



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

November 5, 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 8(97) of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801), which established the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission"), and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment:

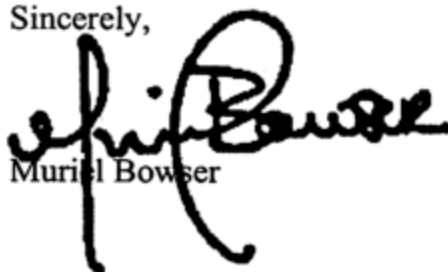
Mrs. Lorna John
French Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Commission, replacing Greer Gillis, to fill the remainder of an unexpired term to end June 30, 2022.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with proposed resolutions to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of these nominations 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

To confirm the appointment of Lorna John as a member of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Public Service Commission Lorna John Confirmation Resolution of 2020".

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

Lorna John
French Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 6)

as a member of the Commission, in accordance with 8(97) of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 995; D.C. Official Code § 34-801), which established the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, and section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), replacing Greer Gillis, to fill the remainder of an unexpired term to end June 30, 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.



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments
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Lorna John is an attorney with decades of experience in government relations, regulated industry, corporate compliance, procurement, acquisitions and policy. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, an independent, quasi-judicial body empowered to grant relief from the strict application of the zoning regulations, approve certain uses of land (special exceptions), and hear appeals of actions taken by the Zoning Administrator at DCRA.

Ms. John began her career as a partner in the firm of Thomas and John, with a concentration in contracts, litigation, real estate, Landlord and Tenant law, immigration, criminal law and family law. Ms. John concluded a long career in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Senior Attorney Office of the Chief Counsel. Additional roles at FAA included serving as a Senior Attorney and lead counsel for several complex multi-million-dollar acquisition programs and successfully handling a wide range of acquisition matters. In 1996, she received Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award for superior accomplishment in acquisition reform, particularly for drafting the agency's innovative acquisition policies and procedures.

As a Senior Attorney in the FAA's International Law, Legislation and Regulations division, Ms. John provided legal and policy advice on a wide range of international and domestic regulatory issues including the regulatory harmonization to North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA) and Pilot Record Improvement Act (PRIA) matters. Ms. John drafted and interpreted regulations pertaining to foreign air carrier operations within the United States and on special Federal Aviation Regulations (SFARs). She has also provided legal technical assistance to many civil aviation authorities around the world.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. John received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of the West Indies, a Master of Education from Howard University, and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

LORNA JOHN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

February 2018
to Present

**District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board Member, District Appointee**

Conduct hearings on applications for variances and special exceptions from the strict application of the Zoning Regulations. Hear and decide appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator or any administrative officer or body, including the Mayor, in the administration or enforcement of the Zoning Regulations.

February 2001
to September 2013

**Office of the Chief Counsel
International Law, Legislation and Regulations Division
Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D.C.
Senior Attorney**

Provided legal advice and counsel to management and other agency personnel on a wide range of legal and policy issues affecting international aviation. As Senior Attorney for International Regulatory Compliance, provided legal advice and counsel regarding European and FAA regulatory harmonization projects and other international legal and policy issues impacting the rulemaking process. Drafted and reviewed rulemaking documents and participated in aviation rulemaking committees (ARCs), other rulemaking committees, and international conferences. Assisted foreign civil aviation authorities in drafting laws, regulations and guidance to satisfy international standards. Drafted and reviewed international agreements. Served as principal legal advisor for emergency operations in potentially hostile situations. Represented the agency's aviation interests before international organizations, foreign governments, and funding organizations.

February 1990
to January 2001

**Office of the Chief Counsel
Acquisition and Commercial Law Division
Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D.C.
Senior Attorney**

Served as lead counsel for several multi-million dollar, high visibility acquisition programs for services and equipment. Served as lead counsel in litigation involving bid protests and contract disputes. Served as lead counsel for the development and implementation of the agency's innovative Acquisition Management System (AMS). Reviewed and analyzed legislation and regulations, drafted agency policy and guidance, legal memoranda, and contractual documents. Handled a wide range of other issues related to acquisition, including civil fraud, bankruptcy, antitrust, and mergers and acquisitions in coordination with the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

Served as liaison to the inter-agency Suspension and Debarment Committee. Received Vice President Gore's Hammer Award for superior accomplishment in acquisition reform.

April 1986
to January 1990

**District of Columbia Office of Human Rights
and Minority Business Development, Washington, D.C.**
Staff Attorney/Hearing Examiner

Managed the Monitoring and Evaluation Division responsible for oversight of small business utilization in District government contracting. Managed litigation defending the District of Columbia's minority business program. As Hearing Examiner, conducted hearings and rendered decisions on cases brought under the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977. Prepared and presented cases alleging violations of the Minority Contracting Act of 1976 to the former Minority Business Opportunity Commission.

September 1981
to March 1986

Thomas & John, Washington, D.C.
Partner

Represented individual and corporate clients, and small businesses. Areas of concentration included contracts, civil and criminal litigation, landlord-tenant, real estate, immigration, and family law.

EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, D.C.
J.D. 1981, (Member, Criminal Justice Clinic)

Howard University
Washington, D.C.
M.A.T. Education, 1973

University of the West Indies
Jamaica, W.I.
B.A. English Honors, 1970

BAR ADMISSION: District of Columbia, December 1981

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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Ronan Gulstone, Steven Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: November 3, 2020
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Lorna John as a member of the Public Service Commission

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