



**MURIEL BOWSER**

**MAYOR**

November 23, 2020

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 12 of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-211), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

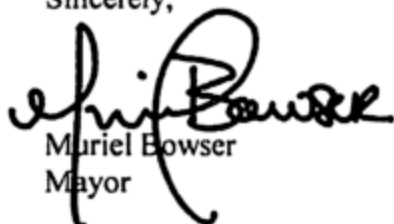
Mrs. Dionne Bussey-Reeder  
Kenyon Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(Ward 1)

for appointment as a public commissioner of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, replacing NaKeisha Neal, for a term to end July 12, 2023.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing Mrs. Bussey-Reeder'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

To confirm the appointment of Mrs. Dionne Bussey-Reeder to the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Dionne Bussey-Reeder Confirmation Resolution of 2020".

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

Mrs. Dionne Bussey-Reeder  
Kenyon Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(Ward 1)

as a public commissioner of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, established by section 12 of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-211), replacing NaKeisha Neal, for a term to end July 12, 2023.

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.

DIONNE BUSSEY-REEDER, [REDACTED]

## KEY QUALIFICATIONS

### EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT:

Defines the vision and goals of departments, work with senior teams to create the vision and goals of company or organization. Develop and implement policies and procedures, establish budgets. Oversee personnel decisions, such as hiring and firing, and also compensation.

### TRAINER/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:

Develop and organize training manuals, multimedia visual aids, and other educational materials. Expertise in serving as lead trainer and facilitator. Training topics include:

- Organizational Management and Development
- Community Capacity Building
- Social organizing while building corporate and government partnerships
- Grant-writing and Grant Management
- Youth Development

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

Developed and facilitate organizational training, grant writing, supervising projects and providing technical assistance to organizations addressing leadership, team building, and youth facilitated curriculums.

### GRANTS MANAGEMENT:

Skilled in grants management, coordination and writing multi-million-dollar grants; Managed approximately 10 million dollars in federal government grant funds and over 1,000,000 million dollars in local government funding. Developed Standard Operating Procedures for capacity building grant programs managing over 150,000 thousand dollars in community-based grants annually.

## EXPERIENCE

### FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE

#### *Executive Director, 10/2020- Present*

- Formulate long and short-term strategic plans, including definition of strategic and financial objectives, resource requirements, timeframes and implementation plans in collaboration with the Board of Directors.
- Initiate, analyze and implement action plans to achieve defined objectives; ensure compliance with regulatory requirements; including board of director's insurance, officer liability, and business coverage.
- Provide oversight and direction for FSEFCS's finance and accounting activities. Approve actions on capital expenditures and unbudgeted expenses. Provide advice and counsel to senior management team on achieving the agency's financial objectives and management of fiscal policies.
- Interpret operating results as they affect the financial health of the overall organization.
- Make specific recommendations regarding cost reduction and surplus improvement.
- Provide executive level analysis.
- Review monthly and quarterly financial statements with Directors to answer questions, ensure accuracy and to provide educational opportunities on understanding budgets.
- clearly and consistently articulate FSEFSC's mission and vision to the community and stakeholders via press releases, speaking engagements and other innovative and creative media vehicles to generate additional funding streams
- Create a broader resource base and consequently increase service capacity.
- In consultation with the Board of Directors formulate a strategic plan for promoting goals and funding needs through local, regional media campaigns. Successfully turned around business, secured resources and changed the brand and name of company
- Secured lost resources in the excess of \$400,000 to stabilize the organization operating resources
- Secured settlement agreement with General Contractor of building under construction after 12 months of non-negotiation
- Increase revenue by 17% in 12 months
- Consolidated space and operations reducing spending in overhead leases by 50%

**CANDIDATE, DC CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE**  
**9/2017-11/2018**

- Ran for the At Large DC City Council seat in November 2018. The race was unsuccessful but, in the process, almost 50,000 residents voted in my favor. This race would go down in the history as one of the most interesting and most talked about races in the history of the District of Columbia politics.
- Led such an impressive race that caught the attention of Mayor Muriel Bower and became the first, first time candidate endorsed by the Mayor over a seated incumbent. Won the endorsement of the Washington Post, The Washington Blade, The Georgetown Current and all of local affiliates' papers, The Restaurant Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area and several communities, corporate and civic leaders in Washington DC.

**FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE**

Perry Moon, Executive Director [REDACTED]

***Community Engagement Director, 1/07- 7/2017***

***Community Engagement Coordinator, 8/04- 12/05***

- Served as part of the senior management team responsible for the coordinating, implementing, and monitoring of community engagement activities, to include identifying potential funders, building relationships with partners and spearheading annual organizational projects.
- Led the team of senior staff persons who wrote and developed the agency Family Support Training
- Institute a training model for Ward 8 residents and community-based organizations implemented by professionals and para-professional in three critical community training areas: Life Skills, Professional Development and Practical Enhancement.
- Coordinated and conduct staff, community and Board of Directors trainings.
- Assisted in the development of the Child Abuse and Neglect agency presentation and trained front-line staff in delivering the presentation to Ward 8 schools, community organizations and other requested parties.
- Created capacity building and technical assistance/trainings for over 300 community-based organizations who are mini-grant recipients.
- Identified and obtained both federal and local funding opportunities surpassing \$1,000,000 over the course of the grant cycles.
- Engaged community residents and partners in building the capacity of smaller neighborhood associations. Assist with developing organizational strategic community action plans
- Served as supervisor and coach to the outreach/community engagement team; assist in the development, implementation and analysis of the community asset mapping process
- Managed and administer the mini-grant program, which provides up to \$150,000 in a fiscal year to community-based organizations and individuals working to provide programs or opportunities that will decrease child abuse and neglect in Ward 8.
- Planned, developed, and provided training and staff development programs, using knowledge of the effectiveness of methods such as classroom training, demonstrations, on-the-job training, meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- Served as an alternate at government meetings and community events on behalf of the Executive Director.
- Developed and coordinate the agency's marketing plan and provide oversight to new initiatives and programs outside of clinical activities. Provide management to website planning and development.
- Analyzed training needs to develop new training programs or modify and improve existing programs.
- Reviewed and evaluate training and apprenticeship programs working in collaboration with Community College of the District of Columbia.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**  
**OFFICE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE**

Tara Jones, Interim Director [REDACTED]

***Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, 12/05- 1/07***

***Ward 8 Neighborhood Services Coordinator, 9/00- 9/03***

- Neighborhood Services Coordinator (NSC) is a senior manager who is responsible for establishing, monitoring and maintaining the coordination of services from the partnering city agencies.
- The NSC work in collaboration with the Training Coordinator for the Metropolitan Police Department to train all Metropolitan Police Officer in "Identifying Chronic Clean and Safe" neighborhood problems based on the "Broken Window" theory.
- The NSC identifies persistent or chronic clean and safe problems that require short and long-term work by multiple agencies.
- The NSC serves as team leader and coach to Core Team members from the participating agencies.
- The NSC provides supervision to the ward administrative staff. The NSC analyzes data to identify and recommend priorities to develop, direct, and organize work plans.
- The NSC coordinates services among District agencies to ensure timely responses to neighborhood concerns.
- The NSC develop and coordinates community training and workshops on issues pertaining to safety, community development and community planning.
- The NSC informs other District and federal government agencies of cases requiring their involvement and coordinates multi-agency initiatives.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

Catherine Hargrove, Supervisor [REDACTED]

***Program Manager, 2/98 to 9/00***

- Managed programmatic activity and financial activity of \$9 millions dollars in grants to the District Government from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, Comprehensive Communities Program Grant and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant.
- Wrote and administered request for applications and sub-grant applications for other District government agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Developed a model for a youth violence prevention program for communities in the District.
- Represented the District at the Department of Justice's national conferences on behalf of the Director of the Office of Justice Grants Administration.

**D.C. COMMUNITY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

Patricia Henry, Supervisor [REDACTED]

***Youth Program Director, 12/94 to 2/98***

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

***Legislative Staff Assistant, 6/94 to 12/94***

**CALVARY'S ALTERNATIVE TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE**

James Shepherd, Supervisor [REDACTED]

***Administrative Assistant, 5/93 to 6/94***

**EDUCATION**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY**

***Over 60 Credit Hours completed towards a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Urban Church and Community Development***

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE**

***Bachelor of Arts, Political Science***

- ◆ Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities, 1993
- ◆ Student Government President, 1992 and 1993
- ◆ Academic Achiever 1992 and 1993

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT**

***Certified Public Manager, 1999***



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## Dionne Bussey-Reeder



Dionne Bussey-Reeder has an extensive career working to empower and revitalize communities and across cities, leading community relations and human capital development for over twenty-five years.

Among Mrs. Bussey-Reeder's accomplishments are the development and implementation of a college preparation program, which successfully assisted hundreds of DC high school seniors complete the arduous process of college admission and financial assistance. While serving in the Office of Neighborhood Services in the Mayor Williams administration, she worked with community leaders to successfully close open-air drug markets in Southeast Washington, D.C., and helped several area churches create youth development curriculums and community programming to engage at-risk youth.

Mrs. Bussey-Reeder is Executive Director of the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative (FSFSC), having also served as the Principal Deputy, Community Engagement Director and Program Director for the Ward 8 Drug-Free Coalition. Her work has included oversight of the community mini-grant and capacity building grant program, where she annually provided support and oversight of approximately \$2,000,000 million dollars for youth and family development programming in Ward 8. Mrs. Reeder-Bussey also served on the senior team leading to the development of FSFSC's new home office, and economic revitalization its first anchor tenant, Busboys and Poets.

A Ward 1 resident, Mrs. Bussey-Reeder obtained a Bachelor of Art from West Virginia State College.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Ronan Gulstone, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** November 16, 2020  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Dionne Bussey-Reeder, Jose Ortiz Gaud, and LeJuan Strickland as members of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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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 cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Cavendish".

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Elizabeth Cavendish