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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

FEB - 6 2019

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 3 of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2018, effective June 5, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-111; D.C. Official Code § 7-671.02), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Aza Nedhari  
1113 Mandarin Drive  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

for appointment as a representative from a community organization specializing in women's health, teen pregnancy or public health member of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, for a term to end January 10, 2022.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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 Aza Nedhari to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Maternal Mortality Review Committee Aza Nedhari Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

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

Aza Nedhari  
1113 Mandarin Drive  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

as a representative from a community organization specializing in women's health, teen pregnancy or public health member to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, pursuant to section 3 of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2018, effective June 5, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-111; D.C. Official Code §7-671.02), for a term to end January 10, 2022.

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.

# AZA NEDHARI

## BIO

Aza brings more than 15 years of experience in youth development, reproductive and sexual health education, program management and development, and curriculum design. She is the Founding Executive Director of Mamatoto Village, a perinatal family support organization in Washington DC that has been successful in securing Medicaid Managed Care reimbursement for non-clinical perinatal support services. Aza has also designed a comprehensive curriculum for training Perinatal Health Workers through a two year workforce development program that builds upon community health worker model. Aza is fiercely dedicated woman who believes that by promoting health equity, the reduction of barriers in maternal and child health begin to dissipate; giving rise to healthy individuals, healthy families and healthy communities. Aza is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Human Services with a concentration in Organizational Leadership and Management with an eye towards cultivating innovative models of perinatal care delivery in high needs communities.

## EDUCATION

CAPELLA UNIVERSITY , DOCTORAL STUDENT, 2021  
ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

CAPELLA UNIVERSITY , M.S. 2015  
MARRIAGE, COUPLE & FAMILY THERAPY

SACRED MOUNTAIN MIDWIFERY SCHOOL, 2012  
DIDACTIC MIDWIFERY TRAINING PROGRAM

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, B.A. 2007  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CO-FOUNDER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2013-PRESENT  
MAMATOTO VILLAGE INC., WASHINGTON DC

- Ensure ongoing local programmatic excellence, rigorous program evaluation, and consistent quality of finance and administration, fundraising, communications, and systems; recommend timelines and resources needed to achieve the strategic goals.
- Manage an organizational budget of \$800K
- Secure and oversee contracts with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations

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- Advocate and organize initiatives related to improving maternity care, decreasing infant mortality and preterm births in minority populations.
- Facilitate Perinatal Health Worker training and oversee the direction of organization expansion and program replication.
- Establish working relationships and cooperative arrangements with community based organizations, community stakeholders and other maternal-child health providers.
- Encourage staff development and education, assist program staff in relating their specialized work to the total program of the organization.

EDUCATOR/DOULA, 2010-2014

VILLAGE BIRTH CO-OP, LLC, WASHINGTON DC

- Conducted classes that support women and their families during the transition to parenthood to include early pregnancy, labor and birth, postpartum, effective parenting, and lactation.
- Provided consultations regarding infertility, pregnancy related issues, nutrition, disease prevention and elimination, meal planning, maintaining a healthy relationship, and lifestyle changes.
- Provided labor and postpartum support to expectant families; assisting with lactation, comfort measures, relaxation techniques, physical and emotional support.

PROJECT SPECIALIST, ADOLESCENT WELLNESS INITIATIVE, 2008-2009

DC PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION , WASHINGTON D.C.

- Responsible for the overall coordination and management of AWI program.
- Developed and implemented a 30 week social justice curriculum centered on personal development, wellness, and health literacy for youth.
- Facilitated weekly Saturday Institute with 25 youth ages 14-21.
- Lead effective large and small group discussions on health and wellness, social justice, and leadership/personal development topics.
- Conducted one-to-one counseling and Biopsychosocial Assessment with participants to understand needs and probable resources and referrals.
- Maintained confidential up-to-date files on AWI program and each AWI participant and coordinated regular communication with parents.
- Managed AWI staff through weekly staff meetings, delegation of tasks, and effective written and oral communication.
- Recruited, trained, coordinated, and managed 16 AWI volunteer mentors.

PREVENTION SPECIALIST/PREVENTION CASE MANAGER, 2007-2008

B.E.B.A.S.H.I., PHILADELPHIA, PA

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- Conducted short-term pre and post-counseling sessions with various populations through risk assessment, prevention counseling and referrals as needed.
- Conducted research, workshops and presentations related to sexual and physical health topics.
- Collected Biological Samples designed to test for HIV or other STDs.
- Facilitated Group Level Intervention Program with various Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centers, a curriculum designed to provided risk reduction education to persons "at risks" for contracting HIV or persons all ready living with HIV.
- Facilitated Individual Level Intervention, a program designed to provided one-on-one counseling/case management to persons struggling with Alcohol or Substance Abuse Recovery, persons living with HIV, or persons who need general counseling for social, personal, or other mental health issues.
- Developed and facilitated a Youth Prevention Initiative Program, a curriculum designed to provide risk reduction education to "at risk youth" including but not limited to condom demonstrations, HIV 101, STDs, self image, sexual identity, family dynamics, teen parenting, etc, and intensive short-term individual level counseling.
- Design publications, brochures, and outreach cards for various programs within the department.
- Establish and maintain contacts with a wide variety of community, government, and education agencies.

## CERTIFICATIONS

National Certified Counselor  
Certified Holistic Health Consultant



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## Aza Nedhari



Ms. Nedhari brings more than 15 years of experience in youth development, reproductive and sexual health education, program management and development, and curriculum design. She is the Founding Executive Director of Mamatoto Village, a perinatal family support organization in Washington, DC, that has been successful in securing Medicaid Managed Care reimbursement for non-clinical perinatal support services.

Ms. Nedhari has also designed a comprehensive curriculum for training perinatal health workers through a two year workforce development program that builds upon the community health worker model.

Ms. Nedhari is a fiercely dedicated woman who believes that by promoting health equity the reduction of barriers in maternal and child health begin to dissipate, giving rise to healthy individuals, families, and communities. She is currently a doctoral student at Capella University, studying organizational leadership and management, with an eye towards cultivating innovative models of perinatal care delivery in high needs communities.

Ms. Nedhari received a Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies and Criminal Justice from Temple University and a Master of Science in Marriage, Couple, and Family Therapy from Capella 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:** January 17, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating members to the members to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee

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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'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish