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MAYOR

MAY 12 2016

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
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 (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 (2012 Repl. and 2014 Supp.)), I am pleased to nominate the following persons for appointment to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development (hereinafter referred to as "Commission"):

Meina Banh
1215 Eye Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Nicholas Lephram, for a term to end April 17, 2019;

Karissa Mariko Barnett
3300 16th Street, N.W.
Apt. 713
Washington, D.C. 20010
(Ward 1)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Thu Nguyen, for a term to end April 17, 2017;

Ronak D. Desai
1391 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E.
Unit 514
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Ada Loo, for a term to end April 17, 2019;

Kishan Putta
1701 16th Street, N.W.
Unit 701
Washington, D.C. 20009
(Ward 1)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Ajay Ojha, for a term to end April 17, 2017;

John Tinpe
777 7th Street, N.W.
Unit 506
Washington, D.C. 20001
(Ward 2)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Laura Shin, for a term to end April 17, 2019; and

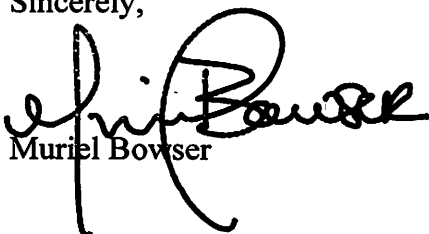
Martha Watanabe
128 18th Street, S.E.
Apt. #2
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission, for a term to end April 17, 2019.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominees, together with a proposed resolution 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 Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser



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 Meina Banh to 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 Meina Banh Confirmation Resolution of 2016".

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

Meina Banh
1215 Eye Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

as a 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 (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 (2012 Repl. and 2014 Supp.)), replacing Nicholas Lephram, for a term
to end April 17, 2019

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.

MEINA BANH 1215 I Street SE · Washington, DC 20003 · meina.banh@gmail.com · 626.780.8148

FEDERAL & LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), *Policy and Innovation Advisor, Office of Financial Education (OFE)*

Washington, DC, 8/14-Present

- Acts as the primary advisor to the Director of the Bureau on all financial education matters, including staffing the Director in his role as Member of the President's Advisory Council for Financial Capability for Young Americans, and Vice Chair of the Financial Literacy Education Commission.
- Oversees and manages a team of contractors in the creation and development of a national initiative to engage state policymakers on financial education. This includes defining the overall goal for the contact, work plans, timelines, managing internal Bureau stakeholders, and making recommendations to Bureau leadership.
- Acts as the primary staff to position the Bureau as a national champion and collaborator for youth financial education. This includes developing a strategic plan to engage with external stakeholders, identify opportunities to increase the visibility of the Bureau's work; and forge new partnerships with policy and think tank organizations.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (CFPB), *Diversity & Inclusion Advisor, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion (OMWI)*

Washington, DC, 8/13- 8/14

- Managed the Bureau's supplier diversity initiative, which included identifying and cultivating relationships with minority and women owned businesses and business stakeholders, creating systems to manage and track supplier diversity, and creating a communications plan to report on supplier diversity metrics to Bureau leadership.
- Advised the Director of OMWI on standards to assess the diversity and inclusion practices of financial entities the Bureau regulates, including meeting and negotiating with federal partners and industry leaders to identify a framework for assessment.
- Supported the Bureau's initiatives on diversity and inclusion including developing recruitment strategies, and building a pipeline for training and meeting with division managers on hiring practices. Created a roll out strategy, plans for adoption and ideas to scale the initiatives for broader impact across the Bureau.

US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA), *Senior Advisor (Presidential Appointee), Office of Investment and Innovation*

Washington, DC, 11/12-8/13

- Managed a team to work on the programmatic implementation for the Small Business Investment Research (SBIR) program, which provides over \$2 billion of R&D funding to small businesses each year. Worked with the 11 participating federal agencies and national technology stakeholders on SBIR issues, reviewed agencies' progress on implementation, and reported annually to Congress on operations.
- Identified metrics for assessing the success of increasing inclusion of minority-owned and women-owned small businesses in the SBIR program. Developed reporting systems and presentation materials to SBA management and interagency partners that explains inclusion gaps. Provided strategies and solutions for addressing inclusion gaps including corrective actions or possible changes in policy and procedures that increased participation of women-owned and minority-owned small business owners in the SBIR program.
- Led SBA's efforts focused on innovation and stimulating high-growth entrepreneurship, including working closely with the Administration's Startup America Initiative, White House Office of Public Engagement, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, National Economic Council and White House Business Council.
- Primary agency liaison to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (WHIAAPI). Responsibilities included working with WHIAAPI staff to update SBA's agency's plan, represent SBA at

WHIAAPI conferences and meetings, identify opportunities to elevate AAPI issues within SBA include securing a memorandum of understanding between SBA and the Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (National ACE).

US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA), *Special Assistant (Presidential Appointee), Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs*
Washington, DC, 07/11-11/12

- Acted as a liaison to the House and Senate Small Business Committees, Members of the House and Senate, the White House, other federal agencies, business and community stakeholders for the SBA. Maintained a diverse set of relationships with Hill staff and small business organizations.
- Collaborated with these stakeholder groups to conduct strategic outreach that increased awareness to diverse communities about SBA's capital, procurement, and counseling programs. Developed recommendations to program offices that laid out potential barriers and disparities that affected the participation of various business communities.
- Tracked, analyzed and reported on legislation and amendments on key small business issues. Advised and provided strategic guidance to SBA senior management and program offices on legislative proposals that affected the agency. Prepared SBA principals for major congressional hearings, including drafting testimony and briefing books. Responded to questions for response and requests from Members, Senators, White House and OMB.

OFFICE OF REP. MIKE HONDA, *Legislative Assistant*
Washington, DC, 9/09-7/11

- Legislative portfolio included: small business, immigration, health care and committee work for the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor- HHS- Education. Drafted and introduced numerous bi-partisan bills focused on healthcare and immigration. Successfully crafted and implemented amendment strategies for legislation.
- Prepared Member for media interviews, presentations and public speaking engagements. Worked with congressional committees, congressional leadership offices, community stakeholders and federal agencies to advance issues related to CA-15.
- Advised the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), a 30-Member caucus on economic development matters pertaining to Asian Americans and Pacific Islander community. Collaborated with the Tri-Caucus, House and Senate leadership, federal agencies, and national community organizations on advancing issues related to underserved and minority communities.
- Worked closely with the National Council on Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) on issues related to language access, data disaggregation, executive order to establish and fund the WHIAAPI, designation of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI).

NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

PACIFIC ASIAN CONSORTIUM IN EMPLOYMENT (PACE), *Development Associate*
Los Angeles, CA, 12/08- 9/09

- Developed economic development programs for low income and minority communities, including working with PACE Women's Business Center and Business Development Center on training and mentoring programs for minority-owned and women-owned small business owners.

NATIONAL CAPACD, *Graduate Fellow*
Washington, DC, 07/08-09/08, 12/09-06/09

- Collaborated with CAPAC, NCAPA and leading civil rights organizations to develop strategies on housing, foreclosure and community development issues.

- Worked with 30 California community based organizations to plan and prioritize research and determine the top community development issues affecting underserved and minority communities in the state.

LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, *Paralegal/Community Outreach Coordinator*
Los Angeles, CA, 6/05-6/08

- Worked on legal issues related to family, immigration, housing/eviction defense, consumer, government benefits, and employment law for the low income and underserved communities. Oversaw and managed the HUD Fair Housing and Minority and Homeowner Outreach and Education grant.

CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE

OBAMA FOR AMERICA (OFA) 2012, *Co-Founder and Volunteer*
Washington, DC and Virginia, Fall 2012

- Co-founded and managed “DC Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) for Obama” and “AAPIs44 for Obama” which included over 100 volunteers to register voters, phone bank and canvass and coordinate directly with OFA on campaign efforts in Virginia. Led and organized over 15 events including weekly phone banking sessions at the DNC and weekend canvassing events in Fairfax County, Prince William County and Virginia Beach. As a result of this effort, over 11,000 phone calls and over 12,500 door knocks were made to VA.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, *GOTV Organizer*
Washington, DC, Fall 2010

- Developed and led phone banking efforts for 7 candidates in HI-01, CA-03, PA-06, KS-04, VA-11, NV-03, CA-11. Managed 45 volunteers on a daily basis. Coordinated with DNC/OFA, local campaign offices, and political organizations.

GERRY CONNOLLY FOR CONGRESS 2010, *GOTV Organizer*
Fairfax, VA, Fall 2010

- Recruited 40+ volunteers to canvass VA-11, which resulted in winning 4 of the 5 targeted precincts.

LORETTA SANCHEZ FOR CONGRESS 2010, *Volunteer*
Anaheim, CA, Fall 2010

- Coordinated GOTV activities and outreach. Led and planned rally and business walk through with Secretary Gary Locke and Secretary Hilda Solis.

OBAMA FOR AMERICA 2008, *Volunteer*
Las Vegas, NV, Fall 2008

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, *Masters of Public Policy, June 2009*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology, minor in Asian American Studies, September 2004*

AFFILIATIONS

Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, Fellow, 2009-2010
 Congressional Asian Pacific American Staff Association, Member, 2009-2011
 National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, Member, 2009-2011



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Meina Banh



Meina Banh is a second generation Chinese-Vietnamese American and brings over a decade of experience working within the federal government and with local nonprofits on AAPI issues.

Ms. Bahn is currently the Policy and Innovation Advisor at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, where she focuses her efforts on providing financial education to underserved communities. She was formerly a Senior Advisor at the US Small Business Administration, where she oversaw outreach efforts to increase the number of women and minority owned business participation in investment programs. Ms. Bahn also served as Legislative Assistant to Congressman Mike Honda and was core staff member to the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). In addition, she has worked with local AAPI organizations including National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD) and the Pacific Asian Consortium for Employment.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Banh received a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and Master's in Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lauren C. Vaughan
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: May 2, 2016
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of legislation nominating members to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Rob Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish