



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

November 10, 2022

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 Mayor's Order 83-119, dated May 6, 1983, and section 4 of the Historic Landmark and Historic Protection Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-144; D.C. Official Code § 6-1103), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

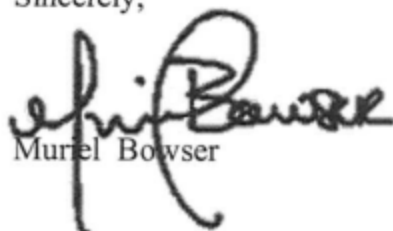
Mr. Lamont Akins
Longfellow Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)


for appointment as a public member of the Historic Preservation Review Board, replacing Linda Greene, for a term to end July 21, 2025.

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,


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 appointment of Mr. Lamont Akins to the Historic Preservation Review Board.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Historic Preservation Review Board Lamont Akins Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

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

Mr. Lamont Akins
Longfellow Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
(Ward 4)

as a public member of the Historic Preservation Review Board, established by Mayor's Order 83-119, dated May 6, 1983, and pursuant to section 4 of the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-144; D.C. Official Code § 6-1103), replacing Linda Greene, for a term to end July 21, 2025.

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.

OVERVIEW

Versatile, skilled strategic manager with significant history of collaborative, multi-level engagement to form partnerships that achieve organizational objectives. Directs, manages, and coordinates the broadest range of efforts, from neighborhood to national, civic to corporate, to expertly and directly liaise among diverse constituent levels—internally and externally—public to private, government to nonprofit.

In increasingly major, public-facing, authoritative roles, accrued over 18 years' experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets, sizeable staffs, and public outreach programs with thoughtful leadership, firm integrity, and embraced diversity to deliver high-standard performance and organizational goals.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Manager, Strategic Initiatives and External Engagement—Pepco, An Exelon Company, Washington, DC / February 2021–Present

- Directs and manages the creation and execution of campaigns, developing strategies and techniques to increase engagement opportunities and proactively position the Pepco companies.
- Directs and manages strategic projects and serves as the primary resource to other areas throughout the Pepco organization: coordinating and strategizing on policy of the company's position, participating/presenting in briefings with stakeholders, and coordinating and aligning with other business units to anticipate, develop, monitor, and evaluate engagement strategies to ensure their support of overall business goals and objectives.
- Builds awareness and visibility of Pepco's community activities internally and externally.
- Serves on the Pepco Holdings Corporate Social Responsibility working group to increase engagement of Pepco's lines of business, support Diversity & Inclusion, and to proactively address issues raised by community partners
- Represents community engagement priorities and strategies in key internal discussions and decision points to external stakeholders.
- Manages community engagement consultants and serves as contact point for social and political events in the Pepco region, working extended hours when needed.

Director, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs / Mayor Muriel Bowser—Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC / August 2018–January 2021**Interim Director / July 2018–August 2018**

- Managed 15 constituent services/community engagement offices in the Mayor's Community Affairs cluster, and an annual budget of \$15 million.
- Managed a diverse staff of 120+ in a collaborative, high-productivity environment that fostered professional growth and development while achieving mayoral goals.
- As the Mayor's Representative on the Special Events Task Group in the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, interacted with the FBI, The White House, National Park Police, and a range of public and private national organizations to successfully manage major national/area events, involving thousands of attendees, multiple vendors, major media, and high-profile/high-security luminaries, responding

swiftly and authoritatively to establish and maintain clear communication, collaborative interaction, and smooth logistics to help deliver successful events in the nation's capital.

- As a key decision-maker, regularly met with key government officials, internal colleagues, high-level representatives of external organizations including major local, state, and national groups from Major League Baseball to national political parties to obtain information and discuss critical issues.
- Interacted directly with full city leadership as part of Mayor's Senior Leadership Team, strategizing every week with senior managers of every city department.
- Directed the Mayor's outreach and engagement strategy encompassing 700,000+ DC residents and businesses across 8 Wards.
- Managed and planned Mayor's external engagement events from receptions and summits to concerts and sports events, frequently contributing and responding on extended hours, given the demanding, high-profile national nature of the nation's capital events.
- Served as key mayoral advisor, providing perspective and insight on pertinent community issues and concerns to the Mayor.

Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs / Mayor Muriel Bowser—

Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC / January 2016–July 2018

- Oversaw operations of the day-to-day activities in the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, a +100-member diverse team in a collaborative, productive environment that fostered professional growth and development while achieving mayoral goals.
- Directing City-wide outreach and engagement strategy, regularly interfaced with internal departments and units, DC residents, non-profit community organizations, business owners, and corporate executives
- Developed and managed the Mayor's special events and activities.

