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#### PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. FULL NAME: Patrick Hovakimian

OTHER NAMES USED: N/A

2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: June 16, 1983; San Francisco, CA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

3. MARITAL STATUS: Single

4. SPOUSE'S NAME: N/A

5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: N/A

6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN: N/A

7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE RECEIVED	DATE OF DEGREE
Stanford Law School	2007-2010	Juris Doctor	2010
University of Oxford	2005-2007	Master of Philosophy	Requirements met in 2007, degree conferred in 2008
Washington Semester Program, American University	Spring 2004	N/A	N/A
Occidental College	2001-2005	Bachelor of Arts	2005

8. EMPLOYMENT RECORD (LIST ALL POSITIONS HELD SINCE COLLEGE, INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE. INDICATE NAME OF EMPLOYER, POSITION, TITLE OR DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT).

EMPLOYER	POSITION/TITLE	LOCATION	DATES
U.S. Department of Justice	Associate Deputy Attorney General	Washington, DC	5/2019-Present

Office of the Deputy Attorney General	Chief of Staff Director, Counter-Transnational Organized Crime		
U.S. Department of Justice Office of the	Associate Deputy Attorney General	Washington, DC	10/2018-5/2019
Deputy Attorney General	Director, Counter-Transnational Organized Crime		
U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of California	Assistant U.S. Attorney	San Diego, CA	7/2014-3/2019
U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Deputy Attorney General	Associate Deputy Attorney General	Washington, DC	7/2018-10/2018
U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Associate Attorney General	Deputy Associate Attorney Genera	l Washington, DC	1/2018-7/2018
U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Associate Attorney General	Senior Counsel to the Associate Attorney General	Washington, DC	5/2017-1/2018
Latham & Watkins LLP	Associate	Costa Mesa, CA	9/2012-7/2014
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit	Law Clerk	Atlanta, GA	8/2011-8/2012
Latham & Watkins LLP	Associate	Costa Mesa, CA	11/2010-7/2011
Professor George Fisher Stanford Law School	Research Assistant	Stanford, CA	3/2010-11/2010
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office	Law Clerk	San Jose, CA	9/2009-12/2009
Latham & Watkins LLP	Summer Associate	Los Angeles, CA	6/2009-7/2009
Latham & Watkins LLP	Summer Associate	Costa Mesa, CA	5/2009-6/2009
U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of California	Law Clerk	San Francisco, CA	5/2008-8/2008
Senator John McCain U.S. Senate	Intern	Washington, DC	6/2006-8/2006
Republican National Committee	Intern	Washington, DC	5/2005-8/2005

<sup>9.</sup> GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE (INDICATE EXPERIENCE IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, HONORARY, OR OTHER PART-TIME SERVICE OR POSITION. DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED IN QUESTION 8).

In addition to the positions listed in Question 8, I serve as a part-time Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, an independent federal agency which is administratively part of the U.S. Department of Justice. I began serving in this capacity in June 2018, upon nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate.

From March 2016 to May 2018, I served as a part-time, volunteer Commissioner of City of San Diego Human Relations Commission. I was appointed to this role by the Mayor of San Diego and confirmed to the position by the City Council.

10. INDICATE ANY SPECIALIZED INTELLIGENCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERTISE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED HAVING SERVED IN THE POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 8 AND/OR 9.

My various roles as a career civil servant at the Department of Justice have allowed me to build significant experience handling national security and intelligence-related matters. As Associate Deputy Attorney General and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Attorney General, I work closely with the FBI, DOJ's National Security and Criminal Divisions, as well as the U.S. Attorneys' offices in the investigation and prosecution of national security-related federal crimes. Often, these investigations and prosecutions implicate the activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community and involve receiving briefings from law enforcement agencies and our IC partners. Following counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and similar briefings, I work with DOJ leaders to collaborate with and provide strategic direction to these agencies. Serving as a principal advisor to DOJ leadership, I work with our national-security components and IC partners to develop strategies not only for various law-enforcement efforts, including investigations, prosecutions, and operations, but also for setting U.S. government-wide policy. Relatedly, I regularly work with DOJ components and advise DOJ leadership on matters pertaining to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and on interagency matters called by the National Security Council.

