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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

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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 (2014 suppl.)), and in accordance with section 202 of the Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-262; D.C. Official Code § 7-2271.02)(2013 Suppl.), which established the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission ("Commission), I am pleased to nominate the following persons:

Ms. Akosua Ali
3504 Texas Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20020
(Ward 7)

for appointment as a member of the Commission, replacing John Contestabile for a term to end February 21, 2019.


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 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 Akosua Ali to the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Homeland Security Commission Akosua Ali Confirmation Resolution of 2017”.

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

Ms. Akosua Ali
3504 Texas Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20020
(Ward 7)

as a member of the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission, in accordance with section 202 of the Homeland Security, Risk Reduction, and Preparedness Amendment Act of 2006, effective March 14, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-262; D.C. Official Code § 7-2271.02), which established the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission, and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01) (Supp. 2016), replacing John Contestabile, for a term to end February 21, 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.

Akosua Tyus Ali

Home Address

3200 ... Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20020

Phone Number

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Leadership Experience:

**2010 to Present NAACP DC Branch
President**

Washington, DC

- As President of the NAACP DC Branch, Mrs. Ali works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial discrimination through civic advocacy and outreach initiatives in the District of Columbia.
- Served on *Mayor Bowser's Transition Committee for Public Safety* and lead the Police Sub-Committee coordinating Public Safety Recommendations for the Bowser Administration.
- Leads the implementation and execution of the NAACP DC Branch strategic priorities, which include advocating for equal access to employment, financial literacy, health and wellness, access to high quality education and voter empowerment.
- Manages programs administered by **20 NAACP Committees**, including Criminal Justice, Climate Justice, Economic Empowerment, Education, Finance, Fundraising, Health, Housing, International Affairs, Labor, Legal Redress, Membership, Political Action, Public Relations, Religious Affairs, Veteran Affairs, Women in NAACP (WIN), Young Adults, Youth Works, and the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO).
- Coordinated *Get Out The Vote (GOTV)* voter registration, voter education and mobilization efforts registering over \$1,500 new voters in the District of Columbia.
- Directs the implementation of NAACP programs, including a Health Fairs, Religious Leaders Forums, HIV/AIDS Programs, Health Forums, Veterans Forums, Financial Workshops, Nutrition Workshops and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Civic Engagement Trainings.
- Processed over **360 Legal Redress Complaints**, since 2010, ranging from employment discrimination, predatory lending, police misconduct, public benefits and inmate complaints.
- In 2011, President Ali testified before DC City Council in support of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Designation Act of 2011.
- In 2010, President Ali planned the NAACP Region VII Conference featuring workshops, plenary sessions and training for over 150 NAACP chapters in Maryland, Virginia and DC.

Awards:

- NAACP 2013 National Thalheimer Award Recipient, First Place, Class-I, *July 2014*
- NAACP 2012 National Thalheimer Award Recipient, First Place, Class I-A, *July 2013*
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Washington DC Alumnae, Service Award, *May 2013*
- WKYS Top 30 Under 30 Award Recipient, *October 2012*
- NAACP 2011 National Thalheimer Award Recipient, First Place, Class-I-A, *July 2012*
- NAACP 2010 National Thalheimer Award Recipient, First Place, Class-I, *July 2011*
- NAACP DC Youth & College Leadership Appreciation Award, *September 2013*
- Johnson & Wales University Golden Quill Honor Society, *April 2003*
- Johnson & Wales University Silver Key Honor Society, *April 2002*

Organizations:

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| NAACP, Washington, DC Branch, President | 2010 – Present |
| DHS Blacks In Government, Chartering Member, Fundraising Chair | 2011 – Present |
| NAACP, Washington, DC Branch, Second Vice President | 2008 – 2010 |
| NAACP, Washington, DC Branch, Young Adults Chair | 2006 – 2008 |
| Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, DC Alumnae Chapter, Economic Dev. Chair | 2007 – 2010 |
| Greater Washington Urban League, Thursday Network, Member | 2006 – 2010 |
| National Black MBA Association, DC Chapter, Member | 2006 - 2008 |

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Education:

Johnson & Wales University

M.B.A. Global Business Organizational Leadership, Graduated August 2005
B.S. F.S. Management, Graduated May 2004
Cumulative G.P.A. 3.71/4.0, Cum Laude

Providence, RI

Professional Experience:

5/12 to Present

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Headquarters

Washington, DC

**Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services Office
Acquisition Support Division (ASD), Acquisition Management Branch (AMB)**

Title: Acquisition Management Branch Manager, Acting, Analyst, GS-14

- Manage the planning, implementation and execution of 180 ITSO contracts totaling over \$2.4 billion
- Provide mission critical acquisition oversight, contract monitoring and program management support on OCIO ITSO's mission critical contracts through developing procurement documents
- Identify acquisition requirements, develop acquisition strategies, establish acquisition project schedules, develop spend plans and lead acquisitions from pre-award through contract administration

4/11 to 5/12

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Headquarters

Washington, DC

**Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services Office
Budget and Financial Management Division (BFMD)**

Title: Management Program Analyst, GS-13

- Managed OCIO ITSO Budget and Financial Management Division (BFMD) invoice and IPAC validation and payment process for ITSO's complex contracts utilizing multiple Lines of Accounting (LOA)'s for Data Center migration and support service contracts
- Developed and prepared monthly recurring and special budget reports analyzing FY11 invoice and IPAC payments for ITSO's four largest contracts supporting DHS Data Center migration
- Wrote three Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) documents in FY11 developing procedures and systems for operating the invoice payment process for ITSO's Data Center migration and support service contracts to prevent waste and misappropriations of funds

4/10 to 4/11

U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Management Division

Suitland, MD

External Liaison Branch

Title: Program Analyst, GS-12

- Managed and administered \$10 billion budget and program activities for the 2010 Census Decennial operation through monitoring obligations, expenditures, and program requirements
- Managed the development, review, edit, and approval of Decennial budget estimates, allotment requests, program plans, resource projections, and official documents for approval by the Director, Deputy Director, Decennial Management Division Chief and other senior management
- Generated technical, complex, and non-technical documents in response to Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audits and Government Accountability Office (GAO) Audits.

4/09 to 4/10

U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Publicity Office

Suitland, MD

Contract Management Branch

Title: Program Analyst, GS-12

- Managed the \$319 million contract budget through executing contract funding generating over 197 purchase requisitions committing and obligating \$121 million in Fiscal Year 2009 and \$176 million in Fiscal Year 2010 to fund 25 Task Orders within the 2010 Census Communications Campaign contract
- Analyzed and prepared reports tracking the funding commitments, obligations, and expenditures for the 2010 Census Communications Campaign contract \$212 million Base budget and an additional \$107 million budget funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA)
- Managed the development, production, and on-site execution of the 2010 Census Paid Advertising for television, radio, and print advertisements targeting Diverse America, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander audiences in Los Angeles, CA, Juneau, AK, on the Navajo Reservation in Monument Valley, UT, and the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana



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Akosua Ali



Ms. Akosua Ali is an experienced community leader with a strong background in homeland security issues.

Ms. Ali is the President of the NAACP Washington, DC Branch, where she works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial discrimination through civic advocacy and outreach initiatives.

The strategic priorities for her administration include advocating for equal access to employment, financial literacy, health and wellness, access to high quality education and voter empowerment. She leads the implementation of programs administered by 20 standing committees, including Climate, Criminal Justice, Economic, Education, Finance, Fundraising, Health, Housing, International Affairs, Labor, Legal Redress, Membership, Political Action, Public Relations, Religious Affairs, Veteran Affairs, Women in NAACP (WIN), Young Adults, Youth Works, and the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO).

A Ward 7 resident, Mrs. Ali holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Bachelor of Science from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lolita Alston, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: January 4, 2017
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution appointing Akosua Ali to the District of Columbia Homeland Security Commission

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.

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Elizabeth Cavendish