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**MURIEL BOWSER**  
MAYOR

JUN 05 2018

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 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 District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved October 26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; Pub. L. 93-471; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ken Grossinger  
3025 N Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
(Ward 2)

for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, replacing Alejandra Castillo, for a term to end May 15, 2023.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with 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 Ken Grossinger to the Board of Trustees of the University of the  
District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia  
Ken Grossinger Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Ken Grossinger  
3025 N Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20007  
(Ward 2)

as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia, established  
by section 201 of the District of Columbia Public Postsecondary Education Act, approved  
October 26, 1974 (88 Stat. 1424; Pub. L. 93-471; D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01), replacing  
Errol Schwartz, for a term to end May 15, 2023.

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.

## KEN GROSSINGER

### EXPERIENCE

- 2011 - Present **DEMOCRACY PARTNERS, Principal and Director, Impact Philanthropy Division** **Washington, DC**
- Senior strategic advisor to select group of non-profit advocacy, arts and philanthropic organizations
  - Hired for strategic planning, governance, board development and fundraising strategy
  - Sample Client listing: Women's Donor Network, New Israel Fund, Nat'l Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Communications Workers of America (CWA), Telluride Arts District
- 2006 - Present **CROSSCURRENTS FOUNDATION – Co-Founder and Chairman** **Washington, DC**  
*Launched and led family foundation dedicated to promoting social and economic justice through non-partisan civic engagement and arts funding*
- Developed mission, goals, strategy and funding guidelines
  - Built and managed all operations, including governance, legal, accounting, investments and distribution of 40-50 annual grants in DC and nationwide
  - Formed close personal alliances with other key funders to advance grant-making goals
  - Core DC grant recipients include DC Int'l Film and Jazz Festivals, Mosaic Theatre, AU Katzen Arts Ctr., Open Arms Housing, the Phillips Collection, Alliance for Justice
- 1997 - 2005 **AFL-CIO – Director of Legislative Field Operations** **Washington, DC**
- Managed field operations for all issue and legislative campaigns for America's largest labor federation
  - Organized wide-ranging coalitions to win policy victories at the national and state level
  - Provided strategic direction to 50 internal staff and scores of labor and non-profit allies
  - Led dozens of campaigns related to Social Security, healthcare, trade policy, labor law and more
- 1987 - 1996 **SEIU – Legislative Field Director** **Washington, DC and San Francisco, CA**
- Designed and organized legislative field operations for the fastest growing union in the country
  - Built strategic alliances with affiliates and community groups to advance legislative agenda
  - Liaison to the White House, Congress, national and community organizations. Appointed member, President Clinton's Health Care Task Force
- 1985 - 1986 **FUND FOR OPEN INFORMATION & ACCOUNTABILITY – Executive Director** **New York, NY**
- Led all aspects of advocacy organization working to strengthen public access laws
  - Managed programs, operations, Board development, fundraising
  - Trained over 200 labor, religious and community groups to use FOIA and Right to Know laws
- 1983 - 1984 **HUMAN SERVE FUND – Founding Staff and New York State Director** **New York, NY**
- Co-launched advocacy organization that paved the way for passage of the National Voter Registration Act ("Motor Voter")
  - Built low-income and minority voter registration coalitions in 15 cities throughout New York
  - Led prototyping of field and media strategy in New York, then rolled it out across the country
  - Supervised staff, field research for litigation against voter suppression, training programs

### AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors, **Alliance for Justice**
- Board of Commissioners, **DC Housing Authority**
- Board of Directors, **Environmental Grantmakers Association**
- Advisory Board, **New School for Social Research Vera List Ctr for Art and Politics**
- Board of Directors, **Grantmakers in the Arts**

### EDUCATION

- 1980 - 1982 **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK** **New York, NY**
- M.S.W., C.S.W.
- 1972 - 1976 **S.U.N.Y. Brockport** **Brockport, NY**
- B.S., Psychology and Philosophy



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## Ken Grossinger



Ken Grossinger is a principal at Democracy Partners (DP), a strategic consulting firm where he directs the Impact Philanthropy and Donor Advising Division. Mr. Grossinger works with institutional and individual donors and advocacy organizations to maximize the strategic use of their resources to advance policy and program priorities.

In addition to serving as a principal at DP, Mr. Grossinger is Co-Founder and Chair of the CrossCurrents Foundation and its sister affiliate in London, CrossCurrents-UK. The funding portfolios of both foundations focus on non-partisan civic engagement, civil liberties, human rights and the arts. Prior to entering the world of philanthropy, for two decades Mr. Grossinger was one of the labor movement's leading strategists. He represented public and private sector workers at Service Employees International Union for ten years, and for the next decade he directed legislative field operations for the AFL-CIO. Formerly a community organizer, Mr. Grossinger co-launched the Human SERVE Fund, a national advocate organization that initiated and led the successful fight for passage of the National Voter Registration Act, commonly known as Motor Voter.

Mr. Grossinger is active on several governing boards including the Alliance for Justice (Chair), Washington DC Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (formerly Vice-Chair), the Environmental Grantmakers Association, and the Grantmakers in the Arts. He is also on the advisory board of the NY New School for Social Research Center for Art and Politics.

A Ward 1 resident, Mr. Grossinger received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Philosophy from State University of New York (S.U.N.Y.) Brockport and his Master of Social Work from the Columbia University School of Social Work.

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:** June 4, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Ken Grossinger, Carolyn Rudd, Elaine Crider, Charlene Drew Jarvis, Anthony Tardd, and Errol Schwartz to the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia.

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Elizabeth Cavendish