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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 2 of the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act of 2002, effective April 11, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-296; D.C. Official Code § 16-1052), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

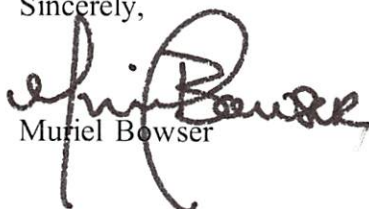
Ms. Crystal Jacobs
1154 Barnaby Terrace SE
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

for appointment as a representative from a domestic violence housing organization member of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, for a term to end July 20, 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,


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. Crystal Jacobs to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Crystal Jacobs Confirmation Resolution of 2019".

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

Ms. Crystal Jacobs
1154 Barnaby Terrace SE
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

as a representative from a domestic violence housing organization member of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, pursuant to section 2 of the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act of 2002, effective April 11, 2003 (D.C. Law 14-296; D.C. Official Code § 16-1052) for a term to end July 20, 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.

Crystal Jacobs

Skills

- Strong skill set in establishing and maintaining landlord partnerships
- Experience with managing locally and federally funded housing programs designed to create housing options for individual and families who have experienced episodes of housing instability
- Knowledgeable of best practices when working with culturally specific communities

Objective

Use my leadership skills to expand my career in the area of social services with an organization where my skills and experience will be an asset to increasing program capacity, leveraging relationships with stakeholders and improving the experiences of those seeking supportive services.

Experience

Community Housing Program Manager

District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH), Washington, DC

2014 - Present

Provide leadership and oversight to the programmatic functions and implementation of the Community Housing Program department with a focus on homelessness prevention, flexible spending cash assistance programming and transitional housing subsidy programs

Supervise and manage the Empowerment Project - a nationally recognized transitional to permanent scattered site housing program

Oversee the implementation of home based supportive services to participants which includes but is not limited to developing goals, safety plans, creating budgets and financial plans, providing concrete resources and supportive counseling

Supervise and manage activities of the Housing Resource Center in partnership with the DC Department of Human Services to off homelessness prevention support to assist domestic violence survivors with locating and maintaining affordable housing, economic empowerment and sustainability

Housing Resource Center in partnership with the DC Department of Human Services which includes: housing counseling, safety transfers, assistance with finding permanent housing; trainings on housing resources and rights; a weekly walk in housing clinic; online information and tools

Oversee activities of a grant funded program to provide coordinated services to sexual assault survivors which includes: collaborating with other agencies for trainings & referrals; assisting sexual assault survivors with navigating the housing system and obtaining housing

Develop protocols for the Community Housing Program and agencywide programs standards; develop and maintain a data tracking system & other program evaluation tools; Create mechanisms for educating the community on changing policy as it relates to victim access to affordable housing

Provide direct supervision to a team of housing managers and advocates

Provide leadership and supervision to all Community Housing Programs which include,
Develop and maintain partnerships with housing providers to assist individuals and families with navigating the housing system in the metropolitan area
Research available affordable and supportive housing options; developing relationships with landlords, brokers and housing programs
Represent DASH at community meetings relating to housing issues for the homeless and domestic violence population
Educate the community on changing policy as it relates to victim access to affordable housing
Complete monthly billing and data submission of rental subsidy and cash assistance

Part-time Case Manager

Family Services Inc, Gaithersburg, MD

2012 – 2014

Provide intensive case management services to at least 10 individuals and families who enter the program and coordinate care between programs and outside agencies
Work closely with community resources and agencies to ensure that all aspects of case plans are coordinated
Assist individuals to move toward self-sufficiency, permanent housing, or supportive services through creating budgets, healthy relationships, and empowerment
Educate residents, families, and staff on available community resources

Security Monitor

Vance International, Centreville, VA

2004 – 2012

Maintained client confidential records
Assisted in training new employees on organizational procedures
Foster a safe, clean, and peaceful environment
Monitor public housing locations, schools, and family shelter

Resident Advocate

United Communities Against Poverty, Capital Heights, MD

2001 – 2004

Provided crisis intervention/conflict resolution support to residents
Teach interpersonal relation skills building through groups
Help residents obtain and retain employment
Identify affordable housing
Assist residents with applications for mainstream resource benefits

Education

University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
1999-2002

Training

Human Rights Liaison (OHR) 2015

References

References are available on request.



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Crystal Jacobs Bio



Crystal Jacobs, a native of Washington, DC has dedicated her career to the field of human services where she's able to support families of the District. No matter the circumstance, Jacobs is committed to ensuring that families have the tools necessary to thrive and to overcome any obstacle. Having grown up in the metropolitan area, she is familiar with the landscape and has over 7 years of professional experience with assisting families to identify resources, to advocate for themselves and to use their stories to inspire others.

Crystal Jacobs currently serves as a Program Manager at District Alliance for Safe Housing. This position allows her to oversee the Community Housing Program and the Housing Resource Center geared to support survivors of domestic or sexual violence who are experiencing episodes of homelessness. Crystal manages multiple programs that are locally and federally governed to include a scattered site housing program, a housing program specifically for survivors of domestic or sexual violence who also are living with HIV/AIDS, an elder services program and a walk in center. In this capacity, she supports a team of four and work diligently to ensure that safe housing is a human right shared by all.

A resident of Ward 8, Crystal has a love for this city and will continue to work tirelessly to eradicate domestic and sexual violence and homelessness.



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 18, 2019
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of a resolution nominating Crystal Jacobs, Lenore Jarvis, Karen Barker Marcou, Shannon Sigamoni, Laila Leigh, and Ashley Joyner Chavous to the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board

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 cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth Cavendish