



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

February 20, 2024

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 4 of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Reginald Van Lee
10th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 2)

for reappointment as a member and Chairperson of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, for a term to end June 30, 2027.


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 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
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Reginald Van Lee to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Reginald Van Lee Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. Reginald Van Lee
10th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(Ward 2)

as a member and Chairperson of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, established by section 4 of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203), for a term to end June 30, 2027.

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.

REGINALD “REGGIE” VAN LEE

SUMMARY

Executive Partner & Managing Director at AlixPartners, bringing over three decades of global experience in advising corporations and boards of directors. Recognized for leading organizational transformations, corporate strategy, diversity initiatives, and talent management.

RECOGNITION

Top 25 Consultant in the World - Consulting Magazine
Washington Minority Business Leader - Washington Business Journal
Black Engineer of the Year - Black Engineer Magazine

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Executive Leadership Council
- Women’s Venture Capital Fund II
- National CARES Mentoring Movement
- Blair House Foundation
- Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)
- Studio Museum in Harlem
- Black Theatre Coalition
- Gospel Music Haus Museum
- Tony Award Nominating and Voting Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ALIXPARTNERS

Executive Partner & Managing Director

- Lead advisor to corporations and boards on performance and technology strategies.
- Provide strategic guidance and implementation support to drive organizational success.

CARLYLE GROUP

Chief Transformation Officer

- Led comprehensive organizational change initiatives across culture, structure, design, strategy, diversity, and talent.
- Successfully tied diversity to executive compensation to drive inclusion and equity.

BOOZ, ALLEN & HAMILTON

Executive Vice President

- Advised clients on strategic transformation, merger integration, and organizational design.
- Delivered high-impact solutions to drive performance and growth.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Master of Science in Civil Engineering	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Master of Business Administration	Harvard University



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Reginald Van Lee



Reginald (Reggie) Van Lee is a philanthropist, an arts advocate, and retired Executive Vice President of the global management and technology consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton. He was appointed by President Obama to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and was formerly appointed by President Obama to the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. He is the co-author of the book, “Mega communities – How Leaders of Government, Business and Non-Profits Can Tackle Today’s Global Challenges Together.”

Born in the late 1950’s in Houston, Texas, Mr. Van Lee was raised in the segregated south as a little black boy, who happened to be gay, and didn’t dwell on the negative aspects of being different – he used his “differentness” to thrive. He had a dream to *be somebody* and through his drive, and support from his family, and his community, he was able to make those dreams come true.

While working at Booz Allen, Mr. Van Lee discovered a desire to find his *journey to purpose* and do everything he could to support the arts and other aspects of communities he loved, and in which he believed. Among other awards recognizing his commitment to service, he received New York University’s C. Walter Nichols Award for outstanding community service, the Abyssinian Development Corporation Renaissance Award for his long-time and faithful commitment to the Harlem community and the Percy E. Sutton Civic Leadership Award from the Apollo Theater Foundation, and was recognized as one of New York’s finest Philanthropists. Mr. Van Lee serves as Chairman of the board of the Washington Performing Arts and of the National CARES Mentoring Movement. He is a Trustee of the Studio Museum in Harlem and is a member of the Executive Leadership Council. He is Vice Chair of the board of The Washington Ballet.

A Ward 2 resident, Mr. Van Lee is a founding member of the Clinton Global Initiative.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: January 25, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Gretchen Wharton, Kymber Lovett-Menkiti, Cora Masters Barry, and Reginald Van Lee as members of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Erika Satterlee, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or 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, looped 'E' at the beginning.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish