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Speaker-elect J.D. Mesnard Announces New Majority Staff Members for House Republicans

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Speaker-Elect of the House J.D. Mesnard today announced that he has had filled the following majority staff positions:

Matthew Specht will serve as Director of Communications. Specht formerly served as state director to Senator Jeff Flake and chief of staff, communications director, and legislative assistant to then-Representative Jeff Flake. He received his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.

Josh Kredit will serve as Senior Policy Advisor and General Counsel. Kredit previously served as general counsel and vice president of policy for the Center for Arizona Policy. He received both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from Arizona State University. Kredit also served as a majority staff intern in the Arizona Senate in 2008 where he worked under Speaker-elect Mesnard and Chief of Staff Michael Hunter.

Christine Martin will serve as Associate General Counsel. Martin comes to the House of Representatives from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, where she served as senior policy counsel. She has also served as deputy general counsel and law clerk at the National Republican Congressional Committee and counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Linsey Goodwin will serve as Assistant Policy Advisor. Goodwin formerly served as external affairs assistant at the Goldwater Institute and as a legislative intern in the office of Governor Doug Ducey. She received her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public policy from ASU as well.

Caleb Rhodes will serve as Assistant Policy Advisor. Rhodes has served as development associate for Americans for Prosperity and was a Ronald Reagan Policy Fellow at the Goldwater Institute. He received his bachelor degree from University of Arizona, where he was president of the College Republicans.

Today's announced hirings join Chief of Staff Michael Hunter and Deputy Chief of Staff Amilyn Pierce, whose appointments were announced last month. Gina Kash, Ryan Sullivan, and Justin Wilmeth, who served on House majority staff in the 52nd Legislature, will continue to serve as policy advisors under Speaker-elect Mesnard.

“The House’s ability to properly confront the challenges faced by Arizona will be made easier with the help of capable and conscientious staff members,” said Mesnard. **“I’m proud of the team that we’ve put together and confident in their ability to serve the House GOP Caucus and the State of Arizona with competence and diligence.”**

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