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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

MAY 10 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 4 of the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender Affairs Establishment Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official Code § 24-1303), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. James Berry Jr.  
7916 16th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(Ward 4)

for reappointment as a member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs, for a term to end August 4, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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. James Berry Jr. to the Commission on Re-Entry and  
Returning Citizen Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs James  
Berry Jr. Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Mr. James Berry Jr.  
7916 16th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(Ward 4)

as a member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs, established by  
section 4 of the Office on Ex-Offender Affairs and Commission on Re-Entry and Ex-Offender  
Establishment Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-243; D.C. Official Code § 24-  
1303), to serve for a term to end August 4, 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.

## **James D. Berry, Jr.**

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

**COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.

Suite 1244

Washington, DC 20004

2014 to Present

- Serves as a close advisor to the Director of CSOSA.
- Acts for and represents the Director in fulfilling her leadership duties in directing the Agency, which includes a staff of over 850 employees.
- Responsible for the execution of the Agency mission and the Director's vision through high level executive leadership. Responsible for overseeing select CSOSA operations and ensuring accountability to strategic priorities through a team of high-ranking Associate Directors with responsibilities covering a range of staff, administrative and operational programs.
- Directs CSOSA's top leaders to ensure the development of business plans and program requirements. Oversees the development of strategic and tactical initiatives designed to meet organizational objectives.
- Serves as CSOSA's representative in meetings with high level officials to present and negotiate strategies for the Agency. Serves as a key CSOSA representative and spokesperson with other Federal agencies, state and local governments and the private sector. Serves as a key leader in inter and intra agency task forces and committees to respond to congressional regulatory inquiries.

#### **CHIEF, COMMUNITY DEFENDER DIVISION**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

680 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E., Suite H-5

Washington, D.C., 20002

2002 to 2014

- Served as the Chief of the Public Defender Service's (PDS) Community Defender Division (CDD), with responsibility for the overall planning, development and management of all aspects of PDS' community defense initiative in providing resources and services to adults and juveniles in the D.C. criminal justice system who were in the post-adjudication stage of a criminal case and under criminal justice supervision.
- Served as the principal advisor to the Director of the D.C. Public Defender Service on matters relating to PDS' Community Defender Division. Kept the Director fully informed of issues, problems and decisions made regarding CDD programming as well as concerning critical matters that affected the success rate of CDD staff and PDS' clientele.

- Developed, coordinated and managed all aspects of CDD's three programs (Community Reentry, Institutional Services, and Juvenile Services). Developed as well as implemented operating procedures for all three initiatives. Exercised budgetary discretion and provided recommendations to the Director that impacted operational planning, integration and the overall budget of CDD.
- Provided direction on policy and all procedural matters relating to the operations of CDD. Also, directed and managed the planning, evaluation and special initiative processes for CDD. Was responsible for helping to coordinate planning activities for the development of a financial management plan, the annual PDS budget, GPRA and performance measures, and PDS' overall goals and objectives. Directed the development and maintenance of qualitative and quantitative program information and assessed the impact of this information on performance measures, outcomes and expenditures.
- Performed the full range of managerial and supervisory responsibilities, including organizational planning and alignment, position management, interviewing and hiring for subordinate positions, staff training and development, performance evaluation, resolving employee grievances and disciplinary cases and approval of leave and work-life options.
- Developed and supervised community outreach initiatives. Managed and monitored the development of CDD partnerships with legal and other advocacy groups, faith-based groups, charitable groups, and community and other organizations that provide services to indigent people. Actively cultivated effective working relationships with such agencies to promote and enhance the organization's community defense strategy. Supervised the development, publication and distribution of written materials for community outreach. Also, represented the Public Defender Service at top management meetings, conferences and other gatherings that related to the PDS' client-centered, holistic approach to community defense.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAMS**  
**COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
 1230 Taylor Street, N.W., Suite 102  
 Washington, D.C. 20011  
 2000 to 2002

- Reported directly to the Associate Director of Community Justice Programs and was responsible for coordinating community outreach, support and public information programs designed to facilitate community-oriented criminal justice supervision, increase offender accountability, respond to community concerns, and enhance public safety.
- Established and maintained a system of contacts in assigned communities to assure continuous and effective communications between community members and the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA).
- To gain citizens' trust and support for community-oriented supervision, planned community and committee meetings as well as represented CSOSA in these and other gatherings with federal, state, local and community officials, and with community representatives.
- Educated all parties about CSOSA's programmatic goals to facilitate cooperative partnerships.
- Prepared written and oral status reports to apprise the Associate Director of Community Justice Programs and others of community responses, community needs, and strategies to respond to community concerns and program adjustments that were necessary to meet specific community priorities.

