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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:

Ms. Yasmine A. Arrington
818 Underwood Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
(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, 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 reappointment of Ms. Yasmine A. Arrington 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 Yasmine
A. Arrington Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Ms. Yasmine A. Arrington
818 Underwood Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
(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.

Yasmine Arrington

EDUCATION

Howard University – Washington, DC August 2015–May 2018
Master of Divinity Degree

Elon University – Elon, NC September 2011–May 2015
Bachelor of Arts in **Strategic Communications and History**

Benjamin Banneker Academic High School—Washington, DC September 2007–May 2011
High School Diploma

WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hager Sharp

Washington, DC

Girl Scout Gold Award Education Fellow

June 2015–November 2015

- Wrote and organized a list of media coverage blurbs for Hager Sharp's weekly deliverables to the National Assessment of Educational Progress client
- Created media lists through the Cision database and sent out story pitches to various media outlets for our clients
- Thought of innovative and workable ideas for clients in brainstorming sessions

Ogilvy & Mather

Manhattan, NY

Account Management Intern

June 2014–August 2014

- Kept track of Ogilvy DuPont team members' billed and actual hours, and matched them against each Scope of Work
- Researched current cultural trends and competitors' strategies for product promotion for various DuPont clients
- Helped to create and propose an entire campaign for Coca-Cola clients, geared toward encouraging teens ages 12-17 to become more physically active

The Scholarship Academy

Friendship Collegiate Academy

Teacher/Workshop Facilitator

July 2013–August 2013

- Facilitated college preparatory classes; taught high school students how to improve their essay writing skills and how to identify their "best-fit" scholarships
- Guided and monitored program participants as they designed a scholarship application for local students and a community awareness/fundraising project for *Teen Mom Fresh Start*, a non-profit that seeks to help homeless teen mothers. Students raised over \$100 in one day for the organization, and we presented the funds to the founder at an assembly at the conclusion of the summer course.

Public Broadcasting Station (PBS)

PBS Headquarters

Intern, Public Relations Department

June 2012–August 2012

- Assisted with various public relations projects for PBS's Annual Press Tour in Los Angeles, CA
- Wrote several articles for the organization's weekly newsletter, the *PBS Scoop*

Office of Admissions

Elon University

Tour Guide

September 2011–January 2012

- Provided campus tours to prospective students and families
- Answered phone calls and application questions; made referrals to Elon admissions regional representatives
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ScholarCHIPS, For Children of Incarcerated Parents (Non-profit)

Washington, DC

Founder & Executive Director

October 2010–Present

- Serve as primary spokesperson and overseer of organization; lead board meetings and delegate duties
- Organize creative fundraiser events; create media materials; awarded 18 scholarships totaling over \$48,000 to date

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE EXPERIENCE

The Cinderella Project

Elon University

Volunteer

April 2014

- Served as a "fairy godmother" to low-income, high school girls preparing for their prom

- Presented at the conference on “How to Build your Personal Brand,” giving the girls tips on how to make themselves stand out on job, internship and scholarship applications

Africa Alive Dance Company/Elon University

Ghana, West Africa

Volunteer/Dancer

January 2014

- Spent three weeks in Ghana traveling and performing for local communities and schools free of charge
- Personally organized a partnership between *Computers for a Cause* (non-profit in California) and *Africa Alive Dance Company* to refurbish and donate 15 laptops to a middle school in Accra, Ghana; formally presented the laptops to the president of the school
- Donated clothing and school supplies to three rural schools that we visited in Accra, Koforidua, and PramPram

Elon University Gospel Choir

Elon University

Community Service and Fundraising Chair

September 2012-May 2013

- Served on executive board; did strategic planning and spearheaded community service events and fundraisers geared toward helping local children and communities in need
- Organized community service at local after-school programs (i.e. the Boys & Girls Club and Positive Attitude Youth Center)
- Helped organize the Gospel Choir’s spring break trip to Atlanta and New Orleans, where we volunteered at a Salvation Army location, fed the homeless at a local park, and helped to build a church and plant a garden in New Orleans’ lower Ninth Ward

Black Cultural Society

Elon University

Public Relations Chair

September 2012-May 2013

- Managed promotional materials for upcoming events (i.e. Caribbean Night, Decades of the Month), reaching out to Elon groups on campus emphasizing the importance of cultural awareness and learning

LearnServe International

Zambia, Africa

Volunteer

June 2011

- Spent two weeks in Zambia traveling throughout the country and conducting community service for local communities in need
- Donated over 200 plastic bags to the women at Chikumbuso, a widow and orphan community program, where the women make and sell crocheted bags to generate funds for the program
- Helped plant a fruit tree orchard in a rural Zambian community and donated clothing and school supplies to each community we visited

Girl Scout Gold Award

Washington, DC

Girl Scout/Project Coordinator

October 2010

- Organized and led ScholarCHIPS’ official kick-off to raise awareness in the community about the demographic of children of incarcerated parents and what we can do as a community to help

Girl Scout Silver Award

Washington, DC

Girl Scout/Project Coordinator

April 2008

- Organized, hosted and led a workshop at my church for the youth about *Making Good Decisions* (included healthy eating, healthy relationships, making good decisions, etc.)

SOCIAL ACTIVISM/MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Keynote speaker at *Angels Among Us Awards*, National Council of Negro Women, Washington, DC—December 6, 2015
- Speaker at *Missing Link Prison Ministry’s 25th Anniversary*, Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington, DC—November 29, 2015
- Keynote speaker for Elon Volunteers’ “Call to Action,” Elon University, Elon, NC—February 13, 2015
- Hosted panel on “Breaking the Cycle of Incarceration,” Elon University, Elon, NC—February 9, 2015
- Presenter on “How to Build Your Personal Brand,” Cinderella Project, Elon University, Elon, NC — April 19, 2014
- Presenter on “How to Teach Marginalized Youth,” A&T Univ. Teaching Fellows Conference, Greensboro, NC —April 5, 2014
- Featured speaker at *Race & Democracy in America Forum*, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, DC —August 9, 2013
- Speaker at Intersect Conference on *America’s Incarcerated, The Forgotten Population* — February 22, 2013
- Motivational Speaker at High School Assembly, Carver High School, Winston-Salem — February 21, 2013
- Featured speaker at *Corner2Corner Conference*, Union Baptist Church, Winston-Salem — November, 18, 2012

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- University of North Carolina Greensboro's Conference on African American Culture and Experience—February 11, 2015
- National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University—April 16-18, 2015

AWARDS/HONORS

- **Millennial of the Year for Community Service**—December 6, 2015, National Council of Negro Women; an award from the council recognizing the "Angels Among Us" who do transformative work in the community
- **Entrepreneurship Award**—February 20, 2015, LearnServe International; an award recognizing a former LearnServe fellow who have shown an entrepreneurial spirit, with a venture that is still thriving and serving the community
- **Washington Women of Excellence "Community Service" Award**—March 20, 2014; an award from former DC Mayor Vincent Gray's D.C. Commission for Women's Office to recognize a local woman doing outstanding service in the community
- **Matthew J. Quinn Award**, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation—July 29, 2013; a \$10,000 award given to one or more current Jack Kent Cooke scholars of the foundation's higher education programs, recognizing outstanding achievement during the prior two years.
- **Linowes Leadership Award for Community Service, Youth Recipient/Unsung Heroes**—December 5, 2012; an award recognizing an outstanding young person who is conducting phenomenal service within the community
- **Black Girls Rock/BET M.A.D. (Making a Difference) Girl Award**—October 13, 2012; a \$2,500 to ScholarCHIPS highlighting my community service work as an African American female
- **Jefferson Award for Outstanding Community Service**—June 24, 2012; an award recognizing individuals conducting outstanding community service

SPECIAL HOBBIES

- Motivational speaking
- Traveling—I have traveled to Costa Rica, Zambia, Jamaica and Ghana
- Writing and reciting poetry
- Traditional African dancing
- Runway modeling
- Roller rink skating
- Plus pageantry



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Yasmine A. Arrington



Yasmine Arrington is the founder of the non-profit organization, ScholarCHIPS and a current member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs.

In 2010, while a junior in high school, Ms. Arrington founded ScholarCHIPS, an organization that provides college scholarships and mentoring to graduating high school seniors who have a parent(s) in prison, and are pursuing a college education. To date, ScholarCHIPS has awarded over \$80,000 in college scholarships to 23 students. Ms. Arrington has been featured in Teen Vogue, Essence, Black Enterprise and Forbes Magazine; and appeared numerous times in the Washington Post for her community work. .

A Ward 4 resident, Ms. Arrington received a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communications and History from Elon University and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Howard University.



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

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