

## **Tackle your Schedule**

*Due in class on April 16*

You should use your legislative committees as your groups and decide, during the previous class session, on a time and place to meet for this assignment. Do NOT spend more than an hour completing this assignment, because you could just as easily let it go on for a half day. Lobbyists and Reporters in the simulation should meet within their own groups, too.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Once you are in your groups (committees, lobbyists, reporters), assign yourself one of the following roles:

1. Rep. Feinstein
2. Rep. Feinstein's Press Secretary
3. Rep. Feinstein's Scheduling Secretary
4. Rep. Feinstein's Legislative Director
5. Rep. Feinstein's Senior In-District Staff Person

Indicate "accepts" by circling or highlighting. Make explanatory notations on sheets or use extra paper if necessary. Be prepared to discuss your "accepts and regrets" in class. You may attend as many, or as few, events as you would like. You may accept or regret for political, personal, legislative, geographical, or other justifiable reasons.

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### **STATE OF CAMBRIDGE PROFILE OF REPRESENTATIVE**

**NAME:**            **Jessica Feinstein**  
**PARTY:**           **Republican**

**DISTRICT:** 1ST (includes Gotham City, population 187,000, Bonnyville, 70,000, parts of Boyne and Midland Counties)

The First District is in many ways a microcosm of the State of Cambridge: it is mixed economically, ethnically, and politically. In the east, Gotham serves as a retail, marketing, shipping and insurance center. Bonnyville, once a hub of river and rail transportation in the west, has only recently begun the transition to high technology industry, aided in no small part by the presence of Cambridge Technological University. Outlying areas produce crops for both the urban areas of Cambridge and adjacent states, relying heavily on government programs for both agriculture and shipping. Gotham is 135 miles southwest of Capital City, the state capital of Cambridge.

The First district has evolved from a Democratic stronghold into a competitive two-party district. Clinton carried the district in 1992 and 1996, but just barely, and Perot polled higher than most observers expected. In the 2000 election, it marginally favored George W. Bush over Vice President Al Gore, and the district went for President Bush by a wider margin in 2004. The First is one of the less affluent districts in Cambridge, having suffered from both the tightening of farm credit, and the closure of Decker Air Force Base in recent years, as well as severe job competition between long-time residents and an influx of Asian and Latino laborers.

The population breakdown in the district is as follows: Total: 664,540, an 8% increase since 1990; White: 60%; African-American: 13%; Latino: 17%; Asian: 10%.

**THE MEMBER:** Rep. Feinstein fits the mold of the liberal Cambridge Republican who draws a hard line on foreign policy but manages to stay on the left wing of the party on domestic issues. Feinstein was an early starter in politics: elected Midland County district attorney while still in law school, Feinstein subsequently gained a reputation as a hard-as-nails crime fighter. Feinstein then went on to serve two terms as state senator before losing a hotly contested election to an unreconstructed liberal who tagged Feinstein as

a "hot head without a heart." The lesson was not lost on the 34-year old lawyer, who took a job with an old guard Gotham firm, providing an opportunity to maintain relations with middle and upper class interests while also performing many hours of pro-bono lawyering for interest groups representing the disadvantaged. By 2006 Feinstein was ready to run against Ivan Barron, president of the local United Farm Workers (UFW) union. Barron's charismatic persona and strong grassroots organizing experience helped him win strong support with voters early on, especially in the minority communities. The election was characterized by constant attacks by Feinstein against Barron. In a local televised debate Feinstein called Barron a "liberal extremist with a narrow agenda." Despite these attacks Barron and his campaign manager Rich Cooper orchestrated a strong effort to try to defeat Feinstein by gaining the support of the growing Latino and Asian voters. A backlash developed in more conservative segments of the district as Barron's supporters came to be defined by one overarching issue: immigration reform. Feinstein did not campaign against immigration per se, but surrogates for his campaign did, and the additional turnout proved crucial. Feinstein also outspent Barron 4 to 1 and launched a massive advertising campaign on the last two weeks of the election. Her tactic worked, and Feinstein won by less than one percent of the vote, making her one of the most vulnerable freshmen in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**COMMITTEES:**

Agriculture (20th of 24 Republicans)  
 Education and Labor (15th of 19 Republicans)  
 Select Committee on Immigration

**ELECTIONS:**

2006: Feinstein (R)...58,754 (51%)                      Barron (D)...57,965 (49%)

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE:**

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>PAC \$</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Feinstein	\$1,790,482	\$120,675	\$1,888,492
Barron	\$ 422,083	\$25,972	\$ 420,084

**KEY VOTES:**

Strengthen fair housing laws	No
Implement hospital cost control	No
Merit pay for teachers	No
Bilingual education	Yes
Balanced budget amendment	Yes
Repeal 100,000 new cops pledge	No

**INTEREST GROUP RATINGS:** (100=highest approval)

Americans for Democratic Action	40
Americans for Constitutional Action	41
AFL-CIO	25
Chamber of Commerce of the US	85
American Federation of Teachers	80

**PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

**1. Travel Times**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MODE</b>
Washington, DC	Gotham City	2 hrs	Air*
Gotham City	Capital City	2.5 hrs	Car
		5 hrs	Air**
Gotham City	Bonnyville	1 hr.	Car
Bonnyville	Capital City	3 hrs	Car

\* Shuttles leave both cities every hour on the hour

\*\* One flight daily: leave Gotham 8:00 AM, arrive Capital City 8:30 AM leave Capital City 8:00 PM, arrive Gotham 8:30 PM

2. Assume travel time **BETWEEN** events and places in the **SAME** city to be 15 minutes.

3. Feinstein's staff is evenly divided between DC and the district.

### INVITATIONS AND SCHEDULING OPTIONS FOR April 15 – April 21

**NOTE TO TEAM:** As you know, we have been having more than our share of tension over scheduling issues in this office as of late.

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	TIME
<b>April 15, Sunday</b>		
<b>MORNING</b>		
"This Week in Cambridge"	Radio interview, Capital City	8-8:30
Gotham City 10K	Fire starting gun for race	8-8:15
Rally for Darfur Divestiture	At Cambridge Tech - remarks only	8-9:00
Convocation, Cambridge Tech	Five minute speech to students	10-11:00
Boyne Natural Resources Trust	Pie-eating contest, NRT Fundraiser	9-11:00
Republican Caucus Brunch	At the Capitol Building, DC	9-11:00
<b>AFTERNOON</b>		
Girl Scouts Bloodmobile	Give blood; Boyne businesses sponsor	12-3:00
Boyne County Fair	Judge livestock; farm groups sponsor	1-3:00
House Demo-Rep Softball	Annual Congressional game, DC	2-4:00
Gotham High vs. Central	High school game; give halftime award	1-3:00
Chinese Arts Fair	Displays and lunch in Gotham City	2-6:00
Taping for NBC nightly news	on Immigration Reform, to be seen next week	3-4:00
<b>EVENING</b>		
Friends of John Boehner	Political dinner (est. 250 people), DC	7:30-?
Midland Co. Town Meeting	Agenda includes school issues - Midland	7-9:00
Reception for Robert Blackwill	Hosted by William Kristol, Capital City	6-8:00
Daughters of the American Rev.	Dinner (est. 150 people) Gotham	7:30-?
Local 239 (Mill workers)	Dinner (est. 200 people) Gotham	7-?
Asian Women Task Force (AWTF)	Fundraising dinner for victims of domestic violence (est. 200+ people)	7-?
<b>April 16, Monday</b>		
<b>MORNING</b>		
House in Session		8:30-11
Committee on Agriculture	Hearing on import restrictions	9-11:00
Committee on Education	Markup of student loan bill	9-11:00
Meeting w/Minority Leader	Discuss highway project	9-9:30
Cambridge Farmers	Visit to Washington	9-10:00
School Visits:	Gotham High Government class	?
	Close-Up Foundation Interns	?
	Mamie Marcuss (thesis interview)	?
State District Attorneys	In DC for National Conference	9:30-10
<b>LUNCH</b>		
Alumni Lunch	Gotham Law School alumni lunch event	12-?

**AFTERNOON**

House in session		1:30-4
Committee on Agriculture	Hearings continue	2-4:00
Committee on Education	Recess	
Armed Services	Hearing on Base Closures	1-3:00
To be scheduled:	Fred Johnston (AFL-CIO)	
	Norman Ornstein (AEI Scholar)	
	Alice West (Cambridge Ledger-Star)	
	Staff Meeting	

**EVENING**

Pro-Arts Consortium	Symposium on Arts, Gotham City	6-9:00
Knights of Columbus	Present award, Bonnyville	7-10:00
Rape Crisis Telethon	Public TV pitch, DC	7-7:30
Decker Base Land Use	Meeting with Abutting Property Owners	7-10:00
Rep. L. M. Ortega (R)	Dinner party in home, DC	7-9:00
IOP Forum, Cambridge Tech	Debate Democratic rep. on farm aid	8-10:00

**April 17, Tuesday****MORNING:**

House in Session		8:30-11
Deliver Speech on Farm Price Parity		10-?
Committee on Agriculture	Testimony of Sec. of Agriculture	10-Noon
Committee on Education	Hearing on Schools for Handicapped	10-Noon
Select Immigration	Testimony of local enforcement officers	9-11:00
Republican Caucus	Breakfast	7:30-8:30
To be scheduled in DC:	Hestins family	
	Ruth Pyle (your insurance agent)	
	Sgt. Alan Davies (wounded in the Gulf)	
	Kim Lee-Ok (won civic award)	
	Col. Wm. Allen (about Decker AFB)	

**LUNCH**

Free

**AFTERNOON**

Committee on Agriculture	Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, and Rural Dev.	
	Hearing on farm credit	1-4:00
To be scheduled in DC:	Boy Scouts of Bonnyville	
	Senator Kennedy	
	Scott Pelley ( <i>60 Minutes</i> , RE: AFB)	12:45

**EVENING**

U.S. Department of Education	Annual conference on education, DC	6-10:00
Cambridge Disadvantaged Citizens	Annual benefit dinner, Capitol City	7-9:00
Boyne Computer Co-op	Ribbon cutting	6-7:00
Anti-Defamation League	Dinner, Gotham City	8-11:00
Gotham Parents Night	Teacher Conference for son Joey	7-7:30
U.S. Nurses Association	Screening of educational film, DC	5:30-7:00
Chinese Heritage Society	Dinner/entertainment, DC	7-11:00
Key note speaker	Young Republican Leaders, DC	8.30 - ?
	(Dinner begins at 7.30pm)	

**April 18, Wednesday****MORNING**

President's Breakfast	at the White House	7:30-9:00
House in Session		8:30-11
Committee on Agriculture	Secretary of Agriculture (cont'd)	9-11:00
Committee on Education	Title IX Compliance Hearings	9-11:00

**LUNCH**

Staff Meeting	Discuss trips home	
Cambridge Merchants' Assoc.	Annual national meeting in DC	
Professor William Fortune (Gotham University)	in DC for Senate hearing on Immigration Reform	

**AFTERNOON**

House in session		1-5:00
	Rep. Ortega will speak on farm crisis	2-2:30
Committee on Agriculture	Hearing on interstate shipping	2-5:00
Committee on Education	Under secretary for Plans	1-4:00
To be scheduled in DC:	Mariette Marshall (Gotham Ballet)	
	Mtg. w/UnderSec. of the Air Force	
To be scheduled in Gotham:	State Senator Reed (Bonnyville)	
	Mayor Ellen Gibbs (Midland)	
	Gotham Free Press (interview)	

**EVENING**

US Dept. of Education	Annual Conference on Education (cont'd)	6-10:00
Comm. for School Desegregation	Panel: Role of State Gov't in Deseg., DC	8-10:00
Small Business Association	Speech: Business-Gov't Cooperation, DC	7-?
Hardball with Chris Matthews	TV, likely topic enforcing immigration law, DC	7-8
US Citizenship Ceremony	250 Cambridge immigrants sworn by judge	6-8:00
Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Ball	500 guests, DC	8-?
Fred Johnston Dinner	Head of Gotham Business Council (in his home)	7-?
Public Policy Institute	Dinner with representatives	8-?

**April 19, Thursday****HOUSE IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY****THURS AND FRIDAY STAFF CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR DC OR GOTHAM?****AFTERNOON**

Reserved for Family Time ????

**EVENING**

Camb Tech Alumni Fundraiser	Give remarks	5-6:00
US Dept. of Education	Annual conference on Ed, (concludes)	6-10:00
States Rights League	Answer questions, DC	6-7:30
Statehouse Reception	For newly-elected legislators, Capitol City	6-8:00
Cambridge Student Gov't	Speech on financial aid	6-7:30
Bonnyville H.S. Science Fair	Give out awards	7-8:00
Elks Club Cornbeef Dinner	Bonnyville area lodges (est. 100 people)	7-8:30
Main Street Carnival	Irish district celebration, Gotham	5-11:00

**SApril 20, Friday****MORNING**

Latino United Breakfast event	Hosted by group headquarter in Bonnyville	9-10.00
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FEMA Reform Breakfast in DC      Hosted by World Wild Life Fund + Sierra Club      9-?

**EVENING**

New England Congressional Caucus Dinner is scheduled for November election      6-?  
Hurricane Fran Relief Fund      Fundraising drive, DC      6-8:00  
Bonnyville Town Meeting      Agenda includes farm loan guarantees      6-8:00  
"One-on-One"      TV news magazine, Gotham      5:30-6:00  
"Death of A Salesman"      Opening at Gotham Theater      8-11:00  
Jean Feinstein Party      Your niece's debutante ball, Gotham      7:30-?

**April 21, Saturday**

**MORNING**

Opening of Tobacco Mfg.      New plant in Gotham, employs 500      9-10:00  
Blueberry Festival Parade      Serve as Grand Marshal, speak, Bonnyville      9-11:00  
Diabetes Walk-a-thon      W/Rep. Ortega, lead march in DC      8-9:00  
Open House in District      Speak to constituents in offices      9-Noon  
Chamber of Commerce Breakfast      With local business leaders, Bonnyville      7-8:30  
Federal Express Tour      Shipper may use Wright AFB facility      9-10:00  
Cambridge Senior Citizens      Visit to DC (ext. 100 people)      10-11:00  
Rep. Robert Livingston golf game      At Burning Tree Club, DC      7-10:00

**AFTERNOON**

Cambridge Tech vs. UCLA      Basketball game (sit w/Tech president)      1-4:00  
Gotham Firefighters      Display of new equipment, Gotham High      12-2:00  
Hispanic Community Leaders      Lunch, Gotham City      12-1:30  
Pattie O'Harin Foundation      Attend reception, view documentary, DC      1-3:00  
Tour of East Gotham      View depressed area with local leaders      1-3:00  
Gotham Police Department      Citizen ride-along through high crime areas      1-4:00  
Cambridge Electric Co.      Hearing: nuclear power plant for Gotham      2-4:00  
Joey Feinstein Birthday Party      Your son will be 7  
*Face The Nation*      TV interview: Parity and Protectionism      12-1:00

**EVENING**

MADD Escort Van      Ride w/volunteers in Gotham      9-2 AM  
Carl Thomas Dinner      At home, personal friend's dinner party      8- ?  
Chen Wedding      Son of Oriental community leader weds      6-7:00  
Governor's Mansion Dinner      In honor of Masport's Peter Blute      7-?  
Boyne County Fair      Closing events, thank participants      7-9:00  
Mary Lee Dinner      At home of Gotham socialite      8-?  
Press Club Dinner      With members of national media, DC      7:30-?  
Cambridge Veteran's Club      Dinner event hosted by local veterans for the family members of local soldiers serving in Iraq      7.30-?