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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 4 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111; D.C. Official Code § 2-1393), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ms. Etayenesh Asfaw
425 M Street NW Apt E
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 6)

for appointment as a public member of the Commission on African Affairs, replacing Kotheid Nicoue, for a term to end October 27, 2019.

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. Etayenesh Asfaw to the Commission on African Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on African Affairs Etayenesh Asfaw Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Ms. Etayenesh Asfaw
425 M Street NW Apt E
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 6)

as a public voting member of the Commission on African Affairs, pursuant to section 4 of the Office and Commission on African Affairs Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-111; D.C. Official Code § 2-1393), replacing Kotheid Nicoue, for a term to end October 27, 2019.

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.

ETAYENESH (TY) ASFAW, MSC, PMP

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT | ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Community driven and socially engaged professional seeking to be engaged in the Mayor's Office of African Affairs community. Hands-on experience in volunteering, and working in the city as a professional in planning, design and construction management for environmental management projects. Strong understanding of environmental policies, regulations, and best practices.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Water Resource Management

Large-Scale Project Leadership

Engineering Design and Construction

Change and Operation Management

Environmental Policy

Leadership and Team Building

Community Engagement

Workplace Safety Programs

Environmental Science

Technical Writing and Research

Contract Management

Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arlington County | Watershed Project Manager

May 2018-Present

Project Manager, Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, Green Infrastructure team.

- Managed the design and construction of natural infrastructure owned by the County. Projects involve partners such as federal and local government, and engineering design and construction contractors.

District Department of Transportation | Project Manager

DEC 2014-May 2018

Project Manager, Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, Green Infrastructure team.

- Managed the design and construction of stormwater management facilities within the Public Right of Way. Projects involve partners such as federal and local government, and engineering design and construction contractors.
- Provided technical advice on complex stormwater regulations requirements, and authorization of transportation projects.

Notable Achievements

- Managed the design of three unique watershed-based projects to retrofit streets and alleys with stormwater quantity and quality control using Low Impact Development design practices for ultra-urban sites.
- Developed cost estimating in a rapidly advancing area and managed tight construction of 1.5M Green Infrastructure projects from advertising through successful construction project closeout with difficult and new design standards.
- Handled critical resident meetings effectively to deliver projects on time and within budget.
- Built strong interagency relationship between the transportation and environmental agency to integrate stormwater and green infrastructure in the transportation sector in a dynamic office environment.
- Oversaw the full lifecycle of projects from advertising through procurement design and construction, and managed contractor selection, design review, and construction management.
- Drove the DDOT Green Infrastructure team to deliver all DDOT capital improvement projects, breaking down prior communication barriers.
- Collaborated with District Department of Environment and District Department of Transportation Counsel to finalize Memorandum of Understandings to implement projects through interagency transfer of funds.

National Association of Homebuilders | Senior Program Manager

2006-2014

Nationwide trade association representing home building, development and remodeling industry.

- Provided senior level advice to builders and developers and government agencies on environmental compliance and water resource management.
- Lead expert on regulatory analysis and program management of federal, state and local environmental policies.

Notable Achievements

standards over a two year period.

- Conducted field research and feasibility analysis to show the impact of a numeric turbidity limit of 13 NTU for the construction and development industry, resulting in EPA removing the turbidity standard from the regulation.
- Served as a representative of the building industry, provided critical advice and engaged high-level officials from the Small Business Administration and Office of Management and Budget.
- Successfully managed the analysis of a nationwide water regulations and wrote extensive comments covering the scope of the regulations, and impact on the industry.
- Managed attorneys, engineers and economist in the planning and comment development of Federal Clean Water Act proposed standards for a national Post construction stormwater rulemaking. Of significance, proposed rulemakings were not finalized based on submitted comments.
- Researched, prepared and presented a well-received report on environmental data management and document retention to respond to a proposal for electronic reporting.
- Lead program manager assigned to the high-performance builders fund for environmental issues.
- Successfully engaged URS Corporation after the Director retired from her position; worked closely with URS to ensure the contract requirements was completed nationwide without delay.
- Managed the Environmental Issues Committee quarterly meetings, to develop agenda and worked directly with the Legislative and legal affairs team to coordinate and track the development of association-wide policy.
- Developed a template presentation and met with builders to educate them about environmental policies and helped them participate in reviewing federal proposals and state and local regulations which included coordinating and writing over 80 comments.
- Developed and presented at annual training sessions at International Builders Show to educate the membership to increase builder awareness of environmental policies and provide the most current information on policies.
- Editor for NAHB's Best in American Living magazine, 2013-14

World Bank | Consultant

2012-2013

- Provided consultation services to the Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA) on Sustainable Development.
- Evaluated a climate change vulnerability assessment tool developed for the World Bank to assess its utility for decision makers.
- Created guidance document for users of the World Bank Climate Change Knowledge Portal Toolkit.
- Technical writing and research to finalize publication of a book on Renewable Energy Desalination, An Emerging Solution to Close the Water Gap in the Middle East and North Africa.

Science Application International Corporation (SAIC)

2005-2006

Environmental Analyst, Environmental Services

- Developed Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reports for clients for submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Evaluated Federal Sustainability and Environmental Programs to identify gaps in sustainability programs and prepared analytical reports for Federal Government clients.
- Prepared policy briefs on recommendations for renewable energy adoption in Middle East countries.

U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Surface Water | Researcher

2001-2002

- Researched Water Quality data to build into existing datasets.
- Synthesized data on time-of-travel dye tracer studies for a national-scale water quality model.
- Analyzed data using statistical software, SAS, and presented findings at conferences and seminars.
- Developed data collection methodologies.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water Division | Environmental Specialist

2001-2002

- Researched the Clean Water Act Water Quality Standards for the states and presented to division head and EPA regional office directors.
- Researched and compiled Water Quality Standards of all States and territories, and assessed whether the standards met EPA's nutrient criteria.

University of Maryland, Bioremediation Lab

2000-2001

- Researched trace amount of chemicals present in soil samples using chromatography to analyze for nutrients, solids, and other analytics in the USDA laboratory.
- Presented findings at a Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) conference

EDUCATION

Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) MAY 2006
Masters of Science in Environmental Science, Water Resource Management

University of Maryland at College Park DEC 2002
College of Computer, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Earth Surface Processes
Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science and Policy

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Media interviews with Environment & Energy Reporter, Washington Post, Greenwire, Landscape Architecture, and Engineering News Record
Employee Bonus Award for Outstanding Work Performance, 2008-2009
Teaching Assistant Statistics and Environmental Science, 2005-2006
National Science Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Fall 2002

CERTIFICATIONS

Project Management Certification (PMP)
Envision Sustainability Professional ENV SP
OSHA 40 Hr
Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR)

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
Chesapeake Water Environment Association
District of Columbia Building Industry Association
Urban Land Institute



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Etafenesh Asfaw



Etafenesh Asfaw is an environmental scientist and Co-Founder of EvolveGreen.

Ms. Asfaw has extensive experience with a focus on policy development, green development, engineering, clean energy, and water resources management. She has led development of water policy and informed industry and government on environmental policy decisions. Ms. Asfaw also has over 14 years of experience working on natural resource management, ecosystem protection, and urban water systems. Ms. Asfaw has also promoted the use of renewable energy and has worked on tools to assess climate change and water scarcity concerns.

A Ward 2 resident, Ms. Asfaw received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Indiana University.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Lauren C. Vaughan, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: October 13, 2018
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order appointing Etayenesh Asfaw, Richmond Danso, and Diebynaba Sall as members to the Commission on African Affairs

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth Cavendish