



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 7, 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 305 of the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Moh Sharma
Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
(Ward 1)

for appointment as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, filing a vacant seat, for a term to end April 17, 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 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
Mayor


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 Moh Sharma to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development Moh Sharma Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Ms. Moh Sharma
Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
(Ward 1)

as a public voting member of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development, established by section 305 of the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 2-1374), filing a vacant seat, for a term to end April 17, 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.

Moh Sharma

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, CHAIR JERROLD NADLER), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Director of Member Services and Outreach & Policy Advisor

Aug. 2019 - Present

Member Services and Outreach Advisor

Jan. 2019 - July 2019

Working on hearings and markups for the Committee, including answering questions, monitoring possible amendments/motions and quorum, working on talking points and memos, and helping to secure witnesses. Lead staffer on coordinating floor time for all bills managed by the Committee. Creating and sending factsheets and vote recommendations to all Members of the Democratic Caucus. Organizing briefings and meetings for Members and staff. Introducing codification bills for the Committee. Monitoring sponsors, politics, and whip counts for various bills and amendments. Primary liaison for the Committee to many Member offices, other committees, and outside groups. Consistently working with colleagues, Members and their offices, leadership, and stakeholders to help create and push forward the legislative and policy agenda of the Committee.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE, RANKING MEMBER NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Director of Outreach and Member Services and Senior Policy Advisor

Jan. 2017 - Jan. 2019

Worked on hearings for the House Small Business Committee, which included: writing memos, questions, scripts, and securing witnesses for hearings. Created factsheets and reports on a variety of issues which were distributed to all Members of the Democratic Caucus. Organized briefings, roundtables, and meetings for Members and staff on important issues. Lead staffer on regulations, agriculture, and general economy issues. Covered women's issues and Asian American issues for NY-7 office.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, CHAIR XAVIER BECERRA), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senior Policy Advisor

Oct. 2015 - Jan. 2017

Policy Advisor

April 2013 - Sep. 2015

Worked on the policy components of weekly the Democratic Caucus Member meetings and three Member issues conferences, which included: providing strategic input and ideas, securing high level speakers, creating district/state level data fact sheets of relevant policy issues (created more than 70 sheets), and producing a weekly one-page summary of bills on the floor. Organized policy briefings and meetings for Members and staff on important policy issues. Developed and maintained relationships with all House Democratic offices and Committees by keeping them informed of daily White House and Senate activities, created and distributed a monthly jobs report summary, and responded to many Member, staff, and Committee questions. Primary point of contact for the Caucus for over 25 Member offices. Helped launch and worked on the House Democratic Caucus Diversity and Recruitment Initiative. Lead staffer for Chair on foreign affairs, intelligence, and Asian American and Pacific Islander issues.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (REP. JUDY CHU), WASHINGTON, D.C.

Legislative Aide

July 2012 - March 2013

APAICS Legislative Fellow

Sep. 2011 - June 2012

Prepared Member for various House Judiciary Committee hearings and other meetings by writing background memos and questions. Monitored and analyzed legislation with respect to: constitutional law, civil rights, voting rights, bankruptcy law, US courts and federal rules, torts, homeland security, natural disasters, census, health care, psychology, diversity issues, racial profiling, acupuncture, etc. Drafted vote recommendations, wrote dear colleagues, organized briefings, worked on constituent mail, quotes and talking points.

CONNECTICUT TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, EAST HARTFORD, CT

June 2010 - Nov. 2010

Innovation Fellow

Helped create a policy agenda to advise the incoming Connecticut Governor on how to make Connecticut's business environment more innovative and promote economic growth. Assessed Connecticut's economy, performed policy research, compiled data, and presented findings.

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, NY

June 2006 - Aug. 2006

Intern

Worked in the Office of the Special Representative to the Secretary General of Children and Armed Conflict. Wrote reports and memos on various issues including child soldiers, transitional justice, and background on various countries and conflict issues. Participated in several United Nations and non-governmental organization meetings.

