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Updated April 9, 2021

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks <i>Tom Bené, President & CEO, National Restaurant Association</i> <i>Lance Trenary, President & CEO, Golden Corral Corporation</i> <i>Chair, 2021 National Restaurant Association Public Affairs Conference</i>
11:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	Keynote Session The Honorable Rahm Emanuel , 55 th Mayor of Chicago, White House Chief of Staff to President Barack Obama, Member of Congress (D-IL)
12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Issues for Action: Restaurant Industry Recovery and Washington, D.C. <i>Dan Roehl, VP, Federal Government Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i> <i>Sean Kennedy, EVP, Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i>
12:40 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.	The View from City Hall: How Local Leaders Are Helping Restaurants Recover <i>Mayor Nan Whaley, Dayton, OH</i> <i>Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston, TX</i> <i>Mayor Buddy Dyer, Orlando, FL</i> <i>Mike Whatley, VP, State Affairs & Grassroots Advocacy, National Restaurant Association</i>
1:05 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Seeking Unity: Conversations on Finding Bipartisan Solutions <i>Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)</i> <i>Sean Kennedy, EVP, Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i>
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Issues for Action: Minimum Wage and Preservation of the Tip Credit <i>Matt Walker, VP, Federal Government Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i> <i>Mike Whatley, VP, State Affairs & Grassroots Advocacy, National Restaurant Association</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Seeking Unity: Conversations on Finding Bipartisan Solutions <i>Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01)</i> <i>Dan Roehl, VP, Federal Government Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i>
	Break
2:35 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Politics After an Election: What's Next? Dana Perino , Co-Author of Fox News "America's Newsroom," Author, Former White House Press Secretary
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	A Closer Look: Explaining the Restaurant Revitalization Grant Program <i>Aaron Frazier, Director of Healthcare and Tax Policy, National Restaurant Association</i>
3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	BMI Presents: Sam Harris of X Ambassadors <i>Live Q&A and Performance</i>
4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Seeking Unity: Conversations on Finding Bipartisan Solutions <i>Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)</i> <i>Sean Kennedy, EVP, Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i>
4:20 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.	Issues for Action: Immigration Reform and the Restaurant Industry <i>Shannon Meade, VP, Public Policy & Legal Advocacy, National Restaurant Association</i> <i>Sean Kennedy, EVP, Public Affairs, National Restaurant Association</i>
4:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Restaurants on the Other Side: A Look at Post-Pandemic Industry Trends <i>Dan Rowe, CEO, Fransmart</i> <i>Kathi Turner, Owner, Turner's Seafood</i> <i>Mike Axiotis, CEO, Lehigh Valley Restaurant Group</i> <i>Mike Whatley, VP, State Affairs & Grassroots Advocacy, National Restaurant Association</i>
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Social Hour: Cocktails & Conversations <i>Scott Kammerer, President, SoDel Concepts</i> <i>Carrie Leishman, President & CEO, Delaware Restaurant Association</i> <i>Ellis Winstanley, Co-Owner, El Arroyo</i> <i>Emily Williams Knight, President & CEO, Texas Restaurant Association</i>