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MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

MAY -5 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 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), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

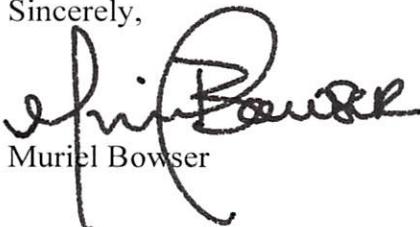
Mr. Niranjana Adhikari
1234 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Apt 304
Washington, DC 20005
(Ward 2)


for appointment as a public member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, replacing Sapna Pandya, for a term ending 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 appointment of Mr. Niranjan Adhikari 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 Niranjan Adhikari Confirmation Resolution of 2017”.

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

Mr. Niranjan Adhikari
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as a public member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development,
pursuant to section 305 of the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Support Act of 2001, effective October 3,
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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.

PROFILE: NIRANJAN ("Nir") ADHIKARI

Managing Attorney

ADHIKARI LAW PLLC

OVERVIEW

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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: May 1, 2017
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of resolutions nominating Niranjana Adhikari, Janet Namkung, Elena Son, and Julie Won 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 them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Karuna Seshasai, 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