In addition, I have served as DOJ's Director of Counter-Transnational Organized Crime. In this capacity, I routinely interacted with the Intelligence Community, receiving briefings on counternarcotics efforts as well as country-specific and region-specific intelligence. Working closely with FBI and DEA, we developed law-enforcement operational plans and policy priorities to combat the national-security threats posed by transnational organized crime. Along with helping to set law enforcement priorities, I also represented DOJ in the interagency process and worked with Treasury (including the Office of Foreign Assets Control and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network), State, DOD, CIA, and ODNI, among other agencies, to effectuate a whole-of-government approach to fighting transnational crime. These counter-transnational crime efforts comprise a key national security priority and necessarily entail close collaboration with the Intelligence Community.

11. HONORS AND AWARDS (PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORARY DEGREES, MILITARY DECORATIONS, CIVILIAN SERVICE CITATIONS, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENT).

U.S. Attorney's "Getting it Done" Award, Southern District of California, 2016

Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California, 2013

Stanford Law Review, Distinguished Editor Award, 2009

Best Oral Advocate, Stanford Law School Criminal Prosecution Clinic, 2009

Stanford Law School Summer Public Interest Grant, 2008

Hilmer Oehlmann, Jr. Award for Legal Research and Writing, Stanford Law School, 2007

Marshall Scholarship (national award), 2005

Occidental College Politics Department Award, named Top Graduate, 2005

Mortar Board National Honor Society member, 2005

Truman Scholarship (national award), 2004

Phi Beta Kappa (elected as a junior), 2004

Lilly Endowment Grant, 2004

Dean's List, 2001-2005

## 12. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (LIST MEMBERSHIPS IN AND OFFICES HELD WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS IN ANY PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, FRATERNAL, BUSINESS, SCHOLARLY, CULTURAL, CHARITABLE, OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS).

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	OFFICE HELD	DATES (est.)
State Bar of California	Member	2010-Present
Stanford Alumni Association	Member	2010-Present
Association of Marshall Scholars	Member	2007-Present
Oxford Alumni Association	Member	2007-Present
Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy	Member	2007-Present
Truman Scholars Association	Member	2004-Present
City of San Diego Human Relations Commission	Member	2016-2018
Hon. William B. Enright Inn of Court	Member	2016-2017
Federal Bar Association, San Diego, California	Member	2015-2016
Lincoln Club of San Diego County	Member	2014-2016
San Diego County (CA) Bar Association	Member	2014-2016
Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Orange County (CA)	Member	2011, 2012-2014
Federal Bar Association, Orange County (CA)	Member	2011, 2012-2014
Orange County (CA) Bar Association	Member	2010-2011, 2012-2014
Hon. William A. Ingram Inn of Court	Member	2009-2010
Stanford Law Review	Member/Senior Editor	2008-2010

<sup>13.</sup> PUBLISHED WRITINGS AND SPEECHES (LIST THE TITLES, PUBLISHERS, BLOGS AND

PUBLICATION DATES OF ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES, REPORTS, OR OTHER PUBLISHED MATERIALS YOU HAVE AUTHORED. ALSO LIST ANY PUBLIC SPEECHES OR REMARKS YOU HAVE MADE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS FOR WHICH THERE IS A TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO). IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH REQUESTED PUBLICATION, TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO?

#### Remarks:

As a DOJ attorney, I participated in trainings for federal law enforcement officials, informal question-and-answer sessions as well as outreach efforts to students through, for example, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. In addition, as a campaign volunteer, over the years I have delivered informal remarks to various groups. I have searched my files to identify as many of these events as possible. I do not recall preparing text for these remarks. Instead, I spoke extemporaneously or otherwise referred to a PowerPoint presentation or perhaps an outline. To the extent that I have access to these PowerPoint presentations or outlines, if asked, I will provide them to the Committee.

March 29, 2019: Speaker, Education and Career Development-oriented Discussion with Baylor University Undergraduate Students, Washington, DC.

November 26, 2018: Speaker, Education and Career Development-oriented Discussion with Baylor University Undergraduate Students, Washington, DC.

