

Cecilia Elena Rouse was confirmed by the Senate on March 2, 2021, as the 30th Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. She is the first African American to hold this position. In this role, she serves as President Biden's Chief Economist and a Member of the Cabinet. She is the Katzman-Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education and Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University.

From 2012 to 2021, Rouse was Dean of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. Rouse served as a Member of President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers from 2009 to 2011. She also worked at the National Economic Council in the Clinton Administration as a Special Assistant to the President from 1998 to 1999. Her academic research has focused on the economics of education, including the economic benefits of community college attendance and impact of student loan debt on post-graduation outcomes, as well as other issues in labor economics, such as discrimination.