washington, DC 20573

5. Date and Place of Birth:

January 8th, 1968

Chicago, IL

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).

Not Married

Carolyn Sola, Age 28

Anthony Sola, Age 25

7. List all college and graduate schools attended, whether or not you were granted a degree by the institution. Provide the name of the institution, the dates attended, the degree received, and the date of the degree.

University of Illinois - M.S. Finance (1998): International Finance
Nova Southeastern University - B.S. Management (1996)
Parkland College - A.A. Western Civilization (1990)
Defense Language Institute – Spanish (1993): Specialized in Spanish Language
Defense Language Institute – German (1989): Specialized in German Language
US Army Intelligence School – Interrogation (1990): Joint Interrogation Certification Course

8. List all post-undergraduate employment, including the job title, name of employer, and inclusive dates of employment, and highlight all management- level jobs held and any non-managerial jobs that relate to the position for which you are nominated.

Federal Maritime Commission (2019 – Present)
Commissioner

Campers & Nicholson International (2017 – 2018)
Senior Sales Executive

Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners (2015 – 2019)
State Maritime Commissioner

Evermarine (2005 – 2019)
Chief Executive Officer

Arden & Price
Financial Consultant

Florida State University (1999 – 2001)
Adjunct Professor

9. Attach a copy of your resume.

Attached at bottom of document

10. List any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time service or positions with Federal, State, or local governments, other than those listed above after 18 years of age.

NA

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.

Evermarine, LLC. – Agent, Officer, Director

Benetti Americas – Agent

Azimut Bennetti USA – Representative

Amador Marina – Partner

J.J. Kay, Inc. – Director

Camper & Nicholsons – Broker

Northorp & Johnson – Broker

Patriot Defense Group – Consultant

12. Please list each membership you have had after 18 years of age 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.

Marine Memorial Club 2017

International Yacht Broker Association 2017

Marine Industries Associations of South Florida 2017

American Legion 2012

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 2011

Diablo Spinning Club 2011

Defense Language Institute Alumni 2018

Capitol Hill Club

Boat membership 2024

No club restricts on basis of sex, color, race, religion, national origin, age, or disability.

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.

Yes, Congressional Candidate

Yes, Appointed Office.

No outstanding debts

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.

NA

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.

Donor	Recipient	Location	Organization	Date	Amount
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	06/20/2016	\$2,700.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Trump Victory	FL	Evermarine	06/20/2016	\$99,000.00
Sola, Louis	Conservative Solutions PAC	FL	Evermarine, LLC	02/02/2016	\$2,500.00
Sola, Louis	Jeb 2016, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	08/05/2015	\$2,700.00
Sola, Louis	Right to Rise PAC, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	04/12/2015	\$100.00
Sola, Louis	Right to Rise PAC, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	02/03/2015	\$500.00

Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Trump Victory	FL	Evermarine	06/16/2017	\$35,000.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Camper & Nicholsons Intl.	06/16/2017	\$13,821.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Evermarine	06/01/2017	\$5,000.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Evermarine	05/01/2017	\$5,000.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Evermarine	04/03/2017	\$5,000.00
Sola, Louis	Captain Higgins for Congress	FL	Evermarine, LLC	12/21/2016	\$1,000.00
Sola, Louis	Tennessee Republican Party Federal Election Account	FL	Evermarine	10/17/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis	North Carolina Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	10/17/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	New Jersey Republican State Committee	FL	Evermarine	10/17/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	South Carolina Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	10/17/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E.	Connecticut Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	10/17/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis	Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	Mississippi Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis	Wyoming Republican Party, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	Republican Party of Arkansas	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	Alabama Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19

Sola, Louis E	Kansas Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	West Virginia Republican Party, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis	Republican Party of Wisconsin	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E.	Republican Party of Virginia Inc	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	Missouri Republican State Committee-Federal	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	North Dakota Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Trump Victory	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$10,000.00
Sola, Louis E	Republican Party of Louisiana	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis	California Republican Party Federal Acct	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E	Illinois Republican Party	FL	Evermarine	07/29/2016	\$476.19
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Evermarine	06/20/2016	\$60,200.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL	Evermarine	06/20/2016	\$33,400.00
Sola, Louis E, Mr.	Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.	FL	Evermarine	06/20/2016	\$2,700.00
Sola, Louis	Make America Great Again Inc.	FL	FMC	03/19/2024	\$20,000.00
Sola, Louis	Make America Great Again Inc.	FL	FMC	03/19/2024	\$20,000.00
Sola, Louis	Deb Fischer for US Senate	DC	FMC	11/13/2023	\$250.00
Sola, Louis	Salazar for Congress	DC	FMC	10/19/2023	\$1,000.00
Sola, Louis	Salazar Victory Committee	DC	FMC	10/16/2023	\$1,000.00
Sola, Louis	Deb Fischer for US Senate	DC	FMC	12/14/2022	\$250.00

Sola, Louis	Levy Victory	DC	FMC	10/13/2022	\$2,900.00
Sola, Louis Mr.	Responsibility and Freedom Work PAC (RFPAC)	FL	FMC	07/28/2022	\$500.00
Sola, Louis	Cotton for Senate, Inc.	DC	FMC	09/30/2019	\$500.00
Sola, Louis	Cotton for Senate, Inc.	DC	FMC	09/24/2019	\$250.00
Sola, Louis	Cotton for Senate, Inc.	DC	FMC	07/15/2019	\$250.00
Sola, Louis	Rounds for Senate	FL	FMC	02/04/2019	\$250.00
Sola, Louis	Rick Scott for Florida	FL	Camper & Nicholsons Intl.	07/09/2018	\$1,000.00
Sola, Louis	Rounds for Senate	FL	Evermarine	06/26/2018	\$500.00
Sola, Louis	Cotton for Senate	FL	Evermarine, LLC	05/18/2018	\$750.00
Sola, Louis	Rounds for Senate	FL	Evermarine	05/10/2018	\$1,500.00
Sola, Louis	Vern Buchanan for Congress	FL	Evermarine Yachts	03/30/2018	\$2,700.00
Sola, Louis E.	Trump Victory	FL	Camper & Nicholsons Intl.	02/27/2018	\$2,700.00
Sola, Louis E. Mr.	Republican National Committee	FL			

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

Defense Language Institute Graduate: Spanish, German (Presidio Monterey, CA)

International Yacht Broker

Licensed/ Bonded Ship Broker

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal (3 awards)

Army Good Conduct Medal (2 awards)

Humanitarian Service Medal (Cuban Refugee

Crisis) National Defense Service Medal (Gulf War)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

NonCommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2)

Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards)(Germany/ Panama)
Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon (Honduras)
Certificate of Achievement - Special Operations Command South (Puerto Rico)
Bertram Yachts, Inc. Worldwide Dealer of the Year 2006 and 2011
Azimut-Benetti 2017 Americas Sales Award (Cannes)
US Army Airborne Parachutist Badge
Expert Marksmanship Rifle Badge
US Army Interrogation Course (Ft Huachuca)
Strategic Debriefing Designation (Munich, GE)
Chemical, Biological and Nuclear Defense Course (Ft McCoy)
Illinois State Veterans Grant - University of Illinois
University of Illinois - Alumni Ambassador
Florida State University - Adjunct Professor of Finance
Montgomery GI Bill Recipient
Honorary Lead Pilot, Panama Canal
Distinguished Alumni, Parkland College
Seatrade Cruise Man of the Year
Louis E. Sola – Miami Dade Day

17. List each book, article, column, letter to the editor, Internet blog posting, or other publication you have authored, individually or with others. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the publication when available.

[Commissioner Louis E. Sola Visits Panama City, Panama to Examine Canal Drought Conditions](#)

[FMC Chairman Maffei and Commissioner Sola Examining Impacts from Reduced Capacity of Panama Canal](#)

[Commissioner Sola Honored by Miami-Dade County](#)

[Commissioner Sola Speaking at LNG Event in Panama](#)

[Commissioner Sola Discusses Alternative Marine Fuels During Panama Conference](#)

[Commissioner Sola Speaking at Maritime Week Americas](#)

[Commissioner Sola Participates on Shore Power Panel at Seatrade Cruise Global 2024](#)

[Letter to Secretary Granholm – May 2024](#)

[Letter to Secretary Blinken – May 2024](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Bahamian Ambassador to Address Opportunities for Maritime Cooperation – April 2024](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Mayor Sandy Stimpson in Mobile, AL – February 2024](#)

[Commissioner Sola Attends Event Welcoming Explora 1 to PortMiami – November 2023](#)

[Letter to President Joe Biden – November 2023](#)

[Statement by Commissioners Bentzel and Sola Following Meetings with Gulf Coast Region – December 2022](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Senior Leadership of MSC and CMA to Discuss Environmental Issues – September 2022](#)

[Commissioner Sola Guest Commentary Appears in USCG Publication - September 2022](#)

[Letter to President Joe Biden regarding Hugh Leatherman terminal – June 2022](#)

[Statements of Commissioners Bentzel, Sola, and Vekich regarding Comments Submitted to the Surface Transportation Board on the Proposed Consolidation of the Railroad Systems of Canadian Pacific Railway and the Kansas City Southern Railway – June 2022](#)

[Statement by Commissioners Sola and Bentzel on Demurrage and Detention Relief by Ocean Carriers and Marine Terminal Operators due to the Expeditors Cybersecurity Incident – April 2022](#)

[Commissioner Louis E. Sola Honored with Master Key and Honorary Lead Pilot – January 2022](#)

[Statement by Commissioner Louis E. Sola Regarding Future Bookings on Crystal Cruises – January 2022](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Final Report Released – January 2022](#)

[Commissioners Bentzel and Sola Visit PNW to explore port congestion & cruise industry issues – December 2021](#)

[Letter of Commissioners Carl Bentzel and Louis Sola to Secretary Janet Yellen – November 2021](#)

[Letter of Commissioners Daniel Maffei and Louis Sola to President Joe Biden: Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic – October 2021](#)

[Commissioner Sola Receives Award for Work Addressing COVID Impacts to Passenger Cruise Sector – October 2021](#)

[Letter to President Biden: COVID-19 Vaccinations and Cruise Travel – August 2021](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Interim Report Issued Examining Impacts to Eastern Seaboard – August 2021](#)

[Letter of Commissioner Sola to Governor DeSantis: COVID-19 Vaccinations – July 2021](#)

[Statement of Commissioner Louis Sola: Seafarer Welfare Group Publishes Guide to Help Mariners Receive Vaccines – June 2021](#)

[Statement of Commissioner Louis Sola: Urging Governors to Vaccinate Cruise Ship Crews – June 2021](#)

[Statement of Commissioner Louis E. Sola: Celebrating Maritime Day 2021 – May 2021](#)

[Statement of Commissioner Sola: Donating Surplus Vaccines to Caribbean & Central America Would Benefit American Industry & Security – May 2021](#)

[Letter of Commissioner Sola to President Biden on Caribbean Cruise Vaccines – May 2021](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Florida’s Governor & Attorney General on Cruise Ship Matters – April 2021](#)

[Statement by Commissioner Louis E. Sola on the One Year Anniversary of the Cessation of Cruise Activity from U.S. Ports – March 2021](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Interim Report Issued Examining Impacts to CA, HI, and U.S. Pacific Territories – March 2021](#)

[Letter of Commissioners Bentzel & Sola Seeking Information on Houston Channel Restrictions – March 2021](#)

[Latest Fact Finding 30 Report Examines Impacts to Cruise Industry in Gulf Coast Ports – December 2020](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Field Visit to Port of Galveston – November 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Port Everglades Leadership to Discuss Passenger & Cargo Construction Projects – November 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Reviews PortMiami Cruise Related Infrastructure Improvement Projects – October 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Issues Report Examining Economic Impacts of Cancelled Cruise Season to Northwestern States – October 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Visits Alaska as Part of Fact Finding 30 – October 2020](#)

[Commission Requests Comments on Possible Changes to Regulations Governing Cruise Lines – September 2020](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Interim Report Highlights Economic Impacts to Florida From Paused Cruise Operations](#)

[Commission Initiates Rulemaking Process Addressing Cruise Line Performance and Refunds – August 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Provides Briefing on Fact Finding 30 to Senior DoT Official – July 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Proposes Changes to FMC Regulations on Cruise Line Performance & Refunds – July 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Reports on Meeting with ILWU Leadership in Fact Finding 30 to Discuss Impacts of COVID-19 on Longshore Workforce – July 2020](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Phase 1 Report Identifies Proposal That Would Help U.S. Cruise Companies – June 2020](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Innovation Teams Examining Financial Responsibility Requirements – June 2020](#)

[Fact Finding 30 Investigation Focusing on Cruise Line Financial Responsibility and Refund Policies – May 2020](#)

[Commissioners Bentzel and Sola Urge Congressional Leaders to Address Port Terminal Needs During COVID-19 – May 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola to Lead Fact Finding Focusing on Cruise Line Issues – April 2020](#)

[Commissioner Sola Meets with Ex-Im President Reed – October 2019](#)

[Commissioner Sola and Maffei Travel to Gulf of Mexico Ports – October 2019](#)

[Commissioner Sola Represents the FMC at U.S. – Korea Bilateral Maritime Meeting – July 2019](#)

18. List all speeches, panel discussions, and presentations (e.g., PowerPoint) that you have given on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated. Include a link to each publication when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the speech or presentation when available.

[GNL Global Forum Presentation](#)

[Maritime Week Americas – June 2024](#)

[\(Presentation\) - Link](#)

[Seatrade Cruise Global: Power Up Your Shore Power Panel – April 2024](#)

[Manifest Vegas: Decarbonizing the Maritime Industry Panel – February 2024](#)

[AAPA Powers Summit and Expo: LNG Export Panel – January 2024](#)

[AAPA Legislative Summit: LNG Exports Panel – March 2024](#)

[Cruise Forward Summit – December 2023](#)

[LNG Bunkering Summit – November 2023](#)

[Cruise Forward Summit: Maritime Energy Transition Panel – November 2023](#)

[FLIBS: Global Commerce Exchange Speaking Engagement – November 2023](#)

[American Maritime Forum – October 2023](#)

[Remarks of Commissioner Sola at Port of Galveston – May 2021](#)
[Commissioner Sola Visits Houston for Panel Discussion and Meetings with Local Maritime Leaders – November 2020](#)
[Remarks by Commissioner Louis E. Sola National Industrial Transportation League San Antonio, TX – January 2020](#)
[Remarks by Commissioner Louis E. Sola at Florida Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association – November 2019](#)
[Remarks by Commissioner Louis E. Sola at International Trade Day World – May 2019](#)

19. List all public statements you have made during the past ten years, including statements in news articles and radio and television appearances, which are on topics relevant to the position for which you have been nominated, including dates. Include a link to each statement when possible. If a link is not available, provide a digital copy of the statement when available.

[Commissioner Sola Interviewed on News Story on Cruise Industry – March 2021](#)
[Statement of Commissioner Sola: Commending the Bipartisan Efforts to Address Resumption of Cruises to Alaska – March 2021](#)
[Statement of Commissioners Maffei and Sola: Op-Ed, Supply Chain Dive – March 2021](#)
[Commissioner Sola Statement on Canada’s Recent Decision to Bar All Cruise Vessels From Their Waters Until February 2022 – February 2021](#)
[Commissioner Louis E. Sola Statement on Expanded Supply Chain Investigation – November 2020](#)
[Opening Remarks of Commissioner Sola, September, Meeting with Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf – September 2020](#)
[Statement of Commissioner Louis E. Sola Concerning the Posting of the Lake Carriers’ Association Petition and Subsequent Section 19 Investigation in the Federal Register – June 2020](#)
[Statement of Commissioner Louis E. Sola on Maritime Day 2020 – May 2020](#)
[Statement on Commissioner Louis E. Sola on Lake Carriers’ Association Petition – May 2020](#)
[Commissioner Sola Statement on Joint Letter to Address Port Terminal Needs During COVID-19 – May 2020](#)
[Statement of Commissioner Louis E. Sola on the Launch of Fact Finding 30 – April 2020](#)

Statement of Commissioner Sola to Accompany Vote on Notation No. 20-20 – April 2020

20. 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 full name of an “alias” or “handle”, including the complete URL and username with hyperlinks, 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.

LinkedIn – Louis Sola

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/lousola>

21. 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.

NA

22. 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?

I am in my 5th year as a Commissioner that has seen Covid, Congestion, and the Ocean Shipping Reform Act. I look forward to another 5 years as a Commissioner. I began to serve our nation at the age of 18 and swore then an oath to defend our country. It is the greatest honor to have the opportunity once again be called to protect and ensure our nation's international maritime commercial trade, and one that I shall do my utmost for our country. The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is the independent federal agency responsible for regulating the U.S. international ocean transportation system for the benefit of U.S. exporters, importers, and the U.S. consumer.

23. 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?

If confirmed as a Commissioner of the FMC, I shall work with staff to ensure proper management and accounting controls are continued. I have worked in many organizations from academic to private practice, and always followed the advice of the legal experts. I would also work very closely with the committee and oversight.

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

The FMC has done a great job recently with its Bureaus and Offices, but it faces major changes and challenges in the international shipping realm.

- 1. Tariffs and Protection of America's Imports and Exports**
 - a. many countries have subsidies shipping industries with protectionist measures. The FMC needs to ensure that American exporters not only have fair prices, but access and availability for their goods.**
- 2. Larger Vessels, Congestion and Demurrage in our Nation's Sea Ports**
 - a. The FMC has been studying this major problem for the last few years and it will continue to be an issue until infrastructure catches up to the needs of importers and exporters.**
- 3. Continued Transparency and Enforcement**
 - a. Continue to ensure a competitive and reliable international ocean transportation supply system that supports the U.S. economy and protects the public from unfair and deceptive practices.**

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, such as a 401(k) or pension plan.

None

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.

None

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.

None

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.

None

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

None

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, an Inspector General, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If yes:
 - a. Provide the name of court, 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.

No, never

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.

Yes.

1. **Corporate civil commission case in Miami that was settled out of court.**
 2. **Traffic accident in Panama whereas I paid a fine and my insurance paid claim.**
 3. **I had a hospital bill dispute that was dismissed.**
 4. **I had a settlement with a lender over abusive Hurricane Interest charges**
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.

I plead guilty to a traffic offense when in Panama and paid a fine.

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.

No

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 whistleblowers 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

Louis E. Sola 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.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Nominee

State of Florida

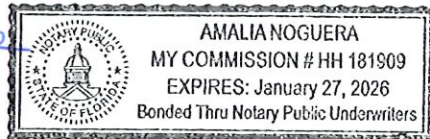
County: Miami-Dade

Subscribed and sworn before me this ___ day of ___, 20___ by LOUIS E. Sola

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary Public

physical presence



Louis Sola
Miami, FL | [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **Experience**

Commissioner

Federal Maritime Commission

Jan 2019- Present - Washington, DC

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is the independent federal agency responsible for regulating the U.S. international ocean transportation system for the benefit of U.S. exporters, importers, and the U.S. consumer. Lead Federal Fact-Finding 30 Investigation on effects of Covid-19 on the Cruise Industry.

Ex-President

Evermarine

May 2005- 2019 - Florida, Panama

Founded one of the largest international marine dealerships based in Florida and on the Panama Canal. Represent luxury yacht brands Benetti and Azimut, and sport fishing lines, including: Boston Whaler and Hatteras. Distribute military and commercial patrol boats in Central and South America. Authorized service dealer for Caterpillar Marine, Cummins and Mercury.

Senior Sales Executive

Campers & Nicholson International

Aug 2017 – Aug 2018 - Palm Beach, FL

Member of the oldest yachting company in the world for sales, service, and brokerage around the world.

Ship Broker

Northrop & Johnson

March 2016 – 2019 - Miami, FL

Represent buyers and sellers with an emphasis on Florida and Latin America clients. Realize clients' marine objectives. Licensed - bonded Ship and Yacht Broker.

State Commissioner

Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners

December 2015 – 2019 - State of Florida

Appointed by the Governor of Florida, and Confirmed by the Florida Senate. The Board is responsible for licensing and regulating harbor pilots. The board

meets regularly to consider applications for license, to review disciplinary cases, and to conduct informal hearings relating to license and discipline.

Financial Consultant

Berkshire Capital

May 1998 – May 2004 - Central America

Developed international finance strategies and reported to the principle partners. Focused on maritime sector (ports, free zones, ship repairs) and management of greenfield projects through

Adjunct Professor

Florida State University

September 1999 - January 2001 - Florida State University Panama Campus

Taught classes in small business, finance, investment evaluation and entrepreneurship.

Strategic Debriefing / Interrogator (97E)

United States Army Intelligence Corp

September 1989 – March 1997 - Munich, Germany and Panama

Performed multi-language Human and Counterintelligence operations with tours in Europe and Latin America for significant historical events, such as the 1989 Berlin Wall, The Cuban Refugee Crisis and Counter Narcotics missions in Latin America during the 1990's War on Drugs. Performed various duties from Strategic Debriefing, Force Protection and Special Operations Missions with Special Operations Command US Army South. A two-time graduate of Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California.

Carpenter and Masonry Specialist

United States Army Reserve

August 1986 – August 1989 - Kankakee, IL

Member of an Army Reserve unit for heavy construction while attending college. Unit focused on road, bridge and other earth moving operations. Spent summer breaks on duty in Central America for Humanitarian Missions.

Education

- University of Illinois - M.S. Finance (1998): Specialized study in International Finance, Investment Banking, and Entrepreneurship.
- Nova Southeastern University - B.S. Management (1996): Studies in Organizational Behavior, Marketing, and Management.
- Defense Language Institute – Spanish (1993): Specialized in Spanish Language
- Defense Language Institute – German (1989): Specialized in German Language
- US Army Intelligence School – Interrogation (1989): Joint Interrogation Certification Course.
- Parkland College - A.A. Western Civilization (1987): Specialized in European History.

Points of Interest

- Fluent in Spanish
- Security Clearance
- Licensed Ship Broker with Northrop and Johnson
- Humanitarian Award for Cuban Refugee Crisis
- Bertram Yachts, Inc. Worldwide Salesman of the Year 2006 and 2011
- University of Illinois Alumni Representative for Republic of Panama
- Florida State University - Panama Campus (1998 - 2000) / Adjunct Professor - Finance and Entrepreneurship