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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. Esther Ford
4805 1st Street SW Apt A
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

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,

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. Esther Ford 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 Esther
Ford Confirmation Resolution of 2017".

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

Ms. Esther Ford
4805 1st Street SW Apt A
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

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.

ESTHER L. FORD

OBJECTIVE: Seeking a challenging position that will allow me the opportunity to develop and foster my abilities to work independently, effectively and efficiently in a work place setting. Utilize my expertise in educating youth and adults with education and skill building techniques using best practice models for mentoring, recovery and peer trainings to support individuals with behavioral health and challenges as a retuning citizen.

SUMMARY

- Ability to work effectively in problem solving work related issues.
- Provide and receive positive feedback from my colleagues in the workplace
- Skilled in providing a safe and stigma free environment for community collaborations
- The ability to support clients to find skills that will provide positive personal outcomes
- Manage and work effectively in all socio-economic arenas.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Provide information on various educational, employment and career resources. Assist with the utilization of source materials using job search databases. Provided career counseling and re-entry information for those in and out an institutional setting. Assisted with developing pre-release plans and individual recovery/treatment plans
- Make presentations to communities on WRAP and trauma related to issues.
- Serve as a liaison for behavioral health clients and individuals formerly incarcerated who need assistance with advancing to the next stage of their recovery.

SUMMARY OF APTITUDES

Clinically Competent Certification Co-occurring Disorders• 12 Core Functions,
• SBIRT Treatment• Crisis Intervention• Adult Supervision

Work Experience:

Pathways to Housing DC (Assertive Community Treatment) Present	3/6/17 to
DBH Offsite Trainer for Certified Peer Specialist Training Program	1/17 to 2/17
EXOA/First Stop Recovery.org -Leadership and Outreach positon	Present
DC DOC RSAT Program-Volunteer/hired as Peer Program Assistant 9/15	5/4/13 to
Pathways to Housing (Community Outreach) 5/15	1//13 to
Women's Program Development, Campbell Foundation	4/11 to 12/1

Second Genesis/Facilitator	2009-2011
Trinity Dry Cleaner-Manager	1994-1999

EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

University District of Columbia- Social Work	Present
Catholic University of America – AA Human Services	5/16/15
DC Certified Peer Specialist	9/14
Catholic Charities School of Professional Studies	6/11 to12/11

Certifications and Certificates in Training for:

Managers Food Handlers License	06/16
Human Rights Liaison	01/16
Re Entry Support Specialist Advance Level Facilitator	07/15
Certified Forensic Peer Specialist	01/15
Certified Peer Specialist with Advance Level Training for Veterans	10/14
Certified Clinically Competent in Co Occurring Disorder	10/14-8/15
Catholic Charities Professional Counseling Certification- 240 contact hours	06/12
Suicide Prevention	09/14
SBIRT Training	06/13
Incorporating the 10 Peer Concepts into Daily Practice	11/14
Trauma Informed Training	2/12/13
WRAP Facilitator	12/14
DTR Facilitator	8/13 TO 4/15
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training	08/14
Mental Health First Aid	07/16

Conference Participation:

- **2015 (Sponsor) Behavioral Health Trauma Informed Focus on Recidivism**
- **2012/13/14 (Host) Mental Health Awareness Summit, Trauma Informed Care**
- **Created Mentoring and Support Program at Maryland Correctional Facility**

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

- **Mayor Bowers' Commissioner on Re Entry and Returning Citizens**
- **DBH Certified Peer Specialist (Committee and Trainer)**
- **DC Re Entry Taskforce**
- **Ombudsman Advisory Council -Committee Member**
- **Ida Mae Campbell Wellness Center (Former President and Board Chair)**
- **Undo Racism in America –Committee Member**
- **Leadership Committee for EXOA**
- **USA VETS (Creator)**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **DC Department of Corrections Volunteer of the Month of March 2017**
- **DBH Offsite Peer Certification Training instructors for DOES 1/26-2/24/2017**
- **Review and Edited the DBH Certified Peer Specialist Core Training 12/16-1/17**
- **EXOA Facilitators weekly meetings at RSAT**
- **Standardized Peer Foundation Training module (Facilitator)**
- **Facilitator for DC DBH Certified Peer Specialist Training**
- **EXOA- 12 Step Program for retuning citizens 2/16 (Advisory Team)**
- **First Stop Recovery Resource and Wellness Center (Founder/ Executive Director)**
- **Re Entry Support Specialist (Master Facilitator)**
- **CRESS-Certified Re Entry Support Specialist (Advance Level Facilitator)**

References upon request



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Esther Ford



Ms. Ford works at Pathways to Housing and is a current member of the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizens Affairs.

Ms. Ford, herself a returning citizen, personally experienced the challenges of reintegration in the community, including the effects of stigma associated with incarceration, which directly impacts and limits housing and employment opportunities. She has dedicated herself to serve as a model for the possibility of leading a productive and fulfilling life as an active member in her community. As such, through her employment with Pathways to Housing, Ms. Ford works to

help other individuals improve the quality of their lives. Ms. Ford founded the First Stop Recovery Resource and Wellness Center (FSRWC), a community-based organization committed to the recovery of all those who are challenged by behavioral health conditions and overcoming all other addictive behaviors, including veterans, returning citizens, homeless, geriatric, members of LGBTQ population, and youth. FSRWC places special emphasis on high-risk individuals and uses a peer leader model to directly impact clients.

A Ward 8 resident, Ms. Ford received an Associate of Arts in Human Services from The Catholic University of America and is currently pursuing a Bachelor in Social Work 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

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 black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'E' and 'C'.

Elizabeth Cavendish