



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

November 29, 2021

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 1002 of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(a)(1)), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Robert Alter
E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
(Ward 6)

for appointment as a landscape architect licensed in the District member of the Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture, filling a vacant seat, for a term to end November 13, 2024.


Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Alter'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 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

To confirm the appointment of Robert Alter to the Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture Robert Alter Confirmation Resolution of 2021”.

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

Mr. Robert Alter
E Street, SE
Washington, DC 20017
(Ward 6)

as a landscape architect licensed in the District member of the Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture, pursuant to section 1002 of the Second Omnibus Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-261; D.C. Official Code § 47-2853.06(a)(1)), filling a vacant seat, for a term to end November 13, 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.

ROBERT JOSEPH ALTER, PLA, ASLA, CLARB, AICP
Landscape Architect / Certified Planner / Urban Designer

- EDUCATION** **Master of Architecture in Urban Design**,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, 1975.
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Landscape Architecture),
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 1968.
- REGISTRATION** **Licensed Landscape Architect**, District of Columbia (LAR#000002)
Licensed Landscape Architect, State of Maryland (#362)
Licensed Landscape Architect, Commonwealth of Virginia (#156)
Certified Planner, American Institute of Certified Planners.
- HONORS** **Honor Award**, Design Category, American Society of Landscape
Architects, Maryland Chapter, 1983.
- POSITIONS** **Principal/Managing Member**, Alter Associates, LLC, Washington, DC
January 2017 to Present.
President/Principal, Phoenix Land Design, Inc. Upper Marlboro, MD
July 1992 to December 2016.
Vice President – Planning & Landscape Architecture, FSI Design Group,
Fort Washington, MD 1987 to 1992
Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture, Dewberry and Davis,
Landover, Maryland, 1986 to 1987.
President/Owner, Alter Associates, Washington, D.C., 1983 to 1986
Chief of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design, Johnson, Mirmiran &
Thompson, Towson and Silver Spring, Maryland, 1978 to 1983.
Senior Urban Designer, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning
Commission, Upper Marlboro, MD 1975 to 1978.
Landscape Architect/Draftsman, KRS Associates, Reston, VA 1975.
Instructor, School of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph,
Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 1975.
Landscape Architect/Planner, Hayden and Benning Associates, Inc.,
Bethesda, MD 1971 to 1973.
Illustrator, U.S. Army, Pentagon, Arlington, VA 1969 to 1971.
Planner/Landscape Architect, Beckman, Swenson Associates, Ft. Wayne,
IN. 1968.
Landscape Architect, Browning, Day Associates, Indianapolis, IN, 1968

**SUMMARY OF
EXPERIENCE**

As Principal of Alter Associates LLC, Mr. Alter continues to act as the chief landscape architect and project manager for ongoing projects in Maryland and the District of Columbia begun with Phoenix Land Design, Inc. (which closed at the end of 2016) as well as all new projects.

As Principal In-Charge of Landscape Architecture and Planning at Phoenix Land Design, Robert Alter acted as design supervisor and project manager as well as President and CFO of a multi-disciplinary firm of 20 employees. Mr. Alter has worked for more than thirty-35 years in the fields of land

planning, landscape architecture, and urban design. He has designed and supervised the design of a wide variety of projects which have ranged from the planning of large multi-use development projects to the preparation of construction documents for large recreation parks, urban streetscapes, site renovations, and residential and commercial development. In the development field, Mr. Alter has been responsible for the preparation of numerous feasibility studies and preliminary plans, as well as providing expert witness testimony.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Certified Planners, Member
American Planning Association, Charter Member
American Society of Landscape Architects, Member,
Co-chairman for 1981 Annual Meeting
Board of Trustees (2010-2013)
Member, Licensure Committee (2013-Present)
Maryland Chapter, ASLA, Member
Trustee
Immediate Past-president
President
President-elect
Vice President.
Potomac Chapter, ASLA, Member
Advocacy Chair

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Prince George's County-Development Quality Steering Committee - Substitute member.
Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association
MNCPPC Liaison Committee - Chairman
Prince George's County Liaison Committee – Member
Critical Bay Area and Patuxent Primary Management Area Legislation Review Task Force
Minority Building Industry Association – Board Member
Capitol Hill Montessori School, Long Range Planning Committee.
Cheverly Swim & Racquet Club, Tennis Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

Article

"Grass Roots Urban Design." Outlook, March 1976

Reports

Brookwood: Feasibility Study of the Irwin Property, Phoenix Land Design, Inc., March 27, 1998.

Somerset-Site Design and Architectural Codes, Phoenix Land Design, Inc., September, 1993.

Warfield Pond Community Park Master Plan. Howard County, Maryland 1987.

Hammond Community Park Master Plan. Howard County, Maryland, 1987.

Site Development Cost for Moderately Price Dwelling Units. Silver Spring, Maryland: Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, P.A., 1981.

Towsontown Boulevard Landscape Study. Towson, Maryland: Johnson Mirmiran and Thompson, P.A., December 1983.

Edmonston, Commercial Corridor Design and Development Study. Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, May 1978.

North Brentwood, Commercial Corridor Design and Development Study. Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, May 1977.

Brentwood, Commercial Corridor Design and Development Study. Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, 1977.

Cottage City, Commercial Corridor Design and Development Study. Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, March 1977.

Bladensburg, Commercial Corridor Design Development Study. Upper Marlboro, Maryland: Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, March 1977.

Major paper

The Urban Pedestrian System as an Urban Form Organizer. Blacksburg, Virginia, December 1974, 128 pages.



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Robert Alter



Robert Alter arrived in the D.C. area to serve in the U.S. Army and spent the next 16 months protecting our country from the basement of the Pentagon. Upon leaving the Army, he secured a job as a landscape architect with a landscape architecture and planning firm in Bethesda, MD.

Mr. Alter later served as a Senior Urban Designer with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Prince George's County, in a "grass roots" urban design effort to improve the county's commercial corridors in older communities near the District of Columbia. Mr. Alter is licensed as a Landscape Architect in Maryland and has worked on the design of both public improvement projects and private land development in several Maryland counties. For most of the last 25 years, Mr. Alter has served as President and CEO of Phoenix Land Design, Inc. (PLD) while acting as the chief landscape architect and planner. Mr. Alter also founded the consulting firm Alter Associates LLC.

Mr. Alter has been active in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) at both the national and local levels and is currently a member of both the Maryland and Potomac (serving DC) Chapters. He currently serves on the Licensure and State Advocacy Committee and acts as a liaison between the Potomac Chapter of ASLA and the Board of Architects, Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects. While serving as the Maryland representative on the ASLA Board of Trustees, Mr. Alter achieved licensure for landscape architects in all 50 states and recently received his licensure in the District of Columbia.

A Ward 6 resident, Mr. Alter received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a focus on Landscape Architecture from Purdue University and a Master of Architecture in Urban Design degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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: November 18, 2021
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Robert Alter to the Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish