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Jill Biden's "Chief of Staff" Helped Sell Citizenship in Visa Scheme

Julisssa Reynoso, who has been tapped to serve as the chief of staff to Jill Biden should she become the First Lady in January, is an advisory board member for a firm that sells American citizenship by means of the EB5 visa program.

As [reported by The National Pulse](#), Reynoso is [listed](#) on the Advisory Board of EB5 Visa Funds, where her previous positions of U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central American, Caribbean and Cuban Affairs in the Obama administration are prominently displayed.



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In her [bio](#) with her current employer, the law firm Winston & Strawn, Reynoso neglects to mention her visa work. The bio does, however, mention her work as a Soros Fellow for New Americans, a program which hands almost \$100,000 to a handful of immigrants each year.

Per her own [biography](#):

Julissa has extensive policy and legal experience, engaging both as a lawyer in private practice and as a senior diplomat on behalf of the United States Government. Julissa Reynoso is the former United States Ambassador to Uruguay. Julissa also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central American, Caribbean and Cuban Affairs in the US Department of State.

The homepage of EB5 Visa Funds states that the firm can [secure](#) "your path to u.s. citizenship through profitable investment."

The firm also brags about having "program advantages to securing Green Cards" like ensuring the investor "does not have to be continuously present in the U.S., and can maintain business and professional relations in their own country" and that there are "no requirements regarding age, business experience or language skills":

There are no requirements regarding age, business experience or language skills.

The program does not require investors to manage their investment on a daily basis.

As a limited partner, an investor is free to pursue other professional or personal ventures.

An investor does not have to be continuously present in the U.S., and can maintain business and professional relations in their own country.

An investor does not have to live in the city or state where their EB-5 investment is located.



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The phone number on the page sends callers to General American Capital Partners, a Florida private equity firm founded by Joseph DaGrosa Jr. and David Neithardt. DeGrosa, along with ex Democratic Mayor of Miami Manny Diaz, is listed on the firm's advisory board and he has an EB5 Visa [corporation](#) registered under his name.

The National Pulse notes about the EB5 Visa program:

The EB5 Visa program has been slammed by conservative critics as having “long been plagued by scandal and fraud, and has been criticized as effectively functioning as a pay-for-citizenship scheme in many cases.” Even Democratic Senators have sponsored legislation to end the visa type, with Senator Dianne Feinstein calling it “inherently flawed.”

“It says that U.S. citizenship is for sale. It is wrong to have a special pathway to citizenship for the wealthy while millions wait in line for visas,” the California Democrat added.

A Florida-based businessman pleaded guilty to a “plan to build a biotechnology plant in Newport, Vermont, using millions raised through the EB-5 visa program.”

Another flag with the program is how the overwhelming majority - over 80 percent - of visas go to Chinese nationals - often with ties to the Chinese Communist Party.

Representatives Jim Jordan and Guy Reschenthaler of the House Judiciary Committee have [noted](#) that “Although the EB-5 program's goal of stimulating capital investment and job creation in the United States is laudable, it has become clear in recent years that the CCP may be abusing the program to gain access to U.S. permanent residency for their members.”

Joe Biden has vowed to unravel President Trump's America First immigration platform if he becomes president, peeling back restrictions on visas. This has won Biden [the support of Silicon Valley](#), which looks forward to the prospect of more cheap labor under a Biden administration.

It's no wonder that a symbiotic relationship exists between Big Tech and the Biden campaign; while the top social media platforms censor right-wing voices and proclaim Biden the winner, he is [preparing](#) to line his anticipated administration with Silicon Valley insiders.

It's a win-win for the two parties. But it's the American people that lose.



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