

Who Might Clinton Select as Running Mate?

Clinton's Potential Vice Presidential Nominees (1)



Julián Castro

*Federal Housing Secretary
Former Mayor of San Antonio*

- **Pros:** He is one of the most high profile Democrats, and Hispanics will be a key electorate in the fall.
- **Cons:** Castro is young and has relatively little experience. Trump's poor polling with Latinos also indicates his help cementing their vote is no longer necessary.



Tim Kaine

Senator From Virginia

- **Pros:** Kaine is from a swing state and speaks fluent Spanish. He supports constrained presidential authority to use military force, which could temper Clinton's reputation as a hawk.
- **Cons:** Kaine might be too moderate for the base, and too obvious to make a splash. His support for trade deals could hurt the ticket. Pro-Life.



Elizabeth Warren

Senator From Massachusetts

- **Pros:** Warren is a superstar among progressives and could bring that enthusiasm to Clinton's base.
- **Cons:** Warren is left of Clinton, may not be interested in the post, and could overshadow Clinton.



Tom Perez

Secretary of Labor

- **Pros:** Like Castro, Perez could help with Hispanic voters and immigrants, and he is well-regarded by liberals.
- **Cons:** Perez is not a high-profile cabinet member and lacks experience.



John Hickenlooper

Governor of Colorado

- **Pros:** Hickenlooper is a close friend of Clinton. He could help in the Midwest, especially in swing-state, Colorado.
- **Cons:** Hickenlooper has said he will not leave Colorado. His outsider mentality might be a liability in the general election.



Sherrod Brown

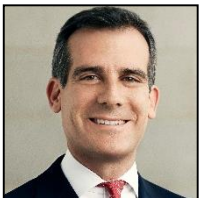
Senator From Ohio

- **Pros:** Brown could help Clinton win Ohio in the general election, a key swing state. He also has strong populist appeal which might appease Sanders supporters and drum up liberal enthusiasm.
- **Cons:** If Brown becomes Vice President, a GOP governor would fill his Senate seat, badly hurting the Democrats chances of capturing the Senate.

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Eric Garcetti

Mayor of Los Angeles

- **Pros:** Garcetti is part-Mexican American and Jewish. He has credential as a progressive, signing a \$15 minimum wage into law.
- **Cons:** Garcetti is anonymous nationally.



Xavier Becerra

Representative from California

- **Pros:** Becerra has spent 24 years in the US House and is chair of the House Democratic Conference. He is the first in his family to go to college and is a Sanders-like progressive loyal to Clinton.
- **Cons:** Becerra pushed Bill Clinton to commute the sentence of a cocaine trafficker after the criminal's father donated to Becerra. He also had a disastrous campaign for mayor of LA, where he ended up with 6% of the vote.



Tom Vilsack

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

- **Pros:** Vilsack is a close friend of Clinton. He has extensive executive and lawmaking experience, having served as a state senator and governor of Iowa. He can help win the white rural vote and is praised for his success at the USDA.
- **Cons:** He does not appeal to minority voters and no foreign policy experience.



Tim Ryan

Representative from Ohio

- **Pros:** Ryan is young and well qualified, with 14 years in the House from a swing state. He is an economic populist like Sanders, and he is very charismatic.
- **Cons:** Ryan used to be opposed to abortion. He also was a protégé of Rep. Jim Traficant (D-OH), a corrupt politician with ties to the mafia. Ryan has fallen out with Traficant since the corruption charges.



James Stavridis

Former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO

- **Pros:** He could bolster the ticket's foreign policy credentials. Being very different from others mentioned, his pick would make a splash.
- **Cons:** Military credentials are unlikely to draw in progressives and could contribute to Clinton's reputation as hawkish.



Cory Booker

Senator From New Jersey

- **Pros:** Booker is a rising star in the party who actively campaigned on Clinton's behalf. He appeals to younger voters and would add diversity to the ticket.
- **Cons:** Booker is inexperienced and does not come from a swing state. Leaves Christie to fill senate seat.

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