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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "V" and a long, trailing "y".

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. Chime Asonye 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 Chime Asonye Confirmation Resolution of 2014".

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

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

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.

CHIME O. ASONYE

EXPERIENCE

- June 2013- Aug. 2013 **Illinois Human Rights Commission (IHRC)** Chicago, IL
Governor Edward Coles Legal Fellow
- Assist Administrative Law Judges and General Counsel in performing legal research, preparing documents, summarizing depositions and petitions, reporting on settlement conferences, writing orders, & other case-related work
 - Advise Governor appointed Commissioners on legal issues surrounding civil rights and anti-discrimination cases
 - Review legislation and statutes, and help draft IHRC administrative rules and regulations
- Aug. 2011- Aug. 2012 **Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on Millennium Development Goals (OSSAP-MDGs)** Abuja, Nigeria
Associate- Conditional Grant Scheme (CGS)
- Coordinated and researched Nigerian state and federal policy to help implement CGS project funding which concentrates on water, health, and economic initiatives to state and local governments
 - Evaluated 113 CGS proposals from state & local governments to ensure prioritization of data-driven development needs
 - Liaised with appropriate stakeholders and represented OSSAP-MDGs on issues related to governance and gender
 - Facilitated and reported on OSSAP-MDGs workshops and meetings with Technical Assistants; Zonal Technical Officers; local, state, and federal officials; community representatives; and international partners
 - Traveled across Nigeria to collect information on location, facility, and capacity for MDGs Project Mapping, Needs Inventory, and Baseline Assessment databases
- May 2010 - May 2011 **International Republican Institute (IRI)** Washington, DC
Program Assistant-- Africa Division (Uganda, Zimbabwe, and South Africa portfolio)
- Provided administrative and technical support to IRI's programming in political party development; youth, gender and disability advocacy; electoral and constitutional process strengthening; and democratic governance programs
 - Drafted quarterly reports to funders: U.S. Department of State, USAID, and the National Endowment for Democracy
 - Attended IRI's election observation to monitor voter registration and polling for the Southern Sudanese independence referendum in the Diaspora
 - Represented IRI at the "Advocacy, Transparency, and Human Rights" panel at President Obama's "Forum with Young African Leaders"
- Nov. 2009 - Apr. 2010 **United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health** Washington, DC
Policy Intern for House Foreign Affairs Committee and Congressman Donald Payne (Democrat - New Jersey), Subcommittee Chairman
- Aggregated daily news updates on Africa and provided logistical support and research related to Subcommittee agenda
 - Drafted legislation and wrote briefing, meeting, and policy memoranda
 - Attended briefings with foreign governments, industry groups, think tanks, State Department, NGOs, and civil society
 - Assisted in hearing preparation and helped construct questions for invited witnesses
- Summer 2008 **The HistoryMakers** Chicago, IL
Research Intern for the largest African-American oral history archival project in the world
- Conducted biographical research and cultivated interview techniques by incorporating public history, ethnography and other methodological tools
 - Assisted in production of the PBS television special: "An Evening with Eartha Kitt" interviewed by PBS's Gwen Ifill
- Winter 2007 **Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations** New York, NY
United Nations Intern
- Represented Nigeria in closed, informal, and regular meetings of the Group of 77, Economic and Social Council, Africa Group (at the ambassadorial level), Third Committee, and General Assembly
 - Helped draft Nigeria's closing report of the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, Cultural) for the Sixty-Second plenary session of the General Assembly to the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Summer 2007 **National Association for Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL)** Chicago, IL
Research Associate
- Aided in the expansion of debate opportunities to urban youth in more than 19 cities across the U.S.
 - Researched national design methods to increase NAUDL capacity and educational scope
- Summer 2006 **Urban Debate Headquarters Intern**
- Performed administrative task for the Executive Director and updated the national database
 - Created, investigated, and distributed media for principal corporate and individual donors

- Spring 2007 **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** **Monrovia, Liberia**
International Consultant-- Short Term Technical Assistant for USAID & Development Alternative Inc.
- Organized a "Debate Camp," an institute on debate techniques and philosophy with participants from all six of Liberia's accredited universities that culminated in a public forum at the University of Liberia
 - Trained Liberian faculty and administration in coaching, judging, and usage of academic debate
- Fall 2006 **University of Illinois Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences** **Urbana-Champaign, IL**
Global Studies Intern, teaching Liberal Arts & Sciences 101: Global Awareness
- Developed lesson plans and taught the course for first year undergraduates
 - Facilitated discussions designed to develop a critical awareness of global issues
- Summers 2005/2006 **Humber Marine Werks Co. Limited** **Lagos, Nigeria**
Humber Dive Intern for the Official Consultants on navigational waters to the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Prepared documents to be distributed to the Nigerian government
 - Researched and evaluated companies for hydro surveying, maritime, and restoration projects

EDUCATION

Northwestern University Law School
 Juris Doctorate, *expected 2015*

- **Black Law Students Association, Member**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 B.A in Political Science and Philosophy, *Chancellor's Scholar (Honors)*

- **University of Illinois Board of Trustees, Student Trustee & Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs (07-08)**
 - Appointed by Governor of Illinois to have the legally binding student vote & elected to represent over 80,000 students
- **African Cultural Association, Vice-President (06-07)**
- **Bruce D. Nesbitt African-American Cultural Center Advisory Committee, Board Member (06-07)**
- **Illinois Student Senate Cultural and Minority Student Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair (06-07)**
- **Illinois Policy Debate Team, President & Founder (05-07)**
- **Illinois Student Senate, Student Body Senator; College of Liberal Arts & Science (05-06)**

SERVICE

- **President, Nigerian American Professionals Association (Chicago) — 2013 to present**
- **Commissioner, Government of the District of Columbia Commission on African Affairs — 2012 to present**
 - Nomination submitted by D.C. Mayor Vincent C. Gray & approved by the Council of the District of Columbia
- **Director of Research, Vote or Quench — 2011 to present**
 - A civil society organization focused on engaging Nigerian youth to make an impact on Nigeria's 2011 elections, democracy, & beyond
 - Leading efforts to mainstream youth issues in Nigeria's Constitution Review Process
 - Held Nigeria's first ever youth-focused presidential debate
- **Founder & Director, NaijaDC — 2011 to present**
 - An organization of select, progressive Nigerians connected to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area
 - Manage an online list serv dedicated to sharing news related to Nigeria, and D.C.-area Nigerian related events
 - In 2013, hosted Nigeria's Governor of Ogun State Rauf Aregbesola
- **Board Member & Head of Programs, Debate And Development Resource Centers Nigeria — 2011 to present**
 - Coached Nigeria's delegation to the 2011 Pan-African University Debate Championships
 - A tournament organizer for Nigeria's hosting of the 2013 Pan-African University Debate Championships
- **Committee Member, Nigeria's Ministry of Youth Development — 2011**
 - Served on a Guardians of the Nation International ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for reform of Nigeria's National Youth Service Corps, charged by the Minister of Youth Development
 - Selected for Ministry's *DriveTheFuture* Committee, focused on creating an advocacy campaign to mobilize Nigerian youth in governance, and equip them with values of citizenship and leadership.
- **Young Professionals Leadership Board Member, National Association for Urban Debate Leagues — 2010 to present**
- **Campaign Advisory Board Member, Committee to Elect Chuku Onyezia Chicago's 18th Ward Alderman — 2010**

HONORS

- **Nominated for Nigeria's "Excellence in Service (Government)" category, The Future Awards — 2012**
- **Fellow, New Leaders Council; training the next generation of progressive leaders — 2011**
- **All-American Debater, Cross-Examination Debate Association; thirty named in the U.S. — 2007**

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 Chime Asonye
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