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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 203 of the Green Finance Authority Board and Director Establishment Act of 2018, effective August 22, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-155; D.C. Official Code § 8–173.23), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ms. Hannah Hawkins 1754 U Street NW #3 Washington, DC 20009 (Ward 2)

for appointment as a financial, project development, or legal expertise in clean energy, clean infrastructure, clean transportation, stormwater management, or green infrastructure member of the Green Finance Authority Board, for a term to end April 1, 2021.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience for Ms. Hawkins, together with proposed resolutions 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.

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Monse 1 Chairman Phil Mendelson 2 at the request of the Mayor 3 4 5 6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION 7 8 9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 10 11 12 Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, 13 which was referred to the Committee on 14 15 To confirm the appointment of Ms. Hannah Hawkins as a member of the Green Finance 16 17 Authority Board. 18 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. That this 19 resolution may be cited as the "Green Finance Authority Board Hannah Hawkins Confirmation 20 Resolution of 2019". 21 22 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of: 23 24 25 Ms. Hannah Hawkins 1754 U Street NW #3 26 27 Washington, DC 20009 (Ward 2) 28 29 30 as a financial, project development, or legal expertise in clean energy, clean infrastructure, clean transportation, stormwater management, or green infrastructure member of the Green Finance 31 Authority Board, in accordance with section 203 of the Green Finance Authority Establishment 32 Act of 2018, , effective August 22, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-155; D.C. Official Code § 8-173.23), and 33 34 pursuant to section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; 35 D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), for a term to end April 1, 2021. Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, 36 upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor. 37

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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## Hannah Burke Hawkins

#### **EDUCATION**

## **University of Pittsburgh School of Law**

J.D., 2006

- Low Income Tax Clinic
- Moot Court
- Recipient of the Law School Community Service Award

## **University of Wisconsin**

**B.A., Communication Arts, 2003** 

### **EXPERIENCE**

## U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Policy

**Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel** 

November, 2018 - present

Oversees various areas of tax guidance developed by attorneys in the Office of Tax Policy. In this role it is necessary to regularly interact with IRS and Treasury senior leadership and explain policy positions to other Executive Branch agencies and Congress.

**Attorney Advisor** 

September 2014 – November, 2018

Primary responsibility for energy and excise tax matters as well as various other tax incentives, including advising and developing guidance on tax issues associated with all energy sources, energy efficiency investments, alternative fuels, taxable fuels (gasoline, kerosene, diesel, etc.), utilities, heavy trucks and tires, transportation by air, Trust Funds, as well as new markets and historic rehabilitation tax credits.

#### KPMG, LLP, Washington, DC

March, 2007-September, 2014

Senior Manager, Washington National Tax

Focus on tax issues associated with the energy sector with an emphasis on renewable energy. Help various industry participants, including regulated and unregulated power companies, project developers and investors navigate the tax incentives available to the energy sector.

Prior to focusing exclusively on energy tax issues, spent three years in KPMG's Washington National Tax Financial Institutions and Products Practice. Work in this area included:

- Debt/equity analyses
- Debt modifications and workouts and evaluation of original issue discount and other debt related issues

#### Hull McGuire, PC, Pittsburgh, PA

October, 2006 – March, 2007

**Associate** 

Performed research and drafted legal memoranda on various matters of corporate law and general federal income tax law as well as state and local tax law. Also assisted in document review and deposition preparation related to complex litigation.

#### **Bar Admission**

Pennsylvania

#### **Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- Co-authored, *Tax Credit Bonds and the Taxable Bond Option A Growing Force in Municipal Finance*, Journal Of Taxation of Financial Products, Volume 8 Issue 2, 2009
- Co-authored, Examining Treasury's Guidance on Energy Grants, BNA's Daily Tax Report, August 13, 2009
- Co-authored, *Treasury Energy Grants: The Race is on to "Begin Construction" by the end of 2010*, BNA World Climate Change Report, December 2010
- Co-authored, The Final Sprint to Begin Construction by December 31, 2011: New Developments for the Renewable Energy Grant Program, BNA Daily Tax Report, December 2010
- Moderated the energy tax legislative update panel at the American Bar Association Tax Section Annual Meeting,
  May 2012
- Co-authored, Deconstructing the "Begin Construction" rules for Renewable Energy Tax Credits, BNA Daily Tax Report, October 7, 2013
- Authored, Three Wind PTC Issues That Still Need to be Resolved, North American Wind Power, December 2013
- Panelist, DC Bar Tax Reform Conference, January 2018
- Regular panelist on energy and environmental taxes at American Bar Association Tax Section meetings, 2014-present



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## Hannah Hawkins



**Hannah Hawkins** is the Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel at the United States Department of the Treasury.

As an Attorney Advisor at the Department of the Treasury, Ms. Hawkins worked on projects that dealt with energy and excise tax matters as well as various other tax incentives. This included advising and developing guidance on tax issues associated with all energy sources, energy efficiency investments, alternative fuels, taxable fuels (gasoline, kerosene, diesel, etc.), utilities, heavy trucks and tires, transportation by air, Trust Funds, as well as new markets and historic rehabilitation tax credits.

Before her time at the United States Department of the Treasury, Ms. Hawkins worked as a Senior Manager for KPMG. In this role Ms. Hawkins focused on tax issues associated with the energy sector with an emphasis on renewable energy. She helped various industry participants, including regulated and unregulated power companies, project developers and investors navigate the tax incentives available to the energy sector.

A Ward 2 resident, Ms. Hawkins earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Wisconsin.

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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To:

Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker

From:

Betsy Cavendish

Date:

February 12, 2019

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Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Brandi Colander, Hannah

Hawkins and Edward Hubbard as voting members to the Green Finance Authority

Board

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation 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