October 30, 2018: Panelist, Discussion on Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas, hosted by American Enterprise Institute and the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, Washington, DC.

August 6, 2018: Speaker, Education and Career-Oriented Discussion with Summer Interns, Washington, DC.

February 2, 2018: Master of Ceremonies, United States Department of Justice Human Trafficking Summit, Washington, DC.

January 23, 2017: Panelist, Discussion with High School Seniors on Legal Careers and Service as a Federal Prosecutor, San Diego, CA.

May 26, 2016: Speaker, "Meet and Greet" Event Hosted by Point Loma Republican Women Federated Chapter of California Federation of Republican Women, San Diego, CA.

March 17, 2016: Speaker, Discussion with High School Students on Legal Careers and Service as a Federal Prosecutor, San Diego, CA.

December 2, 2015: Speaker, Training for U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents Regarding Liquid Methamphetamine and Fentanyl, San Diego, CA.

October 28, 2015: Speaker, Training for U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Officers Regarding Liquid Methamphetamine and Fentanyl, San Ysidro, CA.

October 27, 2015: Speaker, Training Session for U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents Regarding Liquid Methamphetamine and Fentanyl, El Centro, CA.

February 19, 2011: Speaker, Retirement Celebration for Dr. Larry T. Caldwell, Cecil H. and Louise Gamble Professor in Political Science, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

#### Publications:

As an undergraduate, I occasionally wrote news articles for the student newspaper, the Occidental Weekly, from about 2002 to about 2003. I do not have copies of these articles.

In addition, as a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States since 2018, I have signed many decisions rendered by the Commission involving claims made by U.S. nationals. The Commission's

decisions are published online and are available at https://www.justice.gov/fcsc/final-opinions-and-orders-5.

#### **PART B - QUALIFICATIONS**

14. QUALIFICATIONS (DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

My professional experiences have provided opportunities for me to develop the necessary judgment and experience to serve successfully as the General Counsel for ODNI. As set forth in my response to Question 10, I have extensive experience from my time in government, particularly at the Department of Justice. As a career attorney and a principal advisor to DOJ leadership, I advise the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General on oversight and management of law enforcement and national security matters. I work regularly with FBI, the National Security Division, the Criminal Division, and the U.S. Attorney community on significant national security-related matters, often in a highly time-sensitive context. Working under time pressure and in the context of many matters carrying wide-ranging implications, I frequently apply legal analysis to a diverse set of difficult circumstances.

In addition to regularly advising decision-makers, I have managed and directed a staff of approximately 25 attorneys as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. Working with these attorneys and with others in the leadership offices, we oversee the work of tens of thousands of attorneys and law enforcement agents across all of DOJ's national security, civil, criminal, policy, and law enforcement components. Providing strategic direction to these attorneys on both legal and policy matters as well as oversight of the litigation and investigations throughout DOJ prepares me well to similarly manage the activities of the Office of the General Counsel and interface with attorneys across the USIC, if I am confirmed to serve.

In addition to attorneys and staff at DOJ, I have also had the pleasure of working closely with career professionals throughout the federal government. Given the role ODNI plays in coordinating the USIC, my experiences in the interagency process prepare me well for service as General Counsel, if confirmed. My direct experience working with civil servants at all levels throughout the federal government also translates into a deep appreciation for the work these dedicated civil servants perform on a daily basis. If confirmed, I look forward to working collaboratively with these national security professionals – as I have done in my current and past roles – to better integrate and coordinate the functions of the federal government in this vitally important area.

#### PART C - POLITICAL AND FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS

15. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (LIST ANY MEMBERSHIPS OR OFFICES HELD IN OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR SERVICES RENDERED TO, ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ELECTION COMMITTEE, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, OR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS).

Member, Republican Party, 2001-Present (registered as a Republican upon turning 18 years of age)

Volunteer, George "Duf" Sundheim's U.S. Senate Campaign, 2016 (advised Mr. Sundheim during his campaign to serve as a U.S. Senator for California)

Member, Lincoln Club of San Diego County, 2014-2016 (paid membership dues of approximately \$750 per year)

Republican Party of Orange County, California, 2013 (contribution of approximately \$250)

Volunteer, Lawyers for Mitt Romney, 2012 (on standby for travel to Nevada on and around Election Day 2012)

16. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (FURNISH DETAILS OF ANY CANDIDACY FOR

**ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE).** 

None.

17. FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS

(NOTE: QUESTIONS 17A AND B ARE NOT LIMITED TO RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. QUESTIONS 17A, B, AND C DO NOT CALL FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE IF THE REPRESENTATION OR TRANSACTION WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.)

A. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REPRESENTED IN ANY CAPACITY (E.G. EMPLOYEE, ATTORNEY, OR POLITICAL/BUSINESS CONSULTANT), WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

No.

B. HAVE ANY OF YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S ASSOCIATES REPRESENTED, IN ANY CAPACITY, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

No.

C. DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY COMPENSATION FROM, OR BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ANY ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

D. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

18. DESCRIBE ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, OTHER THAN IN AN OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT CAPACITY, IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE ENGAGED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PASSAGE, DEFEAT, OR MODIFICATION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF FEDERAL LAW OR PUBLIC POLICY.

None. I have never been a registered lobbyist or engaged in lobbying activity.

#### PART D - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

19. DESCRIBE ANY EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, FINANCIAL TRANSACTION, INVESTMENT, ASSOCIATION, OR ACTIVITY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEALINGS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF A CLIENT), WHICH COULD CREATE, OR APPEAR TO CREATE, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED.

None. In the course of the nomination process, I have consulted with ODNI's Designated Ethics Official, who, in turn, consulted with the Office of Government Ethics to identify potential conflicts of interest. Any potential conflict of interest will be resolved consistent with the conflict of interest statutes, standards of conduct, and the terms of the Ethics Agreement that I have executed and which has been provided to the Committee.

20. DO YOU INTEND TO SEVER ALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYERS, FIRMS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND/OR PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE? IF NOT, PLEASEEXPLAIN.

Yes, if necessary. As a current federal employee, however, I do not believe I have any such business arrangements that would require severance. Instead, if confirmed, I intend to resign from the U.S. Department of Justice.

21. DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE OR PLAN TO MAKE, IF YOU ARE CONFIRMED, IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERANCE FROM YOUR CURRENT POSITION. PLEASE INCLUDE SEVERANCE PAY, PENSION RIGHTS, STOCK OPTIONS, DEFERRED INCOME ARRANGEMENTS, AND ANY AND ALL COMPENSATION THAT WILL OR MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE AS A RESULT OF YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

As a current federal employee, I have no outside business connections or arrangements to sever. As described in my OGE Form 278e, I anticipate keeping an old 401k plan sponsored by Latham & Watkins LLP, but there have been no contributions to that plan since 2014 and I do not anticipate any future contributions being made.

22. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS TO PURSUE OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, DURING YOUR SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

23. AS FAR AS CAN BE FORESEEN, STATE YOUR PLANS AFTER COMPLETING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. PLEASE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS. WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN, CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AFTER LEAVING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. IN PARTICULAR, DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR OPTIONS TO RETURN TO YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

I currently have no plans, agreements, understandings, or options with any employer concerning employment after leaving government service.

24. IF YOU ARE PRESENTLY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF SUCH SERVICE, HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM A PERSON OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT AN OFFER OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO EMPLOY YOUR SERVICES AFTER YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

25. IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? IF YES AND THE NATURE OF THIS EMPLOYMENT IS RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER, THE POSITION, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE POSITION HAS BEEN HELD. IF YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IS NOT RELATED TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, PLEASE SO STATE.

Not applicable; I am unmarried.

26. LIST BELOW ALL CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TOWARD WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS OR IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE HELD DIRECTORSHIPS OR OTHER POSITIONS OF TRUST DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

NAME OF ENTITY

POSITION

DATES HELD

SELF OR SPOUSE

None.

27. LIST ALL GIFTS EXCEEDING \$100 IN VALUE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, OR YOUR DEPENDENTS. (NOTE: GIFTS RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES AND GIFTS GIVEN TO YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT NEED NOT BE INCLUDED UNLESS THE GIFT WAS GIVEN WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUIESCENCE AND YOU HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THE GIFT WAS GIVEN BECAUSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL POSITION.)

While visiting Washington, DC, around March 2017, friends whom I have known since 2007, when I was a graduate student, took me to a concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and dinner afterwards. The same friends took me and a group of people to dinner in April 2018 and also in December 2018, both times in Washington, DC.

Occasionally during the past five years, friends from high school, college, or graduate school have invited me to sports events, mostly when I lived in California, if they had an extra ticket. Sometimes the value of those tickets and any associated meals exceeded \$100.

28. LIST ALL SECURITIES, REAL PROPERTY, PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS, OR OTHER INVESTMENTS OR RECEIVABLES WITH A CURRENT MARKET VALUE (OR, IF MARKET VALUE IS NOT ASCERTAINABLE, ESTIMATED CURRENT FAIR VALUE) IN EXCESS OF \$1,000. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE A OF THE DISCLOSURE FORMS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CURRENT VALUATIONS ARE USED.)

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY** 

**VALUE** 

**METHOD OF VALUATION** 

Please see my OGE Form 278e.

29. LIST ALL LOANS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS (INCLUDING ANY CONTINGENT LIABILITIES) IN EXCESS OF \$10,000. EXCLUDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS IT IS RENTED OUT, AND LOANS SECURED BY AUTOMOBILES, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OR APPLIANCES. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE C OF THE DISCLOSURE FORM OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AREALSO INCLUDED.)

Please see my OGE Form 278e.

30. ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE NOW IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE BEEN IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER BEEN REFUSED CREDIT OR HAD A LOAN APPLICATION DENIED? IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

31. LIST THE SPECIFIC SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF ALL INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING ALL SALARIES, FEES, DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, GIFTS, RENTS, ROYALTIES, PATENTS, HONORARIA, AND OTHER ITEMS EXCEEDING \$200. (COPIES OF U.S. INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THESE YEARS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED HERE, BUT THEIR SUBMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED.)

### INFORMATION REDACTED

32. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS?

Yes.

33. LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE FILE ANNUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.

For the past few years, I have filed annual income tax returns in California and Washington, DC. For the tax year ending on December 31, 2020, however, I anticipate only filing in Washington, DC.

34. HAVE YOUR FEDERAL OR STATE TAX RETURNS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN AUDIT, INVESTIGATION, OR INQUIRY AT ANY TIME? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

No.

35. IF YOU ARE AN ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE LIST ALL CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM YOU BILLED MORE THAN \$200 WORTH OF SERVICES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ALSO, LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE.

I am licensed to practice law in California. Since 2014, I have served as a full-time federal employee. I have therefore not billed more than \$200 worth of services during the past five years to any clients or customers.

36. DO YOU INTEND TO PLACE YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS AND THOSE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD IN A BLIND TRUST? IF YES, PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS. IF NO, DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR AVOIDING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

As a career employee of the U.S. Department of Justice for the previous nearly six years, I have ensured my financial holdings meet U.S. Government requirements, and I do not believe any current holding would present a conflict of interest. If confirmed, I will execute, and abide by, an agreement with the ODNI to avoid any conflict of interest under the applicable statues and regulations.

37. IF APPLICABLE, LIST THE LAST THREE YEARS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS YOU HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FILE WITH YOUR AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF THESE REPORTS?

2019 Annual Report, U.S. Department of Justice 2018 Annual Report, U.S. Department of Justice 2017 New Entrant Report, U.S. Department of Justice

Yes, if asked I will provide the Committee with a copy of these reports.

#### **PART E - ETHICAL MATTERS**

38. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OR CITED FOR A BREACH OF ETHICS OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY, OR BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT TO, ANY COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUP? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

39. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED, HELD, ARRESTED, OR CHARGED BY ANY FEDERAL. STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE, OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, OR NAMED AS A DEFENDANT OR OTHERWISE IN ANY INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH VIOLATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

When I was about 16 or 17 years old, a friend and I played a prank involving a giant gumball machine at a Blockbuster Video store. The local police department investigated the prank, concluding the investigation within, as I understand it, a matter of hours. No one was held, arrested, or charged.

40. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATION OTHER THAN A MINORTRAFFIC OFFENSE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

41. ARE YOU PRESENTLY OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PARTY IN INTEREST IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CIVIL LITIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

My former wife and I engaged in informal mediation, negotiated a settlement, and finalized our divorce without litigation. The settlement agreement was entered by the Orange County, California, Superior Court in June 2016.

42. HAVE YOU BEEN INTERVIEWED OR ASKED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AS A WITNESS OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL, OR STATE AGENCY PROCEEDING, GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

43. HAS ANY BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER BEEN A PARTY TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION RELEVANT TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. (WITH RESPECT TO A BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, YOU NEED ONLY CONSIDER PROCEEDINGS AND LITIGATION THAT OCCURRED WHILE YOU WERE AN OFFICER OF THATBUSINESS.)

No.

44. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No.

#### **PART F - SECURITY INFORMATION**

45. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR ANY REASON? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN INDETAIL.

No.

46. HAVE YOU BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

No.

47. HAVE YOU EVER REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION? IFYES.

No.

#### PART G - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

48. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE CONCEPT OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, CHARACTERIZE WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

Congressional oversight plays a vital role in the functioning of our system of government. Congressional oversight provides the American people, through their elected representatives, a channel through which to review and evaluate the operations and performance of the Executive Branch.

Specifically, with regard to the intelligence activities of the USIC, thorough and robust congressional oversight is of paramount importance. The USIC engages in activities critical to the national security of the United States and with implications on many of the other values – civil liberties, for example – that we as Americans rightly prize. As such, the elected representatives in Congress ought to have direct and thorough oversight of the USIC's intelligence activities and practices.

The ODNI General Counsel should work collaboratively with the intelligence committees of the Congress to facilitate robust and effective oversight. The General Counsel should engage with and address requests from the Congressional committees in a timely and comprehensive fashion. Requests should be addressed promptly, with extensive consultation with the career professionals who work within the Office of the General Counsel and the USIC at large. Applicable law also requires, in certain instances, congressional notification of significant intelligence activities. The General Counsel should work with ODNI leadership and staff to proactively communicate and notify the Congressional committees of such matters, as appropriate.

If confirmed as ODNI General Counsel, I will assist the Director in engaging with the Congressional intelligence committees to facilitate a collaborative process, which provides the committees with the information required by law, enabling the Congress to carry out effective oversight.

49. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Section 103C(d) of the National Security Act provides that "[t]he General Counsel shall perform such functions as the Director of National Intelligence may prescribe." If confirmed, I anticipate that my chief responsibility will be to provide the Director and other ODNI senior leadership with the legal advice needed to carry out their responsibilities in a lawful manner, particularly the responsibility under section 102A(f)(4) of the National Security Act to "ensure compliance with the Constitution and laws of the United States" by the Intelligence Community. If confirmed, I anticipate working closely with General Counsels of all elements of the Intelligence Community as well as General Counsels at Cabinet agencies to address interagency legal issues and other coordination issues that may arise.

I also anticipate that, if confirmed, I would serve as a key member of the Director's management team. My duties and function would include providing him not only with sound legal advice, but also with advice on a variety of policy and operational questions. Such a role would necessitate close coordination with other senior executives at ODNI, across the USIC, and indeed throughout the federal government. If confirmed, I would also assist the Director in responding to Congressional oversight, as discussed in my answer to Question 48.

In addition, if confirmed, I would make it a priority to promote collaboration and cooperation across the Intelligence

Community's legal offices. Consistent with and in furtherance of ODNI's intelligence-integration mission, the Office of General Counsel at ODNI is well positioned to contribute significantly to the overall effective functioning and coordination of the legal offices within the Intelligence Community.

Finally, as the chief legal officer for ODNI, the General Counsel has and ought to have a primary role in ensuring that ODNI operates and functions lawfully at all times, in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the United States. If I am confirmed to serve as General Counsel, ensuring such compliance would be of paramount importance.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

I, PATRICK HOVAKIMIAN, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

SIGNATURE OF PATRICK HOVAKIMIAN (Date)

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY

### TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

In connection with my nomination to be the General Counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, I hereby express my willingness to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

### SIGNATURE OF PATRICK HOVAKIMIAN

Signature