

MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

September 19, 2023

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 102 of the Commission on Poverty Establishment Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-184; D.C. Official Code § 3-641.02), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Mr. Michael Coleman  
Wisconsin Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20007  
(Ward 3)

for appointment as the Ward 3 representative member of the Commission on Poverty, for a term to end three years from the date of confirmation.

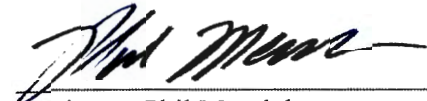
Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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,

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Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Michael Coleman to the Commission on Poverty.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on Poverty Michael Coleman Confirmation Resolution of 2023".

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

Mr. Michael Coleman  
Wisconsin Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20007  
(Ward 3)

as the Ward 3 representative member of the Commission on Poverty, pursuant to section 102 of the Commission on Poverty Establishment Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-184; D.C. Official Code § 3-641.02), for a term to end three years from the date of confirmation.

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.

Michael Coleman



**Summary**

After being homeless in Washington for over 25 years, I was able to overcome my circumstances by seeking help and going back to school. My experience advocating for other homeless DC residents would be a valuable asset for the Mayor's Commission on Poverty.

**Relevant Experience**

National Alliance to End Homelessness DC Captain, 2019	2013-present
Member, Interagency Council on Homelessness Initiatives: Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC	2013-2017
World Wide Views DC Alliance	2014-2015

**Education**

Culinary Arts Program, McFatter Technical Center (FL)	2011
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## Michael Coleman



Michael Coleman is a member of the National Alliance to End Homelessness and served as a member of the Intergaency Council on Homelessness from 2013 to 2017.

After being homeless in Washington for over 25 years, Mr. Coleman was able to overcome his circumstances by attending school. Mr. Coleman has experience advocating for homeless DC residents and participated in the Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC initiatives during his tenure on the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Coleman attended the McFatter Technical Center in 2011 for the culinary arts program.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Tommy Wells, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** April 25, 2023  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Michael Coleman, Sherry Pate, Kavin Coates, and Absalom Jordan as members appointed from a ward and LaToya Mathews and Robert Warren as at-large members of the Commission on Poverty

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. This legal sufficiency is based on confirmation from the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments that all persons submitted for nomination meet all applicable eligibility requirements related to income and residence pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-641.02(b).

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish