



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 3, 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 3 of the Food Policy Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191; D.C. Official Code § 48-313), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Angela Chester-Johnson
Upsal Street, SE
Washington, DC 20032
(Ward 8)

for appointment as a public member of the Food Policy Council, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Karyn Bigelow, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end March 1, 2026.


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 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 Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To confirm the appointment of Angela Chester-Johnson to the Food Policy Council.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
18 resolution may be cited as the “Food Policy Council Angela Chester-Johnson Confirmation
19 Resolution of 2024”.

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

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22 Ms. Angela Chester-Johnson
23 Upsal Street, SE
24 Washington, DC 20032
25 (Ward 8)
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27 as a public member of the Food Policy Council, established by section 3 of the Food Policy
28 Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191;
29 D.C. Official Code § 48-312), filling a vacant seat formerly held by Karyn Bigelow, for the
30 remainder of an unexpired term to end March 1, 2026.

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

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

Angela Chester-Johnson



Summary of Qualifications:

A highly creative, analytical, and agile leader/servant with 15 + years of experience developing and advocating public policies for child and maternal health, international trade, and economic development; A technical and creative writer, championing the elevation of the status of women, children, and the communities where they reside. A seasoned, certified business entrepreneur in the food production and security space. A consistent achiever of articulated business and organizational goals and objectives.

Experience:

Plum Good LLC – CEO April 2009 - Present

- Built/own successful certified business (MBE, WBE, CBE, Hub Zone) enterprise's growth and development to a regional recognized brand in the food space.
- Established strategic partnerships for trade of raw and value-added food products between Africa and America – Senegal, Kenya, Nigeria, and DRC
- Facilitated purchase and training for 3000 + home aquaculture units (Senegal) for community economic and food security.
- Created GROW International, A 501 c-3 to train and support women and youth farmers. Awarded "Chefs for America" contract by "World Central Kitchen" Jose Andres, serving over 10,000 people during Covid-19.
- Secured a sub-contract partnership with ARAMARK at DC Sports Arena to train and employ residents of Wards 7 and 8 at our food concession.
- Consultant to DRC's past and present presidential advisors for establishment of Agricultural Export Zone, DAIPAN – Martin Bitijula Mahimba and (current permanent consultant to the president) Samba Harhini-Masengo Guisse
- Culinary caterer and educator, selling and promoting food, spices, and herbs as an igniter of better health and nutrition, stronger families and global understanding and cooperation.

Sullivan Foundation - VP Protocol & Diplomacy - 1/2005 – 11/2010

- Chief foundation liaison for DC Diplomatic Corps, and multiple African presidents and ministers, including the countries of Nigeria, Gabon, Senegal, Tanzania, Liberia, Morocco, and Ghana.
- Identified and generated strategic partnership ideas that optimized outcomes for successful visits from VIP visitors and collaborators.
- Advised organization's advance team members to ensure preparation and protocols for both national and international leaders were met or exceeded.
- Lead on set up and provision of VIP and diplomatic protocol during 3 international summits including Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Nigeria, with the attendance of President Clinton, Ambassador Andy Young, Reverend Al Sharpton and over 30 Heads of State from Africa and the Caribbean.
- Directed implementation of required protocol practice and deliverables.

Angela Chester-Johnson



- Estimated budgetary requirements for protocol and diplomacy during foundation convened meetings and events and embassy visits.

Additional Relevant Work Experience:

Import/Export

- Facilitated both import and export of over \$15,000,000 in goods/services to and from the US to Asia and to Sub-Saharan Africa for three consecutive years, to include export of seafood to West Africa; fruits to Japan; aqua-culture units to Senegal.
- Procured goods from artisans in Africa, Asia, and Caribbean, generating \$1,250,000 in annual sales.
- Led Capacity Building seminars for small businesses, facilitating agri-business with the US. USLA Chamber of Commerce (in Nigeria)
- Established non-profit to support women farmers in getting their goods to market.
- Provided business training in Burkina Faso, Corporate Council on Africa
- Won Bay Area Top 50 Exporters of the Year Award, S.F. Times

Education:

- Master of Public Administration (MPA) (Policy) California State University (East Bay)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Sociology/French Morgan State University
- Merritt College Certified Administrator Early Care and Education Oakland, CA

Other Activities and Associations:

- Board Member, Professionals for Humanity (PROFOH) Germany/Nigeria/USA
- Board Member, William O. Lockridge Community Foundation (WOLCF)
- Certified Trainer, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, WDC
- Certified Trainer, Maryland School of Technology and Education
- Elite Trainer, Global Business Roundtable, South Africa
- Trainer/Speaker African Women's Economic Project - DOS
- Agricultural and Business Advisor, to Permanent Advisor to President of DRC
- Collaborator and mentor for women - Global Thinkers Forum (GTF) London, England
- Member, Made in D.C. and Anacostia Business Improvement District
- Member, Africa Union's Pan African Women's Development Corp
- Master Gardener, Certified Food Manager and Food Industry Curator
- International Trade Facilitator and (public/private) Strategic Partner Management

Excellent References Furnished Upon Request



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Angela Chester-Johnson



Ms. Angela Chester-Johnson is the owner and Chief Flavor Maker of Plum Good LLC, a minority woman owned certified business enterprise, based in Washington, D.C. She is a Ward 8 Food Shero because of her work with its residents and fellow entrepreneurs. Her business, Plum Good, produces and sells local and international spices, herbs, teas, sauces, and gourmet snacks. Angela has enjoyed a successful career in international affairs, as a chief of diplomatic protocol, a business development consultant, technical writer, policy analyst and advocate. She has facilitated multiple trade and business development teams throughout South Asia and Africa. These have helped to generate business, build corporate capacity and strategic partnerships for clients, governments, and organizations. Ms. Chester-Johnson has a particular bent towards assisting small and women owned businesses to elevate. Her work has generated economic development in emerging economies; led to greater export revenues for her client base; produced positive social outcomes for recipient communities; and documented benefits for all stakeholders involved.

In addition to starting Plum Good, she is also the founder of Grow International (GROW). GROW is a nonprofit organization with a mission to support women and youth farmers in Africa and inner cities within the US. Ms. Chester-Johnson is currently a certified trainer with the state of Maryland and the Center for Technology in Education at Johns Hopkins University School of Education. She is also a recently retired certified advanced trainer with the District of Columbia’s Office of the State Superintendent of Education.

A Ward 8 resident, Ms. Chester-Johnson earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Morgan State University and a Master of Public Administration degree in Policy, from California State University, East Bay.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Kimberly A. Bassett, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: April 18, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order appointing Angela Chester-Johnson, Jason Kellogg, Nick Stavley, and Carrie Vaughn and reappointing Dalia Boclin, James Huang, and Kristy McCarron as members of the Food Policy Council

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Order 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 cursive script that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish