

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To confirm the reappointment of Vera W. Mayer to the District of Columbia Board of  
Nursing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Nursing Vera W. Mayer  
Confirmation Resolution of 2013".

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

Vera W. Mayer  
4609 30<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
(Ward 3)

as a consumer member of the District of Columbia Board of Nursing, pursuant to section 204 of  
the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986  
(D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04 (2012 Supp.)), and in accordance with section  
2(f)(6) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D. C.  
Official Code § 1-523.01(f)(6) (2012 Supp.)), for a term to end July 7, 2015.

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.

## **Vera Waltman Mayer**

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### **Work Biography**

#### **Advocacy**

Senior Advocate, Iona Senior Services: developed and advocated for programs to advance the health, wellbeing and guardianship of DC seniors and persons with disabilities (1987-2010).

Coordinator, DC Coalition on Long Term Care: brought together consumers, advocates and health care providers to work with the District of Columbia to develop and implement home and community-based services for low-income adult residents with chronic health care needs and to develop programs to improve the wages, benefits, training and oversight of the workers who provided care (1995-2010)

Consumer Member, DC Board of Nursing: represented the needs of consumers in the work of the DC Board of Nursing (2003-2009)

Member, Board of Disability Rights Council of Greater Washington: assisted in the development of law suits to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (2006-2010)

Member, Biomedical Ethics Advisory Committee to the DC Probate Division of the DC Superior Court: led one of three interdisciplinary teams which made recommendations on biomedical ethics issues of wards when requested by the Probate Judges (2000-2003)

Member, Partnership for the Improvement of End of Life Care: assisted in the development of educational and legislative programs.

Coordinator, Clearing House on Hospital Restraint Reduction: developed educational workshops for DC hospital staffs on alternatives to use of physical and chemical restraints in the treatment of patients (1999-2003).

Nursing Home Ombudsman: investigated and resolved complaints by residents of nursing homes and community residence facilities in northwest Washington, DC. (1987-1995)

#### **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Staff Member, DC Superior Court's Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Program: assisted in development and implementation of new programs offering alternatives to litigation (1984- 1985)

Mediator, DC Mediation Services, Citizens Complaint Center, DC Superior Court: mediated criminal and civil matters involving family members, former spouses, neighbors, and consumer/merchant (1981-1984)

Mediator, Juvenile Restitution Program, DC Superior Court: developed restitution agreements between juvenile offenders and victims (1982-1984)

### **Legal Experiences:**

Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services: developed housing and public assistance issues for law reform section (1966-1967)

Private Solo Practice: specialized in agency adoptions and related family issues (1967-1981)

### **Federal Legislation**

Executive Director, Physicians Committee for Health Care through Social Security: coordinated legislative and public relation activities for group of medical doctors who supported the then-pending Medicare legislation (1962-1964)

Executive Director, National Consumers League: coordinated activities in support of Federal legislation on minimum wage, migrant farm labor and education (1958-1961)

### **Government and Politics**

Staff Member, Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly of the US Senate's Committee on the Judiciary: prepared research materials for hearings on administered prices in the automobile, steel, bread and pharmaceutical industries, Senator Estes Kefauver (D.Ky), Chair (1956-1958)

Staff Member, Democratic National Committee: worked on civil rights issues and political organization during the 1956 Presidential election campaign

### **Research and Publication**

Co-author, DC Bar Publication: "Alternatives to Litigation" sponsored by the DC Bar's Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (1983)

Research Assistant: researched material and wrote drafts for Professor Harold Hyman's book "To Try Men's Souls", University of California Press (1955)

### **Education**

Bachelor of Law, George Washington University Law School (1966)

Master of Art, University of Chicago (1953)

Bachelor of Art, University of Chicago (1950)

## **Awards**

Seabury Leadership in Aging Award, 2010

Iona Art of Caring 2010 Award

Council of the District of Columbia Recognition Resolution (2010)

DC Department of Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, for contributions to development and implementation of the DC Assisted Living Regulations and Licensure Program (2010)

DC Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, Public Citizen of 2009

Board of Nursing, in recognition of contribution and years of service to the Board of Nursing (2009)

DC Primary Care Association, "Never Say Die Award" for persistence in advocacy to improve DC health care (2007)

First Laura Lisner Award for enhancement of the quality of life of the aging DC population (2004)

Mid-Atlantic Non-Profit Health Care Association for building coalitions to improve DC quality of life (2002)