

OFFICE OF THE

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

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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 201 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Michael Spencer 3642 Camden Street SE Washington, DC 20020 (Ward 7)

for reappointment as a member of the Rental Housing Commission, for a term to end July 18, 2021.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Spencer's experience, 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

Mayor

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. Michael Spencer to the Rental Housing Commission. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rental Housing Commission Michael Spencer Confirmation Resolution of 2018". Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of: Mr. Michael Spencer 3642 Camden Street SE Washington, DC 20020 (Ward 7) as a member of the Rental Housing Commission, established by section 201 of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.01), for a term to end July 18, 2021. 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.

### MICHAEL T. SPENCER

#### **EXPERIENCE**

### Rental Housing Commission, Washington, D.C.

Chairman, 10/2017 - Present

Commissioner, 7/2016 - 10/2017

- Lead Commissioners and staff as we collectively enforce the Rental Housing Act of 1985, as amended.
- Hear appeals of decisions initially made by administrative law judges on rent control matters.
- Issue, amend and rescind regulations that are promulgated for enforcement of the Act.
- Certify and publish annual adjustment of general applicability in the rent charged.

#### D.C. Department of Behavioral Health, Washington, D.C.

Labor and Employee Relations Specialist, 2011-2016

- Ensured organizational compliance with federal laws such as the Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Family and Medical Leave Act, and 10 collective bargaining agreements.
- Guided managers on labor and employee relations matters, and drafted legally-sufficient notices.

## Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Supervisory Program Analyst to the Chief Nursing Executive, 2009-2011

- Led Nursing Department's compliance with a U.S. Department of Justice consent decree.
- Managed a million-dollar budget, and supervised five administrative staff assistants.

## Law Office of Michael T. Spencer, Washington, D.C.

Sole Proprietor, 2009-2016

• Counseled start-ups and small non-profits on an array of legal matters.

#### Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter, Columbus, OH

Associate, 2006-2009

• Counseled clients on matters relating to the acquisition, development, annexation, and use of land.

#### **EDUCATION**

## The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2006

• Awards and Activities: Recipient, Dean's Special Award and Nelson Mandela Scholarship; Symposium Editor, *Ohio State Journal for Dispute Resolution*; and Member, Moot Court Governing Board.

## Ohio University, Master of Arts in International Affairs, 2003

- Graduate Focus: Communication and Development Studies in the United States and Southern Africa.
- Awards and Activities: Nominee, Rhodes Scholarship; Co-President, Black Graduate Council.

## Ohio University, Bachelor of Specialized Studies (Cultural Studies), 2001

 Awards and Activities: Recipient, Outstanding Senior Leader and John Newton Templeton Leadership Awards; Member, University Programming Council; and Chapter Vice President, Kappa Alpha Psi.

## **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

Fellow, Seeding Disruption Fellowship (Inaugural Cohort)	2017-Present
Board Member, Rocketship Public Charter Elementary School (D.C. Network)	2015-Present
Member, Leadership Greater Washington	2012-Present
Member, American Red Cross (National Capital Region) Salute to Service Gala Committee	2014 - 2015
Program Co-Leader, Youth Leadership Greater Washington	2012-2015
Chair, For Love of Children's Fred Taylor Scholarship Fund Board	2012-2015

## **BAR ADMISIONS**

District of Columbia and Ohio



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# Michael Spencer



Michael Spencer is the current Chair of the Rental Housing Commission.

Mr. Spencer began his legal career as an attorney in the Real Estate and Administrative Law practice groups at Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter. While there, he primarily counseled corporate clients on the sale and purchase of real property, the application of annexation and zoning petitions, and compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Mr. Spencer has represented clients experiencing poverty in several probono matters with their landlords and has guided clients in real

estate and housing law matters while ensuring organizational compliance with the ever-changing laws throughout his ten year legal career. Mr. Spencer is a founding member of Rocketship Education's D.C. Charter School Board of Trustees, and he has also held leadership roles with Youth Leadership Greater Washington, For Love of Children's scholarship fund board, and the American Red Cross. He is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and the state of Ohio.

A Ward 7 resident, Mr. Spencer received a Master of Arts in International Affairs from Ohio University and a Juris Doctor from Moritz College of Law of Ohio State 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:

April 6, 2018

Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Michael Spencer to the Rental

Housing Commission.

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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.

Elizabeth Cavendish