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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

MAR 25 2019

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 3 of the Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March 14, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1441), I am pleased to nominate the following person for appointment to the Commission on African-American Affairs (the Commission):

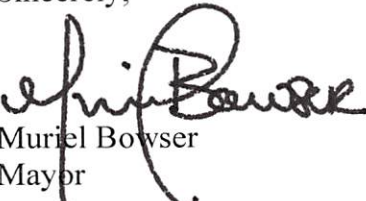
LaTasha Gunnels  
1516 W Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 8)


as a public member of the Commission, replacing Michael Chambers, for a term ending July 8, 2020.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the nominee's 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.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

  
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 Ms. Latasha Gunnels to the Commission on African-American  
Affairs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the “Commission on African-American Affairs LaTasha Gunnels  
Confirmation Resolution of 2019”.

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

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(Ward 8)

as a public member of the Commission on African-American Affairs, pursuant to section 3 of the  
Commission on African-American Affairs Establishment Act of 2012, effective March 14, 2012  
(D.C. Law 19-106; D.C. Official Code § 3-1441), replacing Michael Chambers, for a term  
ending July 8, 2020.

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.

# LaTasha Nicole Gunnels

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## SUMMARY

Dedicated Licensed Practical Nurse with 10 years' experience, committed to excellence in patient care and advocacy, seeking to diversify career. Comfortable in high-pressure, fast-paced environments prioritizing patient and staff needs. Effectively builds rapport with patients, families and staff. Utilizes impeccable management skills to enhance quality of life with patients and increase productivity with colleagues. Flexible style with the ability to work independently or as a team member. Exploring opportunities to leverage nursing experience in a challenging, innovative environment.

## SKILLS

- Patient assessments
- Implementing treatment protocols
- Medication and IV administration
- Pain management
- Same day surgery
- Orthopedic surgery
- Trauma, vascular, general, neurology
- Obstetrics-Gynecology surgery
- Essentrics, CHCS and ALTA
- MS Office Suite 2010
- Word Processing
- Traumatic Brain Injury/Behavioral Health

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### KAISER PERMANENTE

LPN Urgent Care/Clinical Decision Unit On-Call

Tysons Corner, VA  
July 2012-Present

- Assists physicians to administer medical treatments and procedures.
- Administers intravenous fluid therapy.
- Administers oral medications and intramuscular, subcutaneous and intradermal injections.
- Monitors patients for reactions to treatments and brings unusual situations to the attention of a provider.
- Documents information regarding treatment and treatment outcomes into patient records.
- Provides information to patients regarding medical procedures and tests.
- Maintains supply of medications, ensures that medications are current.
- Maintains a current narcotic count according to Kaiser Mid-Atlantic Nursing Policy.
- Schedule diagnostic tests and follow up treatments
- Provides direction to medical assistants regarding patient treatment and procedures when appropriate.
- Performs other related duties as directed.
- Monitors waiting room for patients who require immediate attention and informs appropriate staff.

### WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER

LPN Traumatic Brain Injury/Post Traumatic Stress Full-Time

Bethesda, MD  
July 2008 - Present

- Conduct physical assessments including vascular, neurological and psychological checks
- Provide a safe and therapeutic milieu, including identification and intervention to early cue to agitation
- Behavioral health care to patients in acute distress, chronic behavioral health disorders and substance abuse
- Administer medication including but not limited to PO and IV
- Treat and manage patients with wounds, tracheotomy, enteral feedings, NGT placement and venipuncture
- Responsible for all aspects of medical surgical nursing
- Document observations of patient behavior, developed behavioral plan
- Provide emotional support to patient and families

### CENTRAL NURSING CARE AGENCY

Licensed Practical Nurse, Medical/Surgical and ICU Step Down

Annandale, VA  
June 2009 - December 2010

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

- Administered medications by oral, sublingual, intramuscularly, intradermal, topical, dermal and inhalation routes
- Provided wound care using a sterile and aseptic techniques for military patients recently return from theatre
- Operated and maintained a wound vac machine including completing dressing changes
- Followed up with timely and accurate charting procedures and verified prior shift information
- Reported changes in patients' conditions routinely to doctors and when it required immediate attention
- Collected specimens from patients for laboratory testing
- Monitored patient lab work and communicated differences to charge nurse

# LaTasha Nicole Gunnels

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## VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER

Licensed Practical Nurse, Orthopedics

Arlington, VA

December 2006 - July 2008

- Prepared and administered medications via oral, sublingual, intramuscularly, intradermal, subcutaneous, topical, dermal and inhalation routes
- Performed functional assessments and physical examinations
- Conducted phlebotomy; administered transfusions including IVIG, blood, platelets and plasma
- Performed a variety of diagnostic procedures; set up rooms with proper equipment for testing
- Placed Foley catheters and nasal gastric tubes
- Took on additional responsibilities focused on medical/surgical nursing

## GEOGETOWN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Licensed Practical Nurse, Pediatrics and Gastroenterology

Washington, DC

October 2005 - December 2006

- Setup rooms as sterile fields and assisted in endoscopies and biopsies
- Educated parents and children via mailed documentation on meals, fasting, medications and procedures
- Screened patient vital signs (blood pressure, weight, head circumference) so doctors had the appropriate information
- Coordinated collecting patient labs after the patients were notified by the doctor
- Assisted with illeoscopy including appropriate staging of patient prior to procedure
- Ensured the medicine sample closet was purged for expired medications or order more additional supplies

Unit Secretary

October 2004 - October 2005

- Obtained and transcribed orders given from doctors and nurse practitioners from patient charts into database
- Handled administrative tasks such as ordering unit office supplies and pantry needs
- Responded to patient calls taking necessary actions, like providing comfort measures or notifying professional nurse
- Transmitted EKG results to hard stations
- Coordinated patient transfers ensuring that patients received correct treatments and unit information was accurate

## INSTITUTE FOR ASHTMA AND ALLERGY

Patient Care Coordinator

Chevy Chase, MD

January 2002 - October 2004

- Multitasked between the billing and front desk responsibilities
- Proactively provided assistance to staff by checking-in patients, ensuring treatment plans were complete or verifying medical and billing information
- Coordinated logistics for pharmaceutical representative visits that educated staff on new products

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification for LPN: District of Columbia #LPN1003378, Maryland #LP4223, Virginia #0002084769
- Basic Life Support: National Naval Medical Center, expiration 2016
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support: National Naval Medical Center, expiration 2016

## EDUCATION

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### EXCELSIOR COLLEGES

ADN°c

Albany, New York

September 2016 - Present

### HARRISON CENTER

Diploma Practical Nursing

Washington, DC

September 2004 - August 2005

### MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

General Studies, Medical Office Administration and Billing

Rockville, MD

June 2001 - November 2002



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## LaTasha Gunnels



LaTasha Gunnels is a nurse at Walter Reed National Military Center. Ms. Gunnels was born in San Antonio, Texas, and relocated to the Washington, DC metropolitan area at a young age. She is currently employed at Walter Reed National Military Center in a neuro-behavioral unit, where she provides complex nursing care to military service members. She has a multi-varied nursing experience, providing care in this area at various hospitals and outpatient settings.

As a resident of the Anacostia Historic District located in southeast Washington, Ms. Gunnels has been an active advocate for her community, working to improve the quality of life for all residents. She has worked tirelessly to keep community members abreast of any plans for developments, or changes that are being implemented or discussed. Ms. Gunnels has hosted multiple meetings with government officials and members of the community, aimed at improving communication and transparency. She volunteers with the Historic Anacostia Preservation Society, as well as the local civic organization, the Historic Anacostia Block Association.

Ms. Gunnels volunteers to help those in need. As a medical professional, she is a go-to source for medication-related questions from elderly neighbors and often assists them in getting to their appointments. Given her own family's experiences, she is acutely aware of the lack of adequate health care services which are significantly absent in her community. She intends to foster dialogue and engage in grassroots efforts to provide access to all healthcare specialties and to include tertiary services. Her planned efforts include working diligently to improve access to healthcare services, such as chronic illness management. She is committed to the stabilization of the African-American community and will work to improve educational access at all levels, to include post-high school education, training initiatives, and various quality employment opportunities.

Ms. Gunnels has proven to be a strong advocate for her community and will bring this passion to her new position as Commissioner of African-American Affairs for the District of Columbia. Ms. Gunnels hopes to serve the Commission with her broad knowledge and various experiences from her personal and professional backgrounds. She hopes to develop a strong working relationship with the members of the Commission to achieve its objectives.

A Ward 8 resident, Ms. Gunnels is scheduled to receive a degree in nursing from Excelsior College.



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:** November 13, 2018  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Vivian Derryck, Abdur-Raheem Briggs, LaTasha Gunnels, Dorjan Short, and Lolita Ratchford as members to the Commission on African-American Affairs.

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**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'E' and 'C'.

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Elizabeth Cavendish