

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

# MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

APR 1 7 2018

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 (2014 suppl.)) and pursuant to section 3 of the District Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955, which established the District of Columbia Board of Elections (**Board**) (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.03) (2015 Repl.), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Michael Bennett 6679 32<sup>nd</sup> Place, NW Washington, DC 20015 (Ward 4)

for reappointment as a member and Chair of the Board, for a term to end July 7, 2021.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing his experience, 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.

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Muriel Bowser Mayor

Mmel 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 appointment of Mr. Michael Bennett as a member and Chair of the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Elections Michael Bennett Confirmation Resolution of 2018".

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

Mr. Michael Bennett 6679 32<sup>nd</sup> Place, NW Washington, DC 20015 (Ward 4)

- as a member and Chair of the District of Columbia Board of Elections, established by section 3
- of the District Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955, (69 Stat. 699; D.C.
  - Official Code § 1-1001.03) (2015 Repl.), for a term to end July 7, 2021.
- 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.

# **Executive Leadership, Information Management**

# and Cyber Security

An accomplished and award-winning corporate attorney, Michael has navigated complex, multibillion dollar mergers and acquisitions over his career. His expertise includes Information Management and Cyber Security strategy and execution, Organizational Management and Transformation as well as Executive Leadership and Diversity and Inclusion consulting.

Having received unanimous support from the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (HSGAC) for Governor, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors, the full U.S. Senate's vote to confirm Michael for this Presidential appointment is imminent. Michael is Chair, Board of Directors Manna Inc. a DC Real-estate development firm, Executive Vice President of Evans and Chambers Technologies and former Senior Vice President and CIO of BAE Systems, Inc. As an experienced Senior Executive, IT and CyberSecurity Professional he also serves as a Senior Advisor to several "bleeding edge" technology companies. Michael serves on the Board of Advisers of a venture capital firm focused on companies with innovative technologies around big data applications. Along with being a visiting Professor at Howard University, Michael provides adjunct board service to both Howard University and is Chair of the Duke University DC Alumni Association.

Until July 2014, Michael was the Senior Vice President of Information Management and the Chief Information Officer of BAE Systems Inc., where he was responsible for the enterprise's development and implementation of IT strategy, policy and security. Previously, Michael was the Vice President and General Manager of the Information Solutions Line of Business, Enterprise Solutions Business Area, the focal point of the company's Cyber Space business. His organization provided IT services to BAE Systems' 60,000 U.S. internal IT users. He also served as the Vice President, Acquisition Integration for BAE Systems Land and Armaments Operating Group where he oversaw the \$4B integration of Armor Holdings, Inc.

Prior to overseeing mergers and acquisitions for Land and Armaments, Michael established the Contracts, Procurement, Pricing and Facilities function for the company's newly created Customer Solutions Operating Group. Michael joined BAE Systems from Northrop Grumman where he served in increasingly responsible positions for more than 18 years, including Vice President, Contracts, Pricing, Procurement and Risk Management for their Information Technology Sector. Previously, Michael was a practicing attorney with EDS Corporation and the U.S. Federal Government.

A recipient of the *Washington Business Journal* 2012 Minority Business Leader Award, he holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Duke University. He received his Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School, and he is a long-time licensed practitioner of both the Washington, D.C., and Virginia Bars.



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#### Michael Bennett



Michael Bennett current member and Chair of the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

Mr. Bennett is an accomplished and award-winning corporate attorney and has navigated complex, multi-billion dollar mergers and acquisitions over his career. His expertise includes Information Management and Cyber Security strategy and execution, Organizational Management and Transformation as well as Executive Leadership and Diversity and Inclusion consulting.

Until July 2014, Mr. Bennett was the Senior Vice President of Information Management and the Chief Information Officer of BAE Systems Inc., where he was responsible for the enterprise's development and implementation of IT strategy, policy and security. Previously, Mr. Bennett served as the Vice President and General Manager of the Information Solutions Line of Business, Enterprise Solutions Business Area, the focal point of the company's Cyber Space business. His organization provided IT services to BAE Systems' 60,000 U.S. internal IT users. He also served as the Vice President, Acquisition Integration for BAE Systems Land and Armaments Operating Group where he oversaw the \$4 billion integration of Armor Holdings, Inc.

A resident of Ward 4, Mr. Bennett is the recipient of the *Washington Business Journal* 2012 Minority Business Leader Award and holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Duke University. He received a Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University Law School, and is a long-time licensed and practitioner of the Washington, D.C. and Virginia Bar Associations.

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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To:

Lauren C. Vaughan, Steve Walker

From:

Betsy Cavendish

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Date:

April 9, 2018

Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Mayor's Order reappointing Michael Bennett to the

District of Columbia Board of Elections.

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Mayor's Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish