

WHO WILL RUN WITH HILLARY?

As Clinton all but sealed her place as the Democratic candidate for the US Presidential election 2016, here are some likely contenders — according to allies and advisers of the Clintons and prominent Democrats — and a look at their strengths and weaknesses



Who he /she is



What he could bring to the ticket



Why he might not be the best choice

SHERROD BROWN



Senator from Ohio since 2007



As Ohio goes, so goes the presidency, and Brown could help secure the Buckeye State. He also has strong populist appeal and has been a vocal opponent of the Obama administration's trade agenda, potentially insulating Clinton on the issue. And the United States may be ready for a vice-presidential pick whose spouse is a Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist



If he becomes vice-president, a Republican governor would fill Brown's Senate seat, potentially damaging the Democrats in Congress. At 63, Brown is on the older side, and he is not exactly a national household name

JULIÁN CASTRO



The federal housing secretary and former mayor of San Antonio



A powerful and telegenic speechmaker, he is one of the Democratic Party's most high-profile Hispanics, in a race in which Hispanic voters will be a key part of the electorate in the fall. Though Clinton is popular with many of them, she could face competition if a Hispanic like Senator Ted Cruz or Senator Marco Rubio is on the Republican ticket



At 41, Castro is young, has relatively limited experience, and few accomplishments outside of politics and government. Many Democrats think he will be on a ticket someday, but needs more seasoning

TIM KAINE



Senator from Virginia since 2013 and former governor



A popular senator in a critical swing state, Kaine could help drive up the Hispanic vote with his fluency in Spanish, and temper suggestions that Clinton is too hawkish thanks to his push to constrain presidential authority to use military force. And he plays the harmonica, potentially balancing Clinton's lack of musical ability



He might be too moderate for the activist base, and a white man does not bring much "wow" factor for Democrats these days. He might also be too obvious a pick to make a splash, and his support for trade deals could hurt the ticket, as well

AMY KLOBUCHAR



Senator from Minnesota since 2007



An all-female ticket could supercharge the women's vote and would be seen as a powerful statement. Tapping her would not mean losing a Senate seat in a Republican state, and she is known to have a sense of humour



Klobuchar comes from a state that Democrats are likely to win anyway, and she lacks national name recognition

DEVAL PATRICK



Governor of Massachusetts from 2007 to 2015



An African-American with strong executive experience, Patrick would bring diversity to the ticket and help drive support from minority voters. He also has close ties to the business world and an inspiring personal story of growing up in poverty in Chicago



Patrick would not help deliver a swing state, and could easily be tarred as another Massachusetts liberal. More problematic is the fact that in 2015 he became a partner at Bain Capital, the much-criticised private equity firm founded by Mitt Romney

THOMAS E PEREZ



Secretary of labour since 2013



The son of Dominican immigrants, Perez could help with Hispanic voters and Catholics. He is viewed as intelligent and is well liked



The Labor Department is not a high-profile post, and he lacks name recognition, national political experience and the ability to help carry a swing state

ELIZABETH WARREN



Senator from Massachusetts since 2013



Warren is a superstar among the progressive left who would instantly unify the party and excite disappointed supporters of Senator Bernie Sanders. She is an able surrogate and debater, and could help address suggestions that Clinton is soft on Wall Street



The two women appear to lack chemistry, and Warren could bring the ticket too far to the left, alienating moderate male Democrats. And Donald Trump has already shown a willingness to attack her for her claims about her Native American heritage