THE CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC RESOURCE CENTER, ROCKY HILL, CT

Oct. 2004 - Aug. 2005

Research Analyst

Worked on a range of economic development research projects and tools including: Economic Development Data & Information (E.D.D.I.), the Connecticut Economic Development Resource Center Datafinder and Town Profiles, and number of other studies. Tasked with writing, researching, collecting data, interpreting data, and preparing presentations.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, STORRS, CT
Research Assistant

July 2001 - Aug. 2002
 Jan. 2003 - Aug. 2004

Did researched for a number of economic studies in various sectors, collected and organized data, prepared literature reviews, helped with the planning and organization of the Annual Connecticut State Data Conference. Two published reports I worked on: *Uninsured: The Costs and Consequences of Living Without Health Insurance in Connecticut*, Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis, UCONN; Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, December 2004, and the *Economic Impact and Profile of Connecticut's Early Child Care and Education Industry*, Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis, UCONN, September 2004.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

TOLLAND JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUPERIOR COURT, ROCKVILLE, CT
Temporary Assistant Clerk

Jan. 2011 - Aug. 2011

Clerked in magistrate, family, and civil court during short calendar and hearings. Entered the orders of the court and decided default judgments on behalf of the court. Assisted Clerk's office with constituent work and administrative processing.

COMMON LAW, INC. WOODSIDE, NY
Law Graduate

Sep. 2009 - Oct. 2009

Organized legal intake and represented street vendors in New York City at administrative hearings. Worked in a pro-se legal clinic for people in foreclosure: helped answer their summons and complaint, did intake and assisted homeowners in drafting pro-se affidavits. Appeared in foreclosure mediation in New York.

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS CLINIC, CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW, NEW YORK, NY
Intern

Aug. 2008 - May 2009

Represented clients dealing with immigration issues, specifically: cancellation of deportation, adjustment of status, temporary protective status, domestic abuse, and immigrant detention.

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, NEW YORK, N.Y.
Millspaugh Catlin International Human Rights Intern and Ella Baker Fellow

June 2008 - Aug. 2008

Researched case law and transcripts for cases in the Center for Constitutional Rights international human rights and corporate responsibility docket and cases related to Guantanamo Bay. Worked closely on issues concerning Guantanamo refugees and developed a human rights education curriculum.

EDUCATION

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW, FLUSHING, NY
Juris Doctorate, 2009

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NY, NY
Master of Science, Global Affairs, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS, CT
Master of Arts, Economics, 2005
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, 2003 Honors Program

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE/BAR ADMISSIONS/AWARDS

- South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C., *President 2019 & board member other years* 2012-Present
- Congressional Asian Pacific American Staff Association, *President* 2013-2019
- Congressional Asian Pacific American Staff Association Advisory Council, *Chair/founder* 2019-Present
- Congressional South Asian American Staff Association, *Vice President* 2016-Present
- APAICS Alumni Association, *Chair/co-founder* 2017-Present
- Washington Leadership Program, *board member* 2017-Present
- Adhikaar, *board member* 2018-Present
- Volunteer campaign experience: organized fundraisers and phone banks, knocked on doors, and did voter protection work during 2010-2020 campaign cycles for Congressional, gubernatorial, and Presidential campaigns. Delegate to Convention in 2012 and Capitol operations volunteer at Convention in 2016. Helped start CT APA Democratic Caucus in 2010. In 2020, co-lead of AAPI Staffers for Biden, member of a policy committee, and a voter protection hotline volunteer.
- **Bar Admissions:** Connecticut, New York, Supreme Court
- **Awards:** APAICS Horizon Award in 2014, GOPIO CT Young Achievers Award in 2015, SABA Rising Star in 2018



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Moh Sharma



Ms. Moh Sharma is currently the Director Member Services and Outreach & Policy Advisor for the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee Under Chair Nadler. She was previously a Senior Policy Advisor and the Director of Outreach and Member Services for the Committee on Small Business in the U.S. House of Representatives under Ranking Member Nydia Velázquez, a Senior Policy Advisor for the House Democratic Caucus under Xavier Becerra, and a Legislative Aide for the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC).

She holds various positions on volunteer boards and is currently a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Staff Association's Advisory Board, the chair of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Alumni Association, the vice president of the Congressional South Asian American Staff Association, in addition to others.

A Ward 1 resident, Ms. Sharma earned her Bachelor of Arts and her Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Connecticut, her Master of Science in Global Affairs from NYU, and her Juris Doctor from the City University of New York School of Law.



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: April 30, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Sina Uipi, Niranjana Adhikari, Jennifer Anderson, Jennifer Hara, Karen Kwok, Jeffrey Le, Artisha Naidu, Anesha Bhat, Halaevalu Vakalahi, Mike Park, Moh Sharma, Martha Watanabe, and Yilin Zhang as members of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Community Development

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them 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.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish