

America250Alaska Special Session

Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom



In May 2022, Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom became the 15th Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alaska. As Lt. Governor, Dahlstrom chairs the Alaska Historical Commission, which, through Administrative Order, Governor Dunleavy directed to serve as the official state entity for the America250.

[Alaska Historical Commission](#)

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski



On April 19, 2024, the Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska was appointed to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. The Commission was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Appointed by both parties' House and Senate leadership, the nonpartisan Commission comprises 16 private citizens, 4 U.S. Representatives, and 4 Senators, as well as 12 ex-officio members from

all three branches of the federal government and its independent agencies.

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Julie Fate Sullivan



The wife of Honorable Senator Dan Sullivan, Julie Fate Sullivan, was born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska. After graduating from Harvard University in 1987, she went into journalism and communications, working as a press aide to Senator Ted Stevens, a daily reporter for The Los Angeles Times, and more recently, a writer for First Alaskans Magazine.

Since 2015, Julie has immersed herself in issues involving youth homelessness and human trafficking. She is currently Vice Chair of the Board for Covenant House Alaska, the state's largest shelter for trafficked and homeless youth ages 13-24. She is also a founding Board Member of the Alaska Native Media Group, whose mission is to encourage and promote

Alaska Natives in media and journalism. As a proud Doyon shareholder and Koyukon Athabaskan, Julie also serves as a Board of Trustee for the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC. Julie and her husband, U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, have three grown daughters.

Special Speaker Rosie Rios, Introduced by Julie Sullivan, wife of U.S.



Senator Dan Sullivan

Rosie Rios is the CEO of Red River Associates, an investment management consulting firm, and a co-host of several reality series focused on pre-IPO investments. She was appointed by President Joe Biden as Chair of [America250](#), the United States Congressional Commission planning the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. She served as the 43rd Treasurer of the United States and was the CEO of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the U.S. Mint, including Fort Knox, with oversight over 4,000 employees and a \$5 billion budget. She also initiated and led the efforts to place a portrait of a woman on U.S. currency for the first time in over a century. Following her tenure, she was appointed as a Visiting

Scholar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, focusing on Millennials and Post-Millennials.

Rosie's career has focused on real estate finance, economic development, and urban revitalization in both the public and private sectors. Prior to her presidential appointment in Treasury, she was Managing Director of Investments for MacFarlane Partners, a \$22 billion real estate investment management firm based in San Francisco. She is a graduate of Harvard University and was selected as the first Latina in Harvard's 388-year history to have a portrait commissioned in her honor. The portrait was unveiled in Winthrop House in 2019. She currently serves on the board of American Family Insurance, Ripple Labs, Inc., and Fidelity Charitable Trust and was previously a board member for the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association (ACERA) before her time in the Obama Administration. Her passion includes serving as Founder and CEO of [EMPOWERMENT 2026](#), an initiative that facilitates the physical recognition of historical American women in classrooms and public spaces across the country. Rosie is a Council on Foreign Relations member and was honored as one of USA Today's Women of the Century. Most recently, Rosie served on the Treasury Transition Team on behalf of President Joe Biden.



Laura Terech, Executive Director, Arizona America250 Commission

Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes appointed former representative and public school teacher Laura Terech to serve as Executive Director of the Arizona America250

Commission in the summer of 2024. Arizona entered the national celebration after an Arizona student won a coveted *America's Field Trip*, a nationwide scholastic contest designed to engage youth in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Laura will share with the Alaska Historical Commission additional ways in which Arizona's Commission is engaging the America250.