



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

October 19, 2023

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 11201a of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, effective October 2, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-233; D.C. Official Code § 24-101.01), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

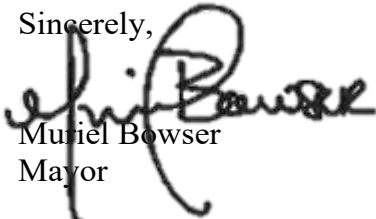
Mr. Charles Thornton
Carrollsbury Place, SW
Washington, DC 20004
(Ward 6)

for reappointment as a member of the Corrections Information Council Governing Board, for a term to end June 7, 2025.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, along 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, Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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14 To confirm the reappointment of Mr. Charles Thornton as a member of the District of Columbia
15 Corrections Information Council Governing Board.
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17 RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution
18 may be cited as the "District of Columbia Corrections Information Council Governing Board
19 Charles Thornton Confirmation Resolution of 2023".
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21 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

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23 Mr. Charles Thornton
24 Carrollsburg Place, SW
25 Washington, DC 20004
26 (Ward 6)
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28 as a member of the District of Columbia Corrections Information Council Governing Board,
29 established by section 11201a of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government
30 Improvement Act of 1997, effective October 2, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-233; D.C. Official Code §
31 24-101.01), for a term to end June 7, 2025.

32 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
33 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

34 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



CHARLES B. THORNTON

Criminal Justice - Correctional Systems - Reentry



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Washington DC, 20024

PRIMARY INTERESTS

Criminal Justice - Correctional Systems - Reentry

EDUCATION

H D Woodson Senior High School Graduate, 1979

QUALIFIED BY

- ❖ District of Columbia Executive Leadership Program George Washington University
- ❖ DC/MD Building Engineer License
- ❖ DC/MD Real Estate License
- ❖ The National Center for Construction Education and Research Training Certification
- ❖ Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (instructor)
- ❖ Member Board of Directors District of Columbia Workforce Investment Council
- ❖ Serve as Co-Chair of Reentry Steering Committee facilitated by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- ❖ Commission on Black Men and Boys

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- ❖ American Bar Association
- ❖ Congresswoman Norton's Congressional Hearing on Black Men and Boy's
- ❖ Second Chance Conference at the Gaylord Hotel Fort Washington MD
- ❖ Boston University
- ❖ Free Her Rally, Washington, DC
- ❖ National Association Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ❖ Howard University Conference on Consequences
- ❖ American University
- ❖ Maryland University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DC Office of Human Rights, Special Assistant

2016-Present

The District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977 (HRA) prohibits discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, and educational Institutions based on 20 protected traits. The Act - one of the most progressive anti-discrimination laws in the nation - allows individuals who believe they have experienced discrimination to file complaints with OHR and receive damages or remedies if discriminatory behavior is found. The Act only applies to discriminatory incidents that occur in the District.

DC Corrections Information Council, Board Chair

2016-Present

According to Sept. 30, 2018, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) census data, there were 4,500 DC residents in BOP custody, including 4,336 men and 164 women. Out of the 4,500 total, 328 men and 46 women were in transit to a facility. DC inmates are incarcerated in over 118 different BOP facilities and contract facilities across 35 states, including the District of Columbia. As the Chair Mr. Thornton monitors and inspects conditions of confinement for D.C. prisoners.

The Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens' Affairs (MORCA), Director

2011- 2016

The primary purpose of MORCA is to advise the Mayor of the District of Columbia on strategies concerning returning citizens. Oversee the administration of programs and services to 5,000 returning citizens annually. Provide leadership and supervision of staff and volunteers. Oversee and manage the design/build of the New Reentry Center allowing for the expanded accommodations for participants, staff and volunteers. In partnership with the Georgetown law Community Justice Project, an entity of the Georgetown University law Center, assisted in the creation a resource guide entitled "Welcome Home: let's get to work." In April 2013, this guide became available as an on-line tool and on the ORCA website. In collaboration with the Department of Public Works, one hundred and twelve (112) men and women completed training for commercial driver licenses (CDL). Assisted in the establishment of a gender-specific initiative targeting female reentrants, with a focus on those reentrants housed at the Fairview Halfway House. In collaboration with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Howard University School of law, assisted in the design and development a fully-automated Needs Assessment Tool to expedite the intake process, facilitate the assessment of client needs, and provide tracking capability of referrals and services provision. Assisted in design and development of the Reentry Workforce Development Project (RWDP) to provide training in the construction trades and janitorial maintenance to a select cohort of men and women reentrants.

