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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

SEP 20 2016

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

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), and pursuant to section 703 of the Office of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 49-1002), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Ely S. Ross
70 I Street, SE, Apt. #1129
Washington, D.C. 20003
(Ward 6)

for appointment as Director of the Office of Veteran's Affairs of the District of Columbia, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Mr. Ross and a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

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 Ely S. Ross as the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the "Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs Ely S. Ross
Confirmation Resolution of 2016".

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

Ely S. Ross
701 I Street, SE, Apt. #1129
Washington, DC 20003
(Ward 6)

as the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs, established by section 703 of the Office of
Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C.
Official Code § 49-1002), 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), to serve at the
pleasure of the Mayor.

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.

ELY S. ROSS

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

- Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran
- Practicing Attorney
- Experienced Public Speaker
- 17 Years of Leadership Experience
- Public Policy Mediator
- Proven Relationship Builder

EXPERIENCE

U.S. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD Washington, D.C. (July 2012 – Present)

Attorney-Advisor, Office of Proceedings & Office of Government and Public Affairs

- Advise Board Members and Senior Executives on cases involving transportation law, administrative law, and economic regulation.
- Facilitate and lead meetings of agency staff to build consensus solutions to complex legal and public policy issues.
- Serve as agency liaison with trade associations, federal agencies, and representatives of state and national government.
- Develop outreach plans and build relationships with external stakeholders and members of the public to increase awareness of and build support for policy initiatives.
- Mediate public policy and legal issues formally brought before the Agency and facilitate the resolution of disputes informally referred by industry stakeholders.
- Developed data collection regulation and met weekly with regulated entities to discuss data evaluations.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Washington, D.C. (April 2012 – July 2012)

Presidential Management Fellow, Office of Asset and Enterprise Management

- Led strategy meetings and designed action plans for Senior Executives on \$36 million municipal bond proposal designed to fund permanent housing for homeless veterans.
- Developed briefing guides on housing initiatives to support meetings with Congressional staff members.

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION Fort Worth, TX (November 2011 – April 2012)

Presidential Management Fellow, Public Building Service

- Negotiated commercial leases contracts exceeding \$41 million total contract value on behalf of the United States Government.
- Updated a proprietary system of data collection and analysis to provide contract oversight of leased procurements.

ABOM & KUTULAKIS, L.L.P. Carlisle, PA (June 2010 – May 2011)

Law Clerk, Business Formation and Counseling Division

- Researched and independently wrote bylaws, operating agreements, and contracts for corporate clients. Worked directly with Senior and Managing Partners and assisted in all phases of civil litigation.

PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL Harrisburg, PA (August 2009 – December 2009)

Law Clerk, Antitrust Division

- Worked with Senior Attorneys to develop theories of litigation in multi-state Ticketmaster/Live Nation merger investigation. Independently reviewed public utility rate increases for violations of antitrust laws.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS Honolulu, HI (January 1999 – April 2008)

Staff Sergeant, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362

- Managed Maintenance Division and led unit comprised of 45 Marines. Directed production work center, oversaw manpower planning, and supervised three separate employee shifts. Successfully led this division in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Managed Operations Division and directed unit flight operations. Developed and successfully implemented squadron operation plans maximizing limited resources.

ELY S. ROSS

EDUCATION

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, M.A. in Diplomacy and Military Studies, May 2013

Honors: *with distinction*

Thesis: "Forgotten Lessons of the United States' Small Wars"

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 2011

Honors: *Order of the Barristers*

Activities: *Penn State International Law Review*, Executive Editor

HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, B.A. in International Relations, September 2003

Honors: *magna cum laude*

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Presenter, "Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Surface Transportation Board," National Industrial Transportation League, July 2014
- Presenter, "United States Rail Service Issues," National Corn Growers Association, February 2015

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association's Military & Veteran Health Law Task Force
- American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel
- Disabled American Veterans
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
- Veterans of Foreign Wars

AWARDS

- Six Performance Awards
- Presidential Management Fellow, Class of 2011
- Air Medal (fourth award)
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (third award)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (third award)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Co-President, Penn State Law D.C. Alumni Chapter
- Co-Chair, Penn State Law Class of 2011 Reunion Committee
- Career Coach and Mentor, Penn State University

BAR ADMISSION AND CERTIFICATION

- Admitted to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2011
- Public Trust Background Investigation completed November 2011
- Mediation Training, University of Maryland School of Law, September 2012



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Ely S. Ross



Mr. Ely Ross currently serves as an Attorney.

Mr. Ross, a former Marine, is a third-generation veteran from Eagle River, Alaska. He has lived in multiple military posts across the world and, ultimately, graduated from Seoul American High School on Yongsan Army Garrison, Seoul, Republic of Korea. After completing basic training for the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Ross was achieved the designation of Aviation Crew Chief on the CH-53D Sea Stallion. He was permanently stationed with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 (HMH-362), the “Ugly Angels,” located on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

During his time at HMH-362, Mr. Ross held management positions in flight operations, maintenance, and quality assurance. His forward deployments with HMH-362 included Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After nine years of service, Mr. Ross was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps and moved back to the mainland to complete his education.

After graduation Mr. Ross was awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship, and he served in advisory positions with both the General Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He recently served as an attorney-advisor with the U.S. Surface Transportation Board focusing on transportation law, economic regulation, and alternative dispute resolution.

A Ward 6 Resident, Mr. Ross, obtained a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts from Hawaii Pacific University and a Juris Doctor from Penn State University School of Law, where he was one of a select number of graduates inducted into the Order of the Barristers.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lauren C. Vaughan; Steven Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: September 7, 2016
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution appointing Ely Ross as Director, Office of Veterans Affairs

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth Cavendish