



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

May 10, 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 D.C. Official Code § 25-201, I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

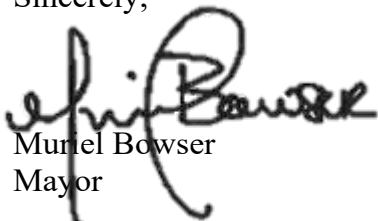
Mr. James Short  
Branch Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

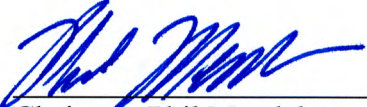
for reappointment as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, for a term to end May 7, 2028.

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,

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of James Short to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board James Short Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. James Short  
Branch Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 7)

as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board, established by D.C. Official Code § 25-201, for a term to end May 7, 2028.

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.

# **James N. Short, Jr.**

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## ***Objectives***

Assist in providing our deserving, "Disrict of Columbia", citizens, our business community and our Nation, with the best governmental services possible. Endeavoring and working to produce first class customer services befitting our "Nation's Capitol"! For all who live, work and or visit "WASHINGTON, D.C.".

## ***Summary of Qualifications***

Appointed to the "District of Columbia - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board" serving (ABC Board) since January 01, 2014.

Certified Public Manager (George Washington University CEMM Program) - Public Safety Specialist & Public Assembly Specialist - District of Columbia, Fire & Emergency Medical Services - Deputy Fire Chief (retired), with 33 years of commendable service - Former Deputy Fire Chief (Risk Management Division & Nuisance Abatement Task Force) - Supervied many District of Columbia, high profile public assembly events.

## ***District of Colmbia Awards & Certificates***

District of Columbia - Meritorious Public Service Award - Mayor A. Williams, 05/14/2005  
District of Columbia - Certificate of Merit - Mayor M. Barry - 12/10/1998  
District of Columbia City Council Resolution - Retirement Honors - 06/10/2005

## ***Professional Experience***

District of Columbia - Licensed Master Barber 1965-2002 (owner/operator Le Droit Park Barbershop 1979-1982)  
District of Columbia/MD - Licensed Private Investigator (1990 - 2006)  
Boy Scouts of America (Scout Master Troup 457 - Brown Memorial AME Church D.C.)

District of Columbia - Member "The University Club of the District of Columbia"  
District of Columbia - Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge - 1971 to present (PHA)  
District of Columbia - National Kidney Foundation (executive committee) 1997 - 2008

## ***Education***

District of Columbia (DCPS) Charles Young Elementary - Carter G. Woodson JH - Eastern High School

University of the District of Columbia (Fire Science Curriculum)

Maryland University (Fire & Rescue Institute)

National Fire Academy - Emmitsburg, Maryland

FBI Academy - Arson investigation (Quantico, VA)

George Washington University (Center for Excellenc in Municipal Management) CEMM Program Graduate (08/07/2001)



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### **James Short**



James Short served as a certified public manager with the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department for 33 years.

Mr. Short is an assertive and creative leader with broad-based knowledge and experience in management. Mr. Short works well with others in gathering consensus and achieving goals. He has managed vending activities for the Million Man March and is a licensed private investigator. Mr. Short has also served over twelve years with the Fire Marshal’s Office, where he supervised public assembly, went through training for arson investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and helped conduct inspections for alcoholic beverage establishments and special events.

A Ward 7 resident, Mr. Short obtained his high school diploma at Eastern Senior High School here in the District of Columbia and went on to attend the University of the District of Columbia and George Washington University.



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 22, 2024  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating James Short as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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**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 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, flowing 'E' and 'C'.

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish