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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), and pursuant to 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 person:


Mr. Koustubh Bagchi
2950 Van Ness Street NW
Washington, DC 20008
(Ward 3)

for reappointment as a public voting member of the Commission, for a term to end April 17, 2020.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with 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,


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 reappointment of Mr. Koustubh Bagchi 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 Koustubh Bagchi Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Mr. Koustubh Bagchi
2950 Van Ness Street NW #111
Washington, DC 20008
(Ward 3)

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), 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 April 17, 2020.

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.

Koustubh “K.J.” Bagchi

Professional Experience

Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C.

Director of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) & Small Business Engagement. August 2015 - December 2016

- Proactively constructed a successful Small Business Council meeting at the Democratic National Convention within a month of receiving portfolio, and doubled participation from the inaugural meeting in 2012.
- Small Business Council meeting brought together leaders such as Members of Congress, small business pioneers like Jerry Greenfield of Ben and Jerry’s and Tom Steyer of NextGen Climate, and heads of national Chambers of Commerce to discuss how the Party can best support small business endeavors.
- Developed and executed programs at AAPI Caucus meeting at the Democratic National Convention with robust participation.
- Cultivated relationships with AAPI Members of Congress, local elected officials, and state leaders to execute plans on community events, fundraisers, and roundtables.
- Convened calls and meetings with AAPI leaders within state parties to discuss Democratic Party stance on Congressional legislation, as well as messaging and resource priorities for the 2016 election cycle.

Hillary for America (HFA) Presidential Campaign Headquarters, Brooklyn, New York

Director of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Finance. August 2016 - November 2016

- Raised \$2.5 million in two months by collaborating with HFA regional finance directors to orchestrate the development of high-dollar fundraisers.
- Developed the AAPI Finance Council program that raised \$25 million in support of the campaign; Finance Council members included CEOs, industry leaders, and celebrities.
- Maintained donor relationships by convening calls and meetings to discuss updates within HFA, in addition to ensuring opportunities to participate at high-profile events.

United States House of Representatives: Congressman Michael M. Honda, Washington, D.C.

Ranking Member of the Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee under the Appropriations Committee

Legislative Counsel. March 2015 - August 2015

Legislative Fellow, Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies. June 2014 - March 2015

- Developed, tracked and drafted memorandums and proposals relevant to the legislative agenda of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), in addition to supporting the Congressman’s Chairmanship of CAPAC’s Immigration Taskforce.
- Worked with key stakeholders from the Congressman’s District, national advocacy groups, and policy organizations to develop and implement legislative strategies for the office and CAPAC.
- Evaluated legislation and prepared the Congressman in the Justice issues being considered at hearings and markups before the Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.
- Executed legislative strategies along with the coordinating, tracking, and reporting of legislation related to Health, Veterans Affairs, Human Trafficking, Asian Pacific American issues, Judiciary (Gun Control, Immigration, Civil Rights, and Law Enforcement), and United States-India Relations.

Council of District of Columbia: Councilmember Jim Graham, Washington, D.C.

Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services

Legislative Counsel. March 2012 - May 2014

- Drafted legislation and amendments to proposed bills, the Budget Support Act, and the Budget Request Act.
- Produced responses to inquiries from constituents regarding legal issues and legislation.
- Analyzed District regulations, interagency MOUs and agreements, laws, fiscal impact statements before briefing member on findings.
- Prepared questions, statements, and bill summaries for mark-up meetings and committee hearings.
- Executed legislative strategies along with the coordinating, tracking, and reporting of legislation related to public safety, transportation, energy, consumer protection.
- Worked with key stakeholders to develop and implement legislative and political strategies for the office.

Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., Sacramento, California

Staff Consultant. March 2007 - May 2008

- Reviewed City of Los Angeles' afterschool gang intervention programs by interviewing teachers, law enforcement officials and non-profit leaders.
- Drafted findings into final report that was presented to Los Angeles City Council as part of the Los Angeles Gangs Study.

Professional Legal Clinical Experience

Predatory Lending Clinic, Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, Seattle, Washington

Legal Representative (See WA APR 9). January 2011 - May 2011

- Represented clients against home foreclosure by leveraging the Home Affordable Modification Program.
- Developed interrogatory questions, motions, and arguments in complex multi-party mortgage backed security lawsuit.

Washington Defender Association, Seattle, Washington

Legal Advocate. September 2010 - December 2010

- Assessed data published by Department of Justice on recidivism rates of juveniles released from adult prison systems.
- Drafted position paper arguing against transferring juvenile defendants to the adult judicial system.
- Convened meetings with stakeholders to establish legislative strategy to oppose juvenile transfer bill.

Washington State Senate Committee Services, Olympia, Washington

Legal Intern. June 2010 - August 2010

- Provided professional nonpartisan research, fiscal and policy analysis to WA state senators on Early Learning, K-12 Education Committee
- Evaluated public policy costs establishing pre-school education entitlement program and advised state senators on findings.
- Participated in trainings led by legislative staff on analyzing and preparing annual state budgets.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Nevada, Reno & Las Vegas, Nevada

Legal Advocate. June 2009 - August 2009

- Worked with City of Reno attorneys to prevent drafting and implementation of anti-loitering legislation.
- Performed policy-related research and analysis to supporting legal teams and divisions within ACLU.
- Developed memo outlining legal strategy for case involving religious freedom of prisoners.

Leadership and Memberships

Asian American Action Fund

Board Member. 2011 - Present

Desis for Progress

Chair. 2016 - Present

South Asian Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Member. 2012 - Present

Maryland State Bar Association

Member. 2012 - Present

Seattle University School of Law Student Bar Association

Member. 2009 - 2011

Education

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington

Juris Doctor. May 2011

University of California, Davis, Davis, California

Bachelor of Science, Psychobiology; Minor, Political Science. December 2005



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Koustubh Bagchi



Mr. Bagchi is an Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Legislative Fellow in the Office of Representative Mike Honda in the U.S. House of Representatives and a current member of the District of Columbia Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development.

Mr. Bagchi is a proven consultant and legislative associate with a focus on legislative research, analysis, and advocacy. He has acted as an advisor and provided legal advice on federal and state legislation and programs that impact different communities. He is experienced in speechwriting, legislative drafting and community advocacy in critical areas such as juvenile justice, health care and housing policy. He is currently a member of the South Asian Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the Asian American Action-Fund, as well as Board Member & Co-Founder of Young Professional Initiative.

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Bagchi received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Political Science from the University of California, Davis and a Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law.



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: February 1, 2017
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions appointing Benjamin Takai, Jennifer Hara, Karissa Barnett and Koustubh Bagchi to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Resolutions and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elizabeth Cavendish