

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:

Mr. LeJuan Strickland Q Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 (Ward 5)

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

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Strickland'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

Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To confirm the reappointment of Mr. LeJuan Strickland 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 Commission LeJuan Strickland Confirmation Resolution of 2020". Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of: Mr. LeJuan Strickland O Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 (Ward 5) 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), 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.

LEJUAN STRICKLAND, MBA

Owner, Metropolitan Strategies and Solutions, LLC

Metropolitan Strategies & Solutions LLC was established to provide excellent consultation for small businesses and government clients in the areas of diversity inclusion, business development, project management, community outreach, and organizational design. Drawing upon our own experience, resources, and the expertise of our consultants, we strive to provide our clients with the best possible solutions to their problems. We develop solutions in a timely manner with the greatest attention to our client's details that support their success and their satisfaction with our services.

Government EXPERIENCE

Chief of Staff, DC Department of Employment Services, Washington, DC

2015 - 2018

- Served Departmental Director, playing key role in providing recommendations on a variety of issues and developing annual business plans, programs and business strategies while determining departmental priorities.
- Was the first responder to items of urgency, coordinates office's response to news or changing policy.
- Tasked with personnel supervision of 700 employees with 7 direct reports, performing wide variety of HR functions;

regularly facilitated and directed upper management staff meetings.

- Responds promptly to constituent complaints or inquiries by gathering information, coordinating with city staff or others.
- Monitored City Council agendas to ensure that any legislation effecting the agency is reviewed and properly responded to.
- Oversee the agencies budget of \$147M to make sure that the funding goes to the Mayor's agency priorities.
- Plans, organizes, executes, and presents status report on Mayor's mission, goals, and objectives.

Senior Advisor, DC City Council Chairman, Washington, DC

2012

 As part of the Chairman's Senior Management Team, I advised on budget, economic development, and community issues. Assisted with the transition to the current DC Council Chairman. Managed all of the outreach staff and coordinated outreach efforts.

Chief of Staff, DC Department of Small & Local Business Development, Washington, DC

2010 - 2011

- Served Departmental Director, playing key role in providing recommendations on a variety of issues and developing annual business plans, programs and business strategies while determining departmental priorities.
- Tasked with personnel supervision of staff of 22, performing wide variety of HR functions; regularly facilitated and directed upper management staff meetings.
- Was a conduit between local businesses and Department, meeting on regular basis with small business owners/leaders to discuss such areas as available opportunities and the interpretation of local regulations and laws; tracked and advocated for regulations that had an impact on local small businesses and relayed any concerns to appropriate individuals in Mayor's Office, City Council and other relevant DC governmental departments.
- Oversaw contracts and procurement for agency, initiating/approving activity through District Government's Procurement Automated Support System (Ariba).

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION

MBA, Fontbonne University, 2008 B.A., St. Louis University, 2003

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Officer, DC Army National Guard 2012-Current



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LeJuan Strickland



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Mr. Strickland has served in several senior roles throughout Washington, DC government with DC Department of Small and Local Business Development, DC Council, and DC Department of Employment Services.

In addition to running Metropolitan Strategies and Solutions, LLC, Mr. Strickland is an Officer in the DC Army National Guard serving as HHC Commander.

A Ward 5 Resident, Mr. Strickland received his Master of Business Administration from Fontbonne 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

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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

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