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## May 18, 2016

# DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE DINNER MEETING

DATE:	Thursday, May 19, 2016
LOCATION:	Pane Caldo
	111 East Chestnut Street
	Chicago, IL 60611
<b>EVENT TIME:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CST
YOUR TIME:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CST
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#### I. PURPOSE & FORMAT:

**YOU** will attend a dinner hosted by Sue Berghoef and Grace Tsao-Wu with long time DNC and President Obama supporters Steve Cohen, Molly Mahoney, Ken & Melissa Leet, Lucy & Matt Moog.

## PRESS PLAN: CLOSED PRESS

# II. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

6:30 PM	YOU arrive
6:32 PM	Dinner begins
8:00 PM	Dinner concludes and YOU depart

# III. HOST BIOGRAPHIES:



#### Susan Berghoef, Attorney, Self-Employed

Susan Berghoef is a self-employed attorney and political activist in Chicago, Illinois. Sue is an NFC member, and long-time supporter of President Obama. Sue hosted an event with President Obama at her home, in October of 2012, with world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Susan is an advisor for the Our Time group which is a nationwide non-profit organization that leverages online organizing, new media, and popular culture to enhance the political voice of young Americans.



# Grace Tsao-Wu, Business Owner, Self-Employed

Grace Tsao-Wu, Harvard Business School graduate, is the co-owner of Laudi Vidni, a custom-made hand bag boutique in Lincoln Park. Grace has been a part of the local Chicago business community for years. Most recently Grace sold her home furnishing business, Tabula Tua. As a member of the National Finance Committee, Grace has been an avid and consistent supporter of the President during and since the 2008 campaign; she plays an integral role in the core group of Chicago supporters. She is married to Craig Freedman, who maintains his family's furniture business, Freedman Seating. They have two children, Jackson and Camille.

## IV. ATTENDEE BIOGRAPHIES:



#### Steve Cohen, Attorney, Cohen Law Group

Mr. Cohen founded the Cohen Law Group, P.C., where he dedicated his practice to representing whistleblowers in *qui tam* cases. Mr. Cohen is now of counsel to Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Cohen serves on a variety of academic, non-profit and foundation boards, including the Mikva Challenge, the Center for Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, and the President's Counsel of Taxpayers Against Fraud. President Obama appointed Mr. Cohen to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, a federally funded independent agency that provides scholarships to students seeking professional careers in public service.

#### Ken Leet, President, The Pritzker Organization



Ken Leet is the President of the Pritzker Organization. Mr. Leet works closely with Tom Pritzker, the company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, overseeing investing activities and the long-term development of the business portfolio. Prior to his current position he has served in a number of roles, domestically and abroad. Ken served as a Managing Director at Granite Ridge LLP, as a President at Cerberus Capital Management's European unit, and was the Managing Director and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking for Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Bank of America Corp. Additionally, he served as a Treasury undersecretary for domestic finance at Goldman Sachs, where he was an 18 year veteran. He and his wife Melissa lived a number of years in London.

#### Melissa Leet, Homemaker, Self-employed

Melissa Leet is the wife of Ken Leet, she is a self-employed homemaker and a long time support of the DNC and was active in democratic politics while she and Ken lived in London.



# Lucy Moog, Candidate, 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward Committeeman

Lucy Moog is a longtime Democratic activist and a 20-year resident of Lincoln Park. She has led community outreach efforts on four presidential campaigns, as well as numerous gubernatorial and congressional races. She served as the District Director for the 5th Congressional District from 1997 to 2002. In 2007, she took a leadership role to help launch the critically acclaimed environmental advocacy campaign and public art project "Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet," which has since exhibited in 13 cities worldwide. Moog's personal Cool Globe creation was selected among myriad finalists to be displayed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

## Matt Moog, CEO, PowerReviews



Matt Moog is the CEO of PowerReviews which is the leading provider of customer review technology to more than 1,000 brands and retailers. Matt is also an active angel investor. He co-founded the FireStarter Fund in January 2012 with Brian Hand, Troy Henikoff, Sam Yagan and 40 other Chicago based technology entrepreneurs. Previously Matt served as the President & CEO of CoolSavings a publicly traded marketing services company that was founded in 1996, went public in 2000 and was taken private in 2005 at a valuation of \$220 million. Prior to CoolSavings, Matt worked for Microsoft for five years in business development helping to launch MSN in 1995.

## Molly Mahoney, President, Dona Amalia Vinters

Molly served as the Director of Galeria Amalia Mahoney, an art gallery in Chicago specializing in Latin American Art, from 1995 to 2001. She is a Steering Committee Member of the Women's Board at the Goodman Theatre of Chicago and the University of Chicago Women's Board. She is President of Friends of the St. Columbanus Food Pantry, and a member of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch, Arts Club of Chicago, and the Aspen Institute Society of Fellows. She was appointed by President Obama to serve on the board of trustees of the Kennedy Center in 2013. Molly received a B.A. from Loyola University Chicago. She is a longtime supporter of the President and the DNC. She lives in Chicago with her husband William.

