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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 305 of the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Support Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), which established the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development ("Commission"), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointment:

Benjamin M. Bahk
635 Regent Place, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017
(Ward 5)

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end April 17, 2017;

Dr. Erick A. Hosaka
1425 4th Street, S.W., Apt A315
Washington, D.C. 20024
(Ward 6)

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end April 17, 2017; and the following individual for re-appointment:

Ms. Martha M. Watanabe
1626A H Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end April 17, 2016.

Enclosed you will find all biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominees, along 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, prominent "V" and a long, sweeping tail on the "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 appointment of Benjamin M. Bahk as a member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development Benjamin M. Bahk Confirmation Resolution of 2014".

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

Benjamin M. Bahk
635 Regent Place, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017
(Ward 5)

as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, established by section 305 of the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Support Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), for a term to end April 17, 2017.

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Benjamin M. Bahk

EDUCATION

LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL

Portland, OR

Juris Doctor, May 2004

- Earned the Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law.
- Awarded Outstanding Appellate Brief in First Year Moot Court Program.
- President of the Minority Law Student Association 2002-2003.
- Selected to the Cornelius Honor Society, Awarded Natural Resources Scholarship 2001-2004.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Gainesville, FL

Master of Science from the Department of Environmental Engineering and Science, May 1999.

- Thesis entitled: "Succession of Ichthyofauna in a Constructed Tidal Creek Marsh in Cockroach Bay, Florida"
- Earned the Certificate in Wetland Studies from Center for Wetlands.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Durham, NC

Bachelor of Science in Biology with concentration in Marine Biology, May 1994.

- Marine studies at Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, NC, Fall 1993.
- Semester abroad with the School for Field Studies in La Paz, Mexico, Spring 1994.
- Robert C. Byrd Scholarship 1990-1991 and Reynolds Memorial Scholarship 1990-1994.

EXPERIENCE

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Washington, DC

Attorney-Advisor, March 2008-Present

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Civil Enforcement, Water Enforcement Division.

- Negotiated settlement with four major municipalities to address sewer overflows under the Clean Water Act (total injunctive relief estimated at over \$1.1 billion and total civil penalty over \$2.6 million).
- Acted as team leader for the enforcement of drinking water regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Coordinated issues related to enforcement cases, regulations, guidance development and policy implementation.
- Implemented the Drinking Water Enforcement Response Policy to help EPA oversee compliance and enforcement of violations at 155,000 public water systems nationally. Resulted in a 65% decrease in the number of public water systems considered a "priority system."
- Served as the co-Special Emphasis Program Manager for the office with the primary goal to improve recruitment and retention of Asian American and Pacific Islanders. Started a resume collection effort to facilitate the recruitment of AAPI attorneys. Organized speaker and training events to promote retention of AAPIs.

Attorney-Advisor, January 2005-March 2008

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement.

- Defended against a constitutional challenge to EPA's use of a unilateral administrative order under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Korea Institute of Construction Technology

Ilsan, South Korea

Researcher, June 1999-January 2001

- Worked in the Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Division on the development of a geographical information system (GIS) for river management.

Southwest Florida Water Management District

Brooksville, FL

Environmental Scientist, June 1995-June 1999

- Performed stormwater research to assess water quality treatment by wetland and wet-detention pond receiving runoff from an agricultural basin. Participated in multiple stormwater best management demonstration projects.

SERVICE/SKILLS/INTERESTS

Service: Served from 2009-2011 on the Board of Directors (treasurer from 2009-2010) for DC's Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund.

Served as treasurer for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association National Convention in 2012.

Foreign Language: Proficient in Korean and Spanish.

EPA Awards: Trudy A. Speciner Non-Supervisory Award for Advancing Environmental Protection, OECA Junior Employee of the Year, two Agency Gold Medals and two Agency Bronze Medals.

Interests: Travel, Hiking, Tennis, Jogging, Darts, Real Estate.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lolita S. Alston
Director
Office of Legislative Support

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

DATE: June 16, 2014

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of the "Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander
Community Development Benjamin M. Bahk Confirmation Resolution of 2014"
(AE-11- 568Q)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced Resolution and that we have 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