**SENTENCING SPECIALIST, OFFENDER REHABILITATION DIVISION**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
1975 to 2000

- Duties included short and long-term individual counseling of clients manifesting a wide range of social, emotional, psychiatric, drug and/or alcohol related problems; the development and preparation of psycho-social assessments for presentation in the D.C. Superior and U.S. District Courts; as well as functioning as an advocate for clients in social service delivery systems to facilitate entry into community programs as an alternative to incarceration.

## **MILITARY**

**CORRECTIONAL SPECIALIST, 140<sup>th</sup> MILITARY POLICE COMPANY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
Fort Gordon, Georgia  
Correctional Specialist  
1972 to 1974

- Inducted into the United States Army shortly after my graduation from college.
- Attended the United States Army Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Ga. and was the Distinguished Graduate of Class 30 in 1973.
- Was promoted three times (to the rank of Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class) during my first six months of service in the U.S. Army.
- Within the first year of entry, was promoted a fourth time to the rank of Acting Sergeant.
- For the remaining year of my enlistment, served as a Shift Commander of the maximum security cell-block at Fort Gordon.
- Was honorably discharged in September 1974.

## **CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS (Partial List)**

**CHAIRPERSON, CHIEF OF POLICE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Washington, D.C.  
Incumbent

**MAYORAL APPOINTEE**  
**COMMISSION ON REENTRY AND EX-OFFENDER AFFAIRS**  
Washington, D.C.  
2012 to Present

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP**  
Washington, D.C.  
2009 to 2014

**MEMBER, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
D.C. DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES  
Washington, D.C.  
2007 to 2011

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**  
COMMUNITY-ORIENTED DEFENDER NETWORK  
Washington, D.C.  
2006 to 2014

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**  
WASHINGTON, DC POLICE FOUNDATION  
Washington, D.C.  
2004 to Present

**MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2002 TO PRESENT)**  
**MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1994 TO PRESENT)**  
COUNCIL FOR COURT EXCELLENCE  
Washington, D.C.

**CHAIRPERSON**  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER'S (CITYWIDE) ASSEMBLY  
Washington, D.C.  
1998 to 2006

**CHAIRPERSON**  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5C  
Washington, D.C.  
1991 to 2005

**COMMISSIONER**  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5C  
SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 5C01  
Washington, D.C.  
1989 to 2006

**PRESIDENT**  
BATES AREA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Washington, D.C.  
1986 to 2010

**MEMBER, CLASS OF 1995**  
LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON  
Washington, D.C.  
1995

## **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Master of Arts, Counseling, 1980

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY  
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, 1972

## **LICENSURE**

Licensed in the District of Columbia as a Professional Counselor  
Licensed in the District of Columbia as an Independent Clinical Social Worker

## **REFERENCES**

Furnished upon request.

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Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

## James Berry Jr.



Mr. Berry is Deputy Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia and is a current member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs.

Mr. Berry currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency wherein he acts as the advisor to and representative of the Director in fulfilling her duties. He is responsible for executing the Director's vision by overseeing operations and accountability through leading a team of Associate Directors as they manage staff through administrative and operational programs. Mr. Berry serves on numerous civic boards including the Council for Court Excellence, the DC Police Foundation and he currently serves as the chairperson of the Chief of Police Citizens' Advisory Council.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. Berry received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Villanova University and a Master of Arts in Counseling from The University of the District of Columbia.





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:** April 28, 2017  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions re-nominating Yasmine Arrington, James Berry, Jr., Keith Campbell, and Esther Ford to the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs

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**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.

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Elizabeth Cavendish