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Governor-elect Kasich Names Senior Staff

COLUMBUS – Today Governor-elect John Kasich announced additional appointments to his staff. He previously named Beth Hansen to serve as Chief of Staff and Wayne Struble to serve as Director of Policy.

Matt Carle will serve as Director of Legislative Affairs where he will help develop the governor's policy agenda and secure its support in the General Assembly. Carle also will work with cabinet directors on legislative issues in state agencies. He previously served as the Director of Development and Community Relations for the Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) and worked as a real estate development and zoning lawyer. Carle has a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and a law degree from Capital University Law School. He lives with his wife, Janette, in Gahanna.

Jai Chabria will serve as Senior Advisor to the Governor. His duties include overseeing gubernatorial appointments and managing personnel for state agencies. Chabria also will work directly with the Ohio Department of Development as it transitions into JobsOhio. He previously worked at Schottenstein Property Group, in the Investment Banking Division at Lehman Brothers and later Barclays Capital. Chabria has a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and lives with his wife, Tammy, and daughter, Arya, in Powell.

Tracy Intihar will serve as Cabinet Secretary. Among her duties will be to work with directors of state agencies to help implement the governor's policy agenda and to advise them on agency-specific initiatives. Intihar previously served as president of her own communication and government affairs consulting firm, and as policy director in the Ohio House of Representatives for speakers Jo Ann Davidson and Larry Householder. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and lives with her husband, Steve, and their three children in Columbus.

Ben Kanzeg will serve as Deputy Director for Policy where he will help guide policy formulation, coordinate the governor's policy staff, and work with agency directors to implement the governor's policy agenda. Kanzeg served as Deputy Policy Director for Kasich/Taylor for Ohio and previously served as a policy and political aide to Kasich and U.S. Representative Pat Tiberi. He has a bachelor's degree from Cedarville University and lives in Columbus with his wife, Laura, and their daughters, Elizabeth and Jane.

Mike Grodhaus will serve as Chief Counsel where he will be responsible for leading the

governor's legal staff as well as the lawyers in each state agency. He has been in private practice for the last four years and previously served as First Assistant Attorney General in the Attorney General's Office, and as Chief Legal Counsel in the Auditor of State's Office. Grodhaus holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a law degree from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He lives with his wife and children in Dublin.

Mike Hartley will serve as Director of Public Liaison where he will oversee efforts to engage Ohioans in government. Hartley served as Deputy Campaign Manager for Kasich/Taylor for Ohio and previously served as Campaign Manager for Steve Stivers for Congress in 2008, as well as in leadership positions on other state and national campaigns over the past decade. He has a bachelor's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and lives with his wife Samantha and children in Circleville.

Scott Milburn will serve as Director of Communication where he will oversee communication strategy and planning and coordinate communication activities in state agencies. He served as Communication Director for Kasich/Taylor for Ohio and previously served in senior communication positions at the White House, for U.S. Senator George Voinovich and former Governor Bob Taft. He has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University.

Rob Nichols will serve as Press Secretary, where he will oversee media relations and coordinate media relations activities in state agencies. Nichols served as Press Secretary for Kasich/Taylor for Ohio and previously served as Press Secretary for former U.S. Representative Deborah Pryce. He has a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and lives in Upper Arlington with his wife and children.

Jeff Polesovsky will serve as Director of Boards and Commissions where he will advise the governor on appointments to policy-making and regulatory boards and commissions and oversee the appointment process. Polesovsky served as Political Director for Kasich/Taylor for Ohio and previously served as the Executive Director of Recharge Ohio. He has a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and lives with his wife Christina in Grandview Heights.

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