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**MURIEL BOWSER**  
MAYOR

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 7 of the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-0261, 64 DCR 3982 (February 24, 2017)), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Darien Harris  
2832 27th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
(Ward 5)

for appointment as a nongovernmental member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end November 7, 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 appointment of Mr. Darien Harris to the Commission on Out of School Time  
Grants and Youth Outcomes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes  
Darien Harris Confirmation Resolution of 2017”.

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

Darien Harris  
2832 27th Street NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
(Ward 5)

as a nongovernmental member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth  
Outcomes, pursuant to section 7 of the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth  
Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-0261, 64 DCR 3982  
(February 24, 2017)), filling a vacant seat, for a term to end November 7, 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.

# Darien A. Harris

Professional Portfolio: <http://www.darientharris.com>

## EXPERIENCE

*The Washington Literacy Center – Program Director (September 2017 – Present)*

- Develop and facilitate a workforce development curriculum for out-of-school youth, ages 18-25.
- Train 25 youth in areas including but not limited to job training, pre-GED prep, critical thinking skills, social and employment skills and work readiness skills

*Charles Shelton Foundation (501 (C) (3) – Digital Media Manager (Jun 2017 – Present)*

- Manage all digital and social media platforms including (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Developed a custom, targeted social media plan for execution of best digital marketing strategies.
- Created key public relations collateral including digital and social media content for digital marketing plan
- Successfully grew the company’s digital audience exponentially from reaching an average of 10-20 people weekly to over 80,000 people
- Used digital marketing strategies to reach over 50,000 people about the Charles Shelton Foundation Annual 5k

*City Gate Inc, Washington D.C. – Digital Communications Intern  
(January 2017- May 17)*

- Created all digital and social media platforms for a D.C. non-profit focused on providing educational services and after school programming to children in the D.C. area.
- Facilitated the production of digital content including hi-resolution videos, pictures, and marketing materials
- Secured exponential growth in digital analytics over an eight-week social media campaign
- Developed a comprehensive communications plan that included an event plan, crisis communications plan, social media plan, web design plan, and a 15-page market research report

*New Beginnings Youth Development Center: Maya Angelou Academy, DC – Workforce Development Director,  
May 2014 – Oct 2015*

- Utilized effective classroom management skills while assisting, advising, and counseling students inside of a juvenile detention center
- Developed a workforce development curriculum focused on financial literacy, job readiness, and avoiding the prison-to-pipeline system
- Facilitated mock interviews and job training for over 200 young men in the juvenile justice system
- Assisted with the preparation, review, and implementation of G.E.D. and English curriculums.
- Collected, analyzed, maintained and reported class statistics

## EDUCATION

Masters of Arts, Strategic Communication/Public Relations, Trinity Washington University 2017

- Lambda Pi Eta (3.9 GPA)

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (Major)/International Relations (Minor), Morehouse College, 2014

- Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society (Magna Cum Laude)

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

HTML coding, Web Design and Management, Microsoft Office; Adobe Analytics, Adobe Create Suites, Photoshop, Email Marketing, Web Analytics, Digital Advertising

### **PERSONNEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Published Children's Book Author: "The Dreams of Scottie Benjamin" ([www.scottiebenjamin.com](http://www.scottiebenjamin.com))
- Black in Government – Website Design – National Winner
- Certified Mediator – Basic Training/State of Maryland
- Certified Student Leader, Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute, Children's Defense Fund



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## Darien Harris



Darien Harris is Program Director at The Washington Literacy Center (WLC).

Mr. Harris is an experienced communications professional with extensive experience in youth services. He currently serves as Director of The Washington Literacy Center, where he has developed and facilitates a workforce development curriculum for out-of-school youth, ages 18-25, and conducts training seminars on topics including job-training, pre-GED prep, critical thinking skills, social and employment skills, and work readiness. Mr. Harris also currently works as Digital Media Manager at the Charles Shelton Foundation, where he

manages all digital and social media platforms. He previously worked as Workforce Development Director at New Beginnings Youth Development Center at the Maya Angelou Academy in Washington, DC, where he served as an advisor and counselor to students inside of a juvenile detention center.

A Ward 5 resident, Mr. Harris received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Morehouse College and a Master of Arts in Public Relations from Trinity Washington University.



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** November 28, 2017  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Darien Harris, Travaughn Kinney, and Walter Peacock to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes.

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation 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.

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Elizabeth Cavendish