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VINCENT C. GRAY
MAYOR

July 11, 2014

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 5 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111; D.C. Official Code § 2-1394 (2012 Repl.)) and in accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01 (2013 Supp.)), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to the Commission on African Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "Commission"):

Chime Asonye
216 8th Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end October 27, 2017;

Lafayette Barnes
114 Mississippi Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032
(Ward 8)

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end October 27, 2017; and

Loide Rosa Jorge
8710 Plymouth Street, #3
Silver Spring, MD 20901

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end October 27, 2017.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominees, together with proposed resolutions to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Darryl Gorman, Director, Office of Boards and Commissions, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Vincent C. Gray



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Lafayette Barnes to the Commission on African Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on African Affairs Lafayette Barnes Confirmation Resolution of 2014".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Lafayette Barnes
114 Mississippi Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032
(Ward 8)

as a public voting member of the Commission on African Affairs, established by section 5 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111; D.C. Official Code § 2-1394), and in accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), for a term to end October 27, 2017.

Sec. 3. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Lafayette A. Barnes

Statement of Qualifications

Capacity Building Training

- Led the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services' (OPGS) development of two capacity building programs entitled, the Strengthening Partners Initiative and the Effi Barry HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Program, for some 250 emerging nonprofits in the District of Columbia;
- Organized two Sister City HIV/AIDS best practice prevention video conferences hosted by the World Bank for South African and American senior public health and nonprofit leaders from the City of Tshwane/Pretoria in South Africa and Washington, DC in 2008 and 2009; and
- Established a South African Fellows Exchange Program between OPGS and the Umlambo Foundation founded by Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka the former Deputy President of South Africa in 2009.

External Affairs

- Led the Executive Office of the Mayor's outreach efforts to engage over 5000 DC residents and stakeholders in Mayor Williams' Citizen Summits, a participatory democracy exercise, to obtain broad public input in the city's strategic planning and budget formulation process;
- Guided the Mayor's Executive Office efforts to draft and adopt the conditions for signing the Protocol Agreements on Cooperation between the Mayors of the City of Tshwane/Pretoria in South Africa and the District of Columbia in September 2008 and June 2002; and
- Served as advance staff for Mayor Williams and the DC Delegation's Trade and Cultural Mission to Dakar, Senegal, arranged the official meetings and signing ceremony to renew the District of Columbia's Sister City Agreement with the City of Dakar in May 2006.

Grant and Resource Development:

- Established the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) in the Executive Office of the Mayor in 2001 and later began an independent Cabinet level agency called the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS) in 2008;
- Augmented the District government's centralized grant development functions which has enhanced its competitive grants seeking and submission processes and attributed to the receipt of over \$220M in new federal grant awards since its inception; and
- Developed the District's Rules of Conduct for soliciting, accepting, and using private donations which has resulted in authorizing the receipt of \$40M in contributions made to the DC government agencies since 2002.

Grant-making Oversight and Management

- Organized the government's efforts to produce a uniform set of policies and procedures for awarding, monitoring, and reporting on DC agencies' competitive grants and sub-grants making activities and thus promote greater efficiency and conformity in this process;
- Oversaw the design of OPGS' Grants Made Database, a pilot project, to enhance the City Administrator's capacity to monitor government grant and sub-grant awards as well as recommend new policies and procedures to enhance this process; and
- Managed the Freddie Mac Foundation's grant review process for some 350 proposals that resulted in the award of approximately \$9M in grants to nonprofit organizations operating throughout the United States.

Human Resource Management

- Hired and coached a diverse and talented team who has successfully managed OPGS' core functions and achieved the office's annual performance goals and objectives while consistently obtaining high levels of customer satisfaction for the delivery of its critical services;
- Created a collaborative and team oriented environment built upon effective communications and trust that encourages all staff to take ownership in the development and execution of the office's yearly work plan and its related outcomes; and
- Performed annual employee performance management plans and evaluations using S.M.A.R.T. goals and objectives that have aligned employee and office work plans with the Mayor's city wide public policy and program priorities.

Professional History

- **Director, Office of Partnerships and Grant Services**, Executive Office of the Mayor, Government of the District of Columbia, 1999 to present
 - Direct competitive grant services, donations solicitation management process, and capacity building programs for Mayors Gray, Fenty, and Williams Administrations
- **Director Foundation Giving**, Freddie Mac Foundation, 1998 to 1999
 - Directed the foundation's grant program managers, coordinated its grant review process and community outreach activities
- **Corporate Development Officer**, Office of Institutional Advancement, University of Maryland at College Park, 1995 to 1997
 - Identified, cultivated and solicited corporate and foundation donors for major gifts to support the University's diverse development goals and objectives
- **Director of External Relations**, School of Public Affairs, University of Maryland at College Park, 1993 to 1995
 - Coordinated the public affairs activities including special events planning and publication production for this graduate public policy school
- **Research Analyst**, Washington DC Office, The Capital Group Inc., 1986 to 1993
 - Prepared in-depth analyses and briefings for portfolio managers and investment analysts on diverse federal policy issues that affected their global investment strategies
- **Foreign Affairs Analyst**, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, 1984 to 1985
 - Produced several Issue Briefs for Members of Congress and their staff on various U.S. African development topics leading to the passage of \$1 Billion in aid to Africa

Education

- Master of Science in Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, LaSalle University

Certifications

- International County/City Managers Association's International Academy
- Grants Management Certificate Program—Pass Through Track, Management Concepts
- Executive Leadership Institute Program, National Forum for Black Public Administrators
- Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Certificate Pratique de Langue Francise 1er Degre, University of Dijon, France

Affiliations

- Mayor Adrian Fenty's Commission on African Affairs
- Washington DC and Tshwane/Pretoria, South Africa Steering Committee
- African American Unity Caucus, Washington DC
- National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Washington DC
- National Academy of Public Administration's Africa Working Group, Washington DC

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General

Legal Counsel Division



MEMORANDUM


TO: Lolita S. Alston
Deputy Director
Office of Legislative Support

FROM: Janet M. Robins
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: June 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of "Commission on African Affairs Lafayette
Barnes Confirmation Resolution of 2014"
(AE-13-538 G)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed resolution and found it to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Janet M. Robins