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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

MAR - 9 2020

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 D.C. Official Code § 25-201(a), I am pleased to nominate the following individual to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board:

Ms. Rema Wahabzadah  
4th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(Ward 6)

for reappointment as a member of the Board, for a term to end May 7, 2024.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing Ms. Wahabzadah's experience, 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, appearing to read "Muriel E. Bowser".

Muriel E. Bowser

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Rema Wahabzadah as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Rema Wahabzadah Confirmation Resolution of 2020”.

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

Ms. Rema Wahabzadah  
4th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-201(a), for a term to end May 7, 2024.

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.

# REMA ZADAH

Legal advisor | | Business consultant | | Client advocate

## EDUCATION

**David A. Clarke School of Law, Washington D.C. (2010-2013)**

J.D., May 2013

Admitted to the Bar of Maryland and the District of Columbia

**George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (2003-2007)**

B.A. Government and International Politics, Pre-Law

## EXPERIENCE

### **Cary Rx, Washington, D.C.**

*Advisory Counsel – Compliance & Business Development, November 2016- Present*

- Advise on a range of business issues to managing partners of a pharmaceutical technology start-up in the District of Columbia
- Ensure compliance with local and federal business & technology rules and regulations
- Draft patent and trademark applications to the USPTO
- Devise strategic plans to expand Cary Rx sales and cultivate personal relationships with investors and clients
- Draft and deliver proposals to prospective clientele

### **Statehood Initiative Agency (SIA), Washington, D.C**

*Legislative Counsel (As needed), June 2015-Present*

- Advise on legal issues pertaining to budget allocation, requisitions, statehood initiative bills, purchase contracts, and federal and local government rules and regulations
- Advise on legislative activity on the House and Senate floor, and the District of Columbia Council
- Cultivate personal relationships with members of the House, Senate and the District of Columbia Council and represent the Agency in high-level business meetings

### **Paul Strauss and Associates, P.C. Washington, D.C**

*Associate Attorney, August 2013-November 2016*

- Represent clients in the District of Columbia and Maryland in civil litigation with a focus on real estate (high level real estate transactions), government, employment and business law
- Advise business owners in the District of Columbia on local government and business trade compliance
- Represent clients in jury trials, court trials, mediation and appeals
- Draft legal memoranda and court briefs for state and federal cases

### **Flour Corporation, Arlington, VA**

*Business Development Manager, Fluor Government Group, December 2009 – May 2010*

- Researched government procurement contracts for national and international nuclear operations
- Reported to Senior high-level staff on government policies, DOE regulatory actions, and industry news
- Represented the FGG in high-level business meetings with government officials

## SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

- High level powerpoint slide creator with excellent speaking and presenting skills
- Advance skills in microsoft office suite
- Experienced with project management and JIRA
- Utilized Pipeline (CRM ) to manage, obtain and close sales
- Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., Member
- Counsel on the Legal Committee for the New Columbia Statehood Constitution



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## Rema Wahabzadah



Rema Wahabzadah is the Advisory Counsel for Cary Rx and is a current member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Ms. Wahabzadah is a lawyer and business consultant in the District of Columbia. She currently works with Cary Rx, a DC-based pharmaceutical start-up that offers on-demand prescription delivery to DC residents and DC healthcare facilities. Throughout her career, Ms. Wahabzadah has been devoted to public service.

Ms. Wahabzadah began her career as an Associate Attorney at Paul Strauss and Associates, PC, a law firm founded by DC Senator Paul Strauss (Shadow). It is here where she found her passion for public service. She has represented the District of Columbia's residents and business establishments, in addition to serving as Legislative Counsel to the Statehood Initiatives Agency, an agency dedicated to the achievement of statehood for DC. Ms. Wahabzadah is a volunteer member of the Legal Committee which drafted the New Columbia Statehood Constitution and a member of the Maryland and District of Columbia Bar.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Wahabzadah obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Government and International Politics from George Mason University and a Juris Doctor from the David A. Clarke School of Law.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Ronan Gulstone, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** February 27, 2020  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of resolution nominating James Short and Rema Wahabzadah to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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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 cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish