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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

MAR 21 2017

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 3 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March 14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1442), I am pleased to nominate the following person:


Mr. Spencer Gopaul
147 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 5)

for appointment as a public, voting member of the Commission on African-American Affairs, replacing Raymond Massenburg, for a term to end April 19, 2020.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the nominee's experience, 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 appointment of Mr. Spencer Gopaul to the Commission on African-American
Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the "Commission on African-American Affairs Spencer Gopaul,
Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Mr. Spencer Gopaul
147 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 5)

as a public, voting member of the Commission on African-American Affairs, pursuant to section
3 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March
14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1441), replacing Raymond Massenburg, for
a term to end April 19, 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.

Spencer R. Gopaul

Education

- **Colby College, Waterville, ME** Bachelor of Arts, May 2013
o Major: International Studies; Government Minor: Poetry (3.24 Cumulative GPA)
o Student Government's Student Programming Board(2013); Colby Cares About Kids; Four-year Colby varsity football; Colby Track & Field (2012); Debate Club
- **Georgetown University, Washington, DC** March 2015
o Deming Institute Research Seminar
- **The Potomac School, McLean, VA** June 2008 (3.4 Cumulative GPA)
o Black Student Union(2004-2008)

Professional Experience & Employment

DC HSEMA

August 2015 - August 2016

Analyst for Special Events Directorate's Division

- Developed skills and expertise in Risk and Emergency Management. Completed Emergency Liaison Officer and Critical Asset Risk Management training to serve as an Emergency Incident Manager during all threats and hazards. Coordinated interagency processing of Special Events for the Mayor's Special Events Task Group. Prepared and presented recommendations, conclusions, and solutions regarding complex issues based on analysis and evaluation of variables.

Principled Contracting

April - August 2015

Project Manager

- Gained experience in the field of project management specifying in the hospitality renovation industry. Managed a group of supervisors and laborers in demolition, installation, warehousing, and liquidation of hotel materials. Served as the point of contact on and off-site for clients, hotel management, other subcontractors and contracted services.

Program Coordinator

September 2014 - April 2015

- Gained experience in the field of event coordination. Events include: concerts, art shows, community meetings, and charity events. Coordinated the 168th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association

BuckleySandler LLP (Washington, D.C.)

October 2013 - September 2014

Paralegal

- Gained experience in the fields of: federal securities, Fair Housing Act, predatory lending, false statements and claims, state law consumer protection, federal regulation compliance, and public policy.
- Conducted research, handled multiple tight-deadline cases, gave performance updates, edited highly- technical documents sent to the court, and created exhibits for litigation cases
- Led e-Discovery projects of large data sets where I managed teams of staff attorneys in identifying and producing documents through Relativity, Concordance, Citrix, Kroll Ontrack and more.

Sidley Austin LLP (Washington, D.C.)

June - August 2012

Paralegal Intern for the Records Department

- Gained experience working with prestigious law firm as an intern performing hands on work with attorneys in a multitude of practices. I often handled cases in the fields of: corporate law, white-collar crime, environmental law, transportation and basic litigation.
- Trained and developed plans for e-Discovery of metadata and large datasets. Collected and processed data often for the court or for internal data mining.

Competitive Enterprise Institute (Washington, D.C.)

June - August 2010

Public Policy Analysis Intern

- Gained experience in federal government relations from an organization that has broad interests and is served by a diverse staff of leading experts in liberal economic policies, environmental concerns, and public policy.

Campaign Advertisement for Argentine Mayor Francisco “Barba” Gutierrez **June - August 2008**

- Worked as campaigner and social worker for Mayor ‘Barba’ Gutierrez in Quilmes, Argentina.
- Taught English at Quilmes High School, an esteemed bilingual school in Argentina.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. (Washington, D.C.) **June - August 2007**

Media Relations and Governmental Relations

- As a Media Relations aide, acted as a liaison between the Washington Post, as well as other local media companies and WMATA, and kept the media apprised of events occurring in WMATA.
- While in the Office of Government Relations, worked as part of a project team with lobbyists on Capitol Hill to draft a bill to increase government funding for WMATA. Gained experience in analyzing legal and highly technical documents.



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Spencer Gopaul



Spencer Gopaul is a native Washingtonian, committed to supporting the African-American citizens of the District through various means of public service.

Mr. Gopaul was raised near Howard University, and spent most of his formative years within the African-American business community. As an advocate of the African-American community while in college in Maine, he remained dedicated to supporting the youth and his peers through Student Government programs, volunteering with children, and mentoring. Mr. Gopaul has advocated for and helped improve many of the District's most influential events and programs that benefit the African-American community.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Gopaul received a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Colby College.



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: March 2, 2017
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution appointing Spencer Gopaul to the Commission on African-American 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 me at 202-724-7681.

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

Elizabeth Cavendish