



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 Food Policy Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191; D.C. Official Code § 48-313), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Val Dolcini 4617 Blagden Avenue NW Washington, DC 20011 (Ward 4)

for appointment as a voting member of the Food Policy Council, replacing Alexandra Ashbrook, for a term to end March 1, 2020.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience for Mr. Dolcini, together with proposed resolutions 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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

## A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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## 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. Val Dolcini as a member of the Food Policy Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Food Policy Council Val Dolcini Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Mr. Val Dolcini 4617 Blagden Avenue NW Washington, DC 20011 (Ward 4)

- as a voting member, in accordance with section 4 of the Food Policy Council and Director
- Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191; D.C. Official Code §
- 48-313), and pursuant to section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979
- 34 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), replacing Alexandra Ashbrook, for a term to
  - end March 1, 2020.
    - Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
  - upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

#### Val Dolcini

#### **Executive Profile**

Effective and experienced executive with significant public and private sector experience. Led a national agency with 13,000 employees, over 2,000 offices in rural America, an annual operating budget of \$1.6 billion and nearly \$10 billion in annual program assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural Americans. Extensive interaction with all levels of government, national stakeholders, political leadership, Congress, local, state, and national media, employee associations, academics, non-profit organizations, industry, and many others.

#### **Core Competencies**

Leadership and Team building, Policy Development and Implementation, Government Relations and Communications, Public Outreach and Relationship Building, Budgeting and Operations, Innovative Customer Service, Employee and Stakeholder Engagement

#### **Current Professional Experience**

President & CEO
Pollinator Partnership
Washington DC
2017 to present

Responsible for daily management and oversight of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working throughout North America to protect the health of managed and native pollinating animals vital to wildland and agricultural ecosystems. Primary responsibilities include program oversight and strategy, external relations, fundraising, staff and board development, organizational management, and relationship building with farmers, growers, policy makers, industry, academia, corporations, and the general public.

Administrator
USDA Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC
2014 to 2017. Also served in this position in 2011.

Appointed by the President to oversee all FSA activities in the United States. Directed the implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill and led management of multibillion-dollar program portfolios. Significant responsibilities for budget, operational, political, and stakeholder outreach issues.

State Executive Director
USDA Farm Service Agency
Davis, California
2009 to 2014. Also served in this position from 1999 to 2001.

Appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to plan, implement, and direct all FSA activities in California. Provided daily leadership to 200 employees and 30 county offices.

### **Additional Professional Experiences**

Senior Manager, Government Relations Accenture LLP Sacramento, California 2005 to 2009

Responsible for development of comprehensive state and local government relations program in western United States on behalf of global professional services and consulting firm.

Director of Policy
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Sacramento, California.
2004 to 2005

Led creation and implementation of a comprehensive legislative and policy agenda for Lieutenant Governor of California. Provided counsel, managed staff, researched and wrote memoranda, speeches, and opinion pieces.

Vice President ACS State and Local Solutions Sacramento, California 2003 to 2004

Responsible for development and management of key relationships with California's elected leadership for large technology and consulting company.

Chief of Staff California Assembly Sacramento, California. 2002

Deputy Legislative Secretary Office of the Governor Sacramento, California. 2000 to 2002

District Chief of Staff Rep. Vic Fazio Washington, DC and Woodland, CA 1995 to 1999

Legislative Assistant Rep. Nancy Pelosi Washington, DC 1994 to 1995

### **Education**

- ➤ Golden Gate University School of Law, J.D., 1993
- > San Francisco State University, B.A., History, 1985

> University of Uppsala, Sweden, 1982-83



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## Val Dolcini



Val Dolcini, is currently the Director of the San Francisco State University Foundation, his alma mater.

He was formerly the Administrator of the USDA Farm Service Agency, is a fifth generation Californian, a passionate supporter of American farmers and ranchers, and a firm believer in the promise of our nation's agricultural legacy. He is the President & CEO of the *Pollinator Partnership*, an organization dedicated to the support and

protection of pollinators throughout North America. *Pollinator Partnership* is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and the largest in the world dedicated exclusively to the protection and promotion of pollinators and their ecosystems. He has served in senior staff positions in the US House of Representatives and for the Governor of California.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. Dolcini received a Bachelor in History from San Francisco State University and a Juris Doctor from Golden Gate University School of Law.



# 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:

October 18, 2018

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Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Lillie Rosen, Val Dolcini,

and Beverly Wheeler as members of the Food Policy Council

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