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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

JAN 29 2018

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), which established the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development ("Commission"), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ms. Bhavna Ghia  
711 5th Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(Ward 6)


for appointment as a public voting member of the Commission, replacing Karissa Barnett, for an unexpired term to end 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 Ms. Bhavna Ghia 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 Bhavna Ghia Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Ms. Bhavna Ghia  
711 5th Street SE  
Washington, DC 20003  
(Ward 6)

as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community  
Development, established by 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), and 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), replacing Karissa Barnett, for an unexpired term to end April 17,  
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.

Bhavna Pandit  
Managing Partner at Pandit Strategic Consulting, LLC  
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**Experience**  
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Managing Partner at Pandit Strategic Consulting, LLC  
1/2009 to Present

Pandit Strategic Consulting (PSC) is a full service political fundraising strategy and business development firm. PSC works with a diverse group of clients including: Members of Congress, candidates for federal and state-wide office, PAC's, companies, campaign committees, associations, donors and start-ups.

PSC has a proven track record of success in meeting our clients financial goals and strives for excellence every step of the way.

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Vice-President, Congressional Affairs at The Bonner Group  
1/2007 to 1/2011

Ran the Congressional Affairs Department for a large fundraising firm.

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Sr. Consultant at DemNet  
12/2000 to 1/2007

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Director of Finance at National Association of Homebuilders  
4/2003 to 12/2005

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Deputy Southern Finance Dir. at DCCC  
10/2001 to 1/2003

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Political at various political campaigns  
1996 to 2001

Miller for Congress 2002  
Alexander for Congress 2002  
Gore 2000  
Mckeithen for Congress 1998  
Landrieu for Senate 1996

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**Education**  
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Louisiana State University  
Bachelor of Science 1997 to 2001

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**Skills**  
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Professional Networking, Political Consulting, Fundraising, PACS, South Asia, Government Affairs, Social Networking, Political Campaigns, Media Relations, Nonprofits, Strategic Communications, Government, Event Planning, Public Speaking, Politics, Community Outreach, Speech Writing, Business Networking, Editing, Policy, Public Relations, Leadership, Policy Analysis, Public Policy, Management, Grassroots Organizing, Community Development, Grant Writing, Political Communication, Business Strategy, Strategic Planning, Message Development, Coalitions, Social Media, Legislative Relations, Crisis Communications, Organizational Development, Event Management, Community Organizing, Public Affairs, Legislation, Strategy, Political Science, Volunteer Management, International Relations, Campaigns, Business Development, Philanthropy, Strategic Partnerships, Start-ups



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## Bhavna Ghia



Bhavna Ghia is the Managing Partner of Pandit Strategic Consulting, LLC (PSC).

Ms. Ghia oversees the Washington, DC and national fundraising strategy for Democratic members of Congress, candidates running for office, and Political Action Committees. She is a liaison between members of Congress and the business community in Washington, DC. Prior to establishing PSC, Ms. Ghia was the Democratic Political Director for the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB). She has also served as the Deputy Finance Director at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Ghia received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Entrepreneurship from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Lauren Vaughan, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** January 10, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order appointing Bhavna Ghia to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

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**This is to Certify that** this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order 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