C.B. Thornton Realty, LLC, Founder/CEO

2005-Present

Founder and CEO of residential real estate development and property Management Company with a specialty in developing residential housing for non-profit and social service organizations serving at-risk populations.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc., Washington, DC, Program Manager

2008-2011

Manage the Youth build work force development training operation providing management to staff and overseeing all its vocational programs. Oversee day to day operations of the vocational training services, serve as the lead person for community service projects, and collaborate with all other government, private and non-profit stakeholders and partners.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- ❖ DC Department of Corrections Volunteer
- ❖ DC Recovery Community Alliance
- ❖ East of the River Police Clergy Partnership
- ❖ Alliance of Concerned Men
- ❖ CSOSA Faith Based Reentry Collaborative
- ❖ Drug Policy Alliance

EVENTS HOSTED

- ❖ Hosted Delegation from Rwanda, DC Office of Human Rights Office **10/19**
- ❖ Millions for Prisoners Rights March **08/17**
- ❖ Justice or Else Rally **10/15**
- ❖ Free Her Rally **06/14**

DOCUMENTARY

- ❖ Returning Citizens **07/17**

Advance Realty Group, New Carrollton, MD, Chief Engineer

1997-2006

Responsible for the day to day operation of the entire ten building office park with one million square feet of office and retail space. Manage the building engineering, maintenance, janitorial, and security staff; oversee construction and renovation of tenant improvement, capital improvement and county regulations and inspections. Administer staff training programs and address tenant request.

APPOINTMENTS

DC Commission on Black Men and Boys **2013-present**
DC Corrections Information Council **2016-present**
Workforce Investment Council Implementation Committee **2016-present**

DC BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Fair Elections Campaign **2020**
Restore the Vote Campaign **2020**
Census Ambassador **2020**

NATIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

All of Us or None, Oakland, CA **2012-present**
Center for Nuleadership, Brooklyn, NY **2015-present**
Formally Incarcerated Convicted People and Family Movement **2016-present**
International Black World 21st Century **2016-present**
DC Democrat Returning Citizens Caucus, Senior Advisor **2019**
National Council Formerly Incarcerated Women **2020**

LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ International Conference on Prison Reform
- ❖ American Bar Association
- ❖ Congress Woman Norton's Congressional Hearing on Black Men and Boys
- ❖ Free Her Rally, Washington, DC
- ❖ National Association Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ❖ Howard University Conference on Consequences
- ❖ American University
- ❖ Maryland University

NATIONAL

- ❖ Second Chance Conference (Multiple locations throughout the USA)
- ❖ Boston University
- ❖ United Nations New York, New York

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING Engagements

- ❖ Costa Rica
- ❖ Rwanda
- ❖ Casa Blanca Morocco

RADIO/MEDIA/NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHTS

Featured on WHUR (96.3): Prison Reform: The importance of in person family visits and what is needed for DC Jail. **2018**
Kojo Namdi: Show (88.5): Conversation on Reentry **2017**
Will DC Be The First To Escape The Prison Trap: (40G) Magazine **2016**
Is DC Taking Care of Returning Citizens: East Of The River Magazine **2015**



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Charles Thornton



Charles Thornton is a Special Assistant at the DC Office of Human Rights (OHR), and current member of the Corrections Information Council (CIC). Mr. Thornton previously served as the Director of the Mayor's Office on Returning Citizens Affairs (MORCA). He has experience in engagement with and outreach to institutions to proactively connect returning citizens to necessary District resources and services.

Mr. Thornton has several years of experience in workforce development, engagement, and advocacy for the returning citizen community. He previously served as a manager with Sasha Bruce Youthwork, Inc., where he helped improve the lives of runaway, abused, neglected, homeless, and at-risk youth by enabling them to learn valuable skills in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work.

A Ward 6 resident, Mr. Thornton is a member of the DC Housing Authority's Landlord Advisory Committee, the DC Recovery Community Alliance, the Faith-Based Reentry Collaborative, and other community organizations.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tommy Wells, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: June 20, 2023
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Charles Thornton as a member of the Corrections Information Council Governing Board

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 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