

Senate Commerce Committee Nominee Questionnaire, 117th Congress

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

**Laura Gore Ross
Laura Constance Gore**

2. Position to which nominated:

Member, Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting

3. Date of Nomination: **January 11, 2022**

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

[REDACTED]

5. Date and Place of Birth: **May 21, 1946; Tulsa, Oklahoma**

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: James J. Ross, Retired.
Children: Elizabeth G. Ross, 45; David G. Ross, 41.**

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

**Barnard College, AB, 1968
George Washington School of Law, J.D. 1973**

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.

**U.S. Department of Justice (1968)
Office of Congressman Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (1969-1971)
Chief of Staff, N.Y. State Attorney General's Office (1987-1993)
Chief Counsel, New York State Senate (1994)**

9. Attach a copy of your resume. **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.

Alternate U.S. Representative to the 64th Session of the U.N. General Assembly (2009-2010)

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.

Director, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (2018-present)

Trustee, WNET, Public TV (2015-2018)

Director, Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City (2001-2013)

Trustee, Citizens Budget Committee (2009-2011)

Trustee, Turnaround for Children (2006-2010)

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 religious organization, private club, or other membership organization. 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 handicap.

Panelist, Federal Judicial Screening Panel, 2008-present

Member, East Hampton Tennis Club, 1972-2014

Member, National Finance Committee, Obama for America, 2012

National Chair, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, 2006-2008

To my knowledge, none of these organizations and clubs restrict membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or handicap.

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.

No.

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.

From 2006 to 2008, I served as National Chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. In 2012, I served on the National Finance Committee for Obama for America. Both of these positions were honorific.

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.

See Attached.

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

**Dean's List, Barnard College (1967-1968)
J.D. With Honors from George Washington University National School of Law (1974)**

17. Please list each book, article, column, or publication you have authored, individually or with others. 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.

Not Applicable.

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- LGRoss324, active
Facebook- Laura Ross, dormant**

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.

I have never testified orally or in writing before the United States Congress.

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?

I have served as a Trustee for more than a decade in public radio and in public television and believe I know the needs and value of public broadcasting first hand. Having served in the premiere public broadcasting arena, I recognize quality programming both in adult and children's education. Finally, having had more than three decades of experience in government across the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches as well as at the Federal, State, and Municipal levels, I am aware of the limitations of the role of government and the benefits it can bestow to individuals and communities.

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?

From 1987 to 1993, I was the Chief of Staff of the Attorney General's Office in New York State. Among other responsibilities, I managed an office of 1100 people at that time and oversaw 14 regional offices. I have served on the Audit and Finance Committee of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for the last 3 years and have always ensured that the Corporation has proper management and accounting controls.

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

(1) Supporting content relevant to today's young audiences to enhance learning outcomes;

(2) adhering to the goal of informing the public with news and information that is accurate, fair, and balanced to enlighten the civil discourse that is the hallmark of American society; and

(3) bolstering innovative use of multiple digital platforms to reach broader audiences.

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.

I have an IRA account with Morgan Stanley.

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.

Yes, I plan to maintain my affiliations with charitable and community organizations.

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. In connection with the nominations process, I have consulted with the Office of Government Ethics and the Corporation of Public Broadcasting's designated agency ethics official to identify any potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflicts of interest will be resolved in accordance with the terms of an ethics agreement that I have entered into with CPB's designated agency ethics official and that has been provided to this Committee. I am not aware of any potential conflicts of interest.

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.

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

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6. Describe any activity during the past ten years 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? If yes:

No.

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?

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

Laura Gore Ross 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.

Laura Gore Ross

Signature of Nominee

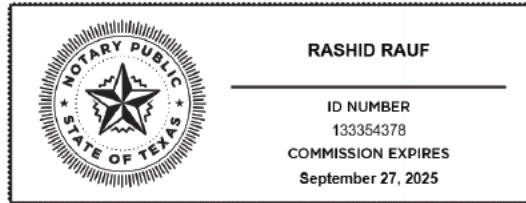
Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th day of January, 2022.

RASHID RAUF

Rashid Rauf

Notary Public

State of Texas
County of Bell



Notarized online using audio-video communication

Laura G. Ross



WORK EXPERIENCE

Private Investor Manage family investments over multiple asset classes including venture capital and public and private equities.	1968 - present
Public Delegate to the US Mission to the United Nations Represented the United States at the 64 th General Assembly.	2009 - 2010
New York State Senate, Chief Counsel	1994
New York State Attorney General's Office - Chief of Staff Managed New York's Department of Law employing 400 attorneys and 1000 support staff at 14 regional offices. Formulated policy, set strategy, and determined New York's role in multi-state appellate court proceedings.	1987 - 1993

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Member of the Board of Directors Vice-Chair of the Board	2018 - present 2019 - present
WNET, Public TV, Trustee (Channels 13, WLIW21, and NJTV)	2015 - present
Federal Judicial Screening Panel, Member Citizens Budget Committee, Member Turnaround for Children, Trustee Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, Director WNYC Public Radio, Trustee	2008 - present 2009 - 2011 2006 - 2010 2001 - 2013 1997 -2003
New York Association of New Americans, President Largest local refugee settlement agency in the United States.	1979 - 2001
Mount Sinai Hospital Institutional Review Board.	1993- 1994
Guild Hall, Trustee Cultural institution of East Hampton.	1992 - 1999
Horace Mann School, Trustee Association of the Bar of the City of New York Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Board Member	1984 - 1989 1979 - 2000 1997 - 1999

EDUCATION

George Washington University National Law Center, J.D. With Honors Also attended New York University School of Law. Admitted to practice in Eastern and Southern Districts and the United States Supreme Court.	1974
Barnard College, A.B. - Degree in Political Science.	1968

Laura G Ross
Schedule of Political Contributions
2011 through Present

Date	Recipient	Amount
1/22/2021	Friends of Schumer	\$5,600
7/9/2021	Elissa Slotkin	\$5,600
7/25/2021	Kirsten Gillibrand	\$1,000
3/17/2020	Hickenlooper For Colorado	\$5,600
1/15/2020	Scholten for Congress	\$250
8/26/2020	Our Future United	\$5,000
9/29/2020	Senate Majority PAC	\$100,000
8/4/2020	Nancy Goroff	\$1,000
8/26/2020	Phil Her	\$250
11/13/2020	New Yorkers for Donovan	\$500
5/27/2019	Win the Era PAC	\$1,800
4/17/2019	Win the Era PAC	\$1,000
6/17/2019	Theresa Greenfield for Iowa	\$5,600
6/24/2019	Biden for President	\$1,000
6/17/2019	Perry Gershon for Congress	\$2,800
6/26/2019	Cal for North Carolina	\$5,600
9/6/2019	Scholten for Congress	\$250
8/25/2019	Tom Malinowski for Congress	\$500
10/30/2019	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
11/7/2019	Elissa Slotkin for Congress	\$5,600
12/3/2019	MF for Texas	\$5,600
9/12/2018	Beto for Texas	\$1,000
3/16/2018	Perry Gershon for Congress	\$1,000
1/25/2018	Serve America Victory Fund	\$1,000
9/18/2018	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$2,500
5/30/2018	Menendez for Senate	\$1,000
4/20/2018	Scanlon for Congress	\$2,000
9/13/2018	Senate Marjority Pac	\$100,000
9/14/2018	O'Connor for Congress	\$1,300
10/31/2018	House Majority PAC	\$6,000
11/2/2018	Elissa Slotkin for Congress	\$400
2/17/2017	Angus King for U.S. Senate	\$1,000
5/3/2017	Jon Ossoff for Congress	\$2,700
3/31/2017	Jon Ossoff for Congress	\$1,000
3/3/2017	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
3/30/2017	Heidi for Senate	\$5,400
4/27/2017	McCaskill for Missouri	\$5,400
6/11/2017	Georgia Federal Elections Committee	\$2,000
6/11/2017	Montanans for Tester	\$5,000
6/11/2017	Donnelly for Indiana	\$5,000
7/31/2017	Eleanor's Legacy	\$500
10/27/2017	Deblasio 2017	\$2,000
9/28/2016	DSCC	14,900
9/28/2016	Missourians for Kander	\$5,400
9/28/2016	Deborah Ross for Senate	\$5,400
9/28/2016	Evan Bayh Committee	\$2,700
9/28/2016	Katie McGinty for Senate	\$2,700
9/30/2016	Van Hollen for Senate	\$5,400
9/28/2016	Kamala Harris for Senate	\$2,700
9/28/2016	Maggie for NH	\$2,700
9/28/2016	Tammy for Illinois	\$2,700
9/28/2016	Catherine Cortez Mastro for Senate	\$2,700
9/30/2016	Patty Judge for Iowa	\$5,400
9/15/2016	Friends of Anna Throne-Holst	\$1,000

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6/1/2016	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
3/27/2015	Strickland for Senate	\$5,400
5/29/2015	Friends of Schumer	\$5,400
4/24/2015	Hillary for America	\$2,700
6/22/2015	Tammy for Illinois	\$1,000
3/19/2015	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
3/5/2014	DNC Services Corporation/DNC	\$17,400
2/7/2014	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
5/16/2014	Alison for KY	\$4,200
6/30/2014	Nunn for Senate	\$2,600
9/11/2013	DNC Services Corporation/DNC	\$10,000
8/19/2013	Ready for Hillary PAC	\$25,000
5/1/2013	Sean Eldridge for Congress	\$5,200
1/24/2012	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
4/16/2012	Priorities USA	\$10,000
4/9/2012	Sean Patrick Maloney for Congress	\$2,500
4/30/2012	DNC Services Corporation/DNC	\$2,500
5/3/2012	Montanans for Tester	\$1,000
6/25/2012	DNC Services Corporation/DNC	\$28,300
6/29/2012	Colorado Democratic Party	\$792
6/29/2012	Iowa Democratic Party	\$360
6/29/2012	Nevada State Democratic Party	\$432
6/29/2012	Pennsylvania Dem Party	\$936
6/29/2012	NH Dem. Party	\$288
6/29/2012	Ohio Democratic Party	\$1,152
7/7/2012	Bridget Fleming for Congress	\$500
6/29/2012	Democratic Party of Wisconsin	\$432
7/16/2012	Joe Kearns Goodwin	\$500
9/27/2012	Donnelly for Indiana	\$2,500
8/24/2012	Kathy Hochul for Congress	\$1,000
9/30/2012	Democratic Executive Committee of Florida	\$1,224
9/30/2012	Democratic Party of Virginia	\$792
9/20/2012	Heidi for Senate	\$1,500
9/20/2012	Kaine for Virginia	\$2,500
9/20/2012	Friends of Chris Murphy	\$1,500
10/18/2012	Friends of Patrick Murphy	\$1,000
11/14/2012	Missouri Democratic State Committee	\$5,000
9/20/2012	Murphy Heitkamp Victory Committee	\$3,000
9/20/2012	Bob Casey for Senate	\$2,500
3/14/2011	Friends of Sherrod Brown	\$2,400
3/9/2011	Friends of Maria	\$2,400
1/6/2011	Tri State Maxed Out Women	\$1,000
4/20/2011	Obama for America	\$2,500
5/13/2011	Kathy Hochul for Congress	\$1,000
9/28/2011	McCaskill for Missouri	\$5,000
10/5/2011	Obama for America	\$2,500
10/5/2011	DNC Services Corporation/DNC	\$30,800
10/27/2011	Whitehouse for Senate	\$250
12/16/2011	Al Franken for Senate	\$1,000