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SECRETARY

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 1043 of the Street Harassment Prevention Act of 2018 (D.C. Law 22-168; D.C. Official Code § 7-2422), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

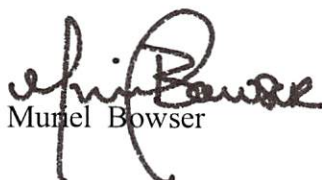
Ms. Esther Ford
4805 1st Street SW
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

for appointment as a District resident engaged in direct service within the District related to poverty or homelessness member of the Advisory Committee on Street Harassment, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end October 20, 2020.

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. Esther Ford to the Advisory Committee on Street
Harassment.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the "Advisory Committee on Street Harassment Esther Ford
Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

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

Ms. Esther Ford
4805 1st Street SW
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

as a District resident engaged in direct service within the District related to poverty or
homelessness member of the Advisory Committee on Street Harassment, pursuant to section
1043 of the Street Harassment Prevention Act of 2018 (D.C. Law 22-168; D.C. Official Code §
7-2422), for a term to end October 20, 2020.

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.

ESTHER FORD



OBJECTIVE: A challenging position which will allow me the opportunity to mentor my peers and assist them to develop skills that will enhance their recovery process.

SUMMARY

- Ability to work effectively, provide positive feedback with coworkers.
- Skilled in providing a healthy, safe and stigma free environment with in the community
- The ability to train others with skills that will provide positive and professional work ethics and empathy that will inspire trust among with community members.
- Manage and work effectively in all socio-economic arenas.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Provide information on various educational, employment and career resources. Assist with the utilization of source materials using job search databases. Provided career counseling and re-entry information for those in and out an institutional setting. Assisted with developing pre-release plans and individual recovery/treatment plans
- Make presentations to communities on trauma related to issues.
- Served as a liaison with mental health/substance abuse consumers formerly incarcerated persons whom have successfully completed treatment to help them advancement to the next stages of recovery.

SUMMARY OF APTITUDES

Clinically Competent Certification Co-occurring Disorders • 12 Core Functions, SBIRT Treatment • Crisis Intervention • Adult Supervision

Work Experience:

First Stop Recovery Resource and Wellness Center- Executive Director	Present
DC DOC RSAT Program-Volunteer/hired as Peer Program Assistant	5/4/13 to 9/15
Pathways to Housing (ACT Team# 3)	1//13 to 5/15
Women's Program Development, Campbell Foundation	4/11 to 12/12
Program Asst. /Peer Advocate, Catholic Charities	2010 to 2011
Second Genesis/Facilitator	2009-2011
Trinity Dry Cleaner-Manager	1994-1999

Esther Ford

EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

University District of Columbia- Social Work	8/16
Catholic University of America – AA Human Services	5/16/15
DC Certified Peer Specialist	9/14
Catholic Charities School of Professional Studies	6/11 to 12/11

Certifications and Certificates in Training for:

Managers Food Handlers License	06/16
Human Rights Liaison	01/16
Re Entry Support Specialist Advance Level Facilitator	07/15
Certified Forensic Peer Specialist	01/15
Certified Peer Specialist with Advance Level Training for Veterans	10/14
Certified Clinically Competent in Co Occurring Disorder	10/14-8/15
Catholic Charities Professional Counseling Certification-240 contact hours	06/12
Suicide Prevention	09/14
SBIRT Training	06/13
Incorporating the 10 Peer Concepts into Daily Practice	11/14
Trauma Informed Training	2/12/13
WRAP Facilitator	12/14
DTR Facilitator	8/13 TO 4/15
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training	08/14
Mental Health First Aid	07/14

Conference Participation:

- **2015 (Sponsor) Behavioral Health Trauma Informed Focus on Recidivism**
- **2012/13/14 (Host) Mental Health Awareness Summit, Trauma Informed Care**
- **Created Mentoring and Support Program at Maryland Correctional Facility**

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

- **DBH Certified Peer Specialist (Committee and Trainer)**
- **DC Re Entry Taskforce**
- **Ombudsman Advisory Council -Committee Member**
- **Ida Mae Campbell Wellness Center (Former President and Board Chair)**
- **Undo Racism in America –Committee Member**
- **Leadership Committee for EXOA**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **Standardized Peer Foundation Training module (Creator)**
- **Facilitator for DC DBH Certified Peer Specialist Training**
- **EXOA- 12 Step Program for retuning citizens 2/16 (Creator)**
- **Peers Talk Social Media Site (Creator)**
- **Family Chatroom Social Media Site (Creator)**
- **USA VETS Social Media Site (Creator)**
- **First Stop Recovery Resource and Wellness Center (Founder/ Executive Director)**
- **Re Entry Support Specialist (Creator and Facilitator)**
- **CRESS-Certified Re Entry Support Specialist (Creator and Facilitator)**



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Esther Ford



Esther Ford is the Executive Director of First Stop Recovery.org and the founder of Ex-Offenders Anonymous, a self-help group that supports inmates and returning citizens. Ms. Ford serves on the Ombudsman Committee, Department of DBH Behavioral Health Planning Council, Chair of DBH Connection of Care Committee. The committee looks at citywide access to services, how DC is meeting behavioral health needs, and advocacy for consumers to have easily accessible and timely access to services.

Ms. Ford serves on the DBH Certified Peer Specialist Committee, Solutions to Wellness Steering Committee which is yearly health fair that focuses on bringing health and awareness to the LBGQT population here in the district and she is a Human Rights Liaison who participated in the Safe Bathroom Campaign. She works at Miriam's Kitchen as a case manager working feverishly to provide unconditional support and finding permanent housing for those persons who are chronically homeless. Esther is a Certified Veteran, Forensic, Family, Peer Specialist, Recovery Coach Advance Level Train of Trainers and Life Coach.

Ms. Ford is an Alumni at Catholic University of America and is currently a participant in the BSW/MSW program. Ms. Ford has created and implemented several programs and trainings in her commitment to serve district residents

A Ward 8 resident, Ms. Ford's mission is to educate and provide unconditional support to the community through social change and public safety for all.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Gianelle Rivera, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: November 21, 2019
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Esther Ford and Noor Mir to the Advisory Committee on Street Harassment

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 with a large, flowing "E" and "C".

Elizabeth Cavendish