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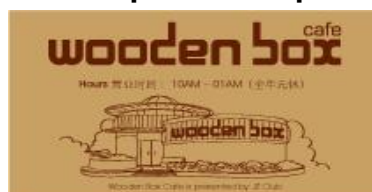
Race to the White House: An Insider's View of U.S. Election Politics

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Former White House Director of Political Affairs
Chairman of Public Affairs, Edelman Asia Pacific
CEO of Export Now (www.ExportNow.com)

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011

19:00pm – 20:15 pm



The Wooden Box

9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)

青海路 9 号, 近南京西路, 地铁二号线南京西路站

19:00 – 19:45 Presentation

19:45 – 20:15 Q&A

20:15 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner

21:00 – Live Jazz/Folk at the Wooden Box

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai (Hopkins-Nanjing Center '03) at fqt200@gmail.com.

With the Iowa Caucuses just two months away, the U.S. presidential race is already heating up. We are honored to invite the longtime “China Hand” and former White House Political Director Frank Lavin to offer his insight and analysis as to what we can expect in the 2012 presidential contest. During this special presentation, Frank will address such topics as:

- ***Has President Obama stabilized? After a difficult first two years, President Obama appears to have regained some lost ground. Will he remain competitive through next year or will the economy pull him down?***
- ***The Republican nominee: Much of the Republican field is unknown or appears unlikely to enjoy broad public support. Can Republicans pick a winner to go toe-to-toe with the President?***
- ***Charisma, money, and organization – how do the candidates stack up?***
- ***Foreign policy: What will the impact of foreign policy be on the election?***

Frank Lavin is the CEO of Export Now (www.ExportNow.com) which helps US companies sell directly on TMall. He also serves as Chairman of the Public Affairs Practice for Edelman Asia Pacific, working with companies across the region as they grapple with regulatory challenges and sensitive issues in government relations. In government, Lavin served as Undersecretary for International Trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce from 2005-2007. In that capacity, Lavin served as lead trade negotiator for both China and India, and was the senior policy official in the Department responsible for commercial policy, export promotion, and trade negotiations across the globe. Lavin was U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore from 2001-05, where his duties included helping negotiate the landmark U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. In the private sector, Lavin served in senior finance and management positions in Hong Kong and Singapore with Bank of America and Citibank. Earlier in his career, Lavin served in the George H.W. Bush and Reagan Administrations, working in the Department of Commerce, Department of State, National Security Council, and White House. Lavin served as Director of the Office of Political Affairs in the White House from 1987-89. Many in the Shanghai community remember Lavin from his service as Chairman of the Steering Committee of USA Pavilion at the Shanghai 2010 World Expo.

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