Special Assistant, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs / Mayor Muriel Bowser—

Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC / January 2015–December 2015

- Authoritatively responded to a variety of inquiries received from D.C. government officials, the public, and numerous external organizations including private sector and neighboring city and state governments regarding the purpose and intent of the District government agencies, programs, and services.
- To support mayoral outreach, worked to build positive interactions and strong relationships with community, corporate leaders, and government officials.
- On behalf of the Mayor, conducted discreet communications regarding the disposition, conduct, or resolution of sensitive issues and personal matters regarding confidentiality with an awareness of the long-range objectives.
- Regularly briefed the Mayor on a range of city-related issues: accomplishments, problems and proposed solutions, innovative ideas for improvements, and other similar matters.

Director of Constituent Services, Office of At-Large DC Councilmember Anita Bonds—

Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC / Feb. 2013–December 2014

- Managed the Councilmember's outreach and engagement strategy District-wide.

- Managed the Councilmember's Constituent Services Fund including recording and collecting receipts and disbursements, and compliance with applicable federal and local laws.
- Managed office operations that help residents with issues/concerns regarding government service delivery, government programs, neighborhood-related issues, and other quality of life issues.
- Coordinated and met with government departments/agencies, community stakeholders, neighborhood groups, advocacy organizations to obtain information and to address/resolve residents' issues and concerns.
- Developed and managed external community relations activities and develop communications plan for events and oversee their execution.

Program Manager, Department of Employment Services—Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC / May 2009–September 2011

- Managed quality control for the Year-Round Youth Employment Program serving more than 500 youth.
- Worked with the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), serving more than 21,000 youths.
- Monitored program efficiency for all assigned worksites from public/private/CBO sectors; ensured compliance with all programmatic and District of Columbia requirements, policies, and procedures regarding youth programming, and prepared and presented reports on program activities.
- Conducted mass recruitment and certification events to certify eligible youth for summer and year-round employment and training activities.

Project Manager, Livable Communities—AARP, Washington, DC / Aug. 2007–Mar 2009

- Tracked and developed best practices among AARP's 53 state offices and maintained broad knowledge about current trends, emerging issues, policy interventions, and innovations in the Livable Communities field to enhance the effectiveness of program strategy and advocacy.
- Managed and developed relationships with key national partners and influential organizations: National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB), National Association of Realtors (NAR), Easy Living Home, and the National Organization of Minority Architects.
- Developed, monitored, managed, and evaluated ongoing initiatives, including creating program concepts, marketing plans, budgets, events and briefing materials, and reported results to staff, senior managers, and external colleagues.
- Represented AARP at external events and assisted in external communications: developed website content, drafted and delivered public presentations, blogged, tweeted, and communicated through other social media and networks, participated in partner outreach, and wrote articles for publication.

Assistant Executive Director, Community Action Agency, Department of Health and Human Services—County of Montgomery, Silver Spring, MD / July 2006–August 2007

- Provided supervisory guidance for 10 staff members and programs under Agency jurisdiction.

- Prepared the agency's annual report and other reports required by federal, state, and local governments.
- Coordinated and managed activities of the Community Action Board (CAB) including researching/preparing testimony, position papers, and correspondence on behalf of Board members.
- Assisted the CAB executive committee with development, planning, and evaluating issues relevant to the indigent and low-income communities.
- Oversaw management and operations of two Department of Health and Human Services facilities: East County Regional Office and Colesville Center.
- Oversaw planning and implementation of community outreach and service strategies at the East County Regional Office to meet the needs of the community.

Housing and Community Developer III, Department of Housing and Community Development—County of Fairfax, Fairfax, VA / November 2004–July 2006

- Managed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnerships federal funds to community nonprofit organizations for program implementation, construction/acquisition/rehabilitation of low- to moderate-income housing and economic development projects. Managed and monitored the County's Economic Development Initiative (EDI) federal grants; funding exceeded \$2.5 million.
- Directed contract administration, planning, and implementation of comprehensive development projects and programs in identified communities and for target populations; prepared related reports; budget of over \$9 million.
- Researched and wrote the County's Five-Year Consolidated and Annual Action Strategic Plans for CDBG, HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

EDUCATION

Master of Science Degree, Community Development

Delta State University, Cleveland, MS

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Political Science

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, AR

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Convention Liaison, National Headquarters / 2012–Present

Director of Conventions & Events, Eastern Region / 2013–2017

StepAfrika!

Board of Directors / 2019–present

District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D

Commissioner 4D01, Chairman / 2009–2011, 2013–2015

District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights

Commissioner / 2009–2011



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Lamont Akins



Lamont Akins is the Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives and External Engagement at Pepco.

Mr. Akins possesses over 18 years of experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets, sizeable staffs, and public outreach programs. Prior to his current role, Mr. Akins served as Director in Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office of Community Affairs. As a key mayoral advisor, Mr. Akins increased resident trust and engagement with the D.C. government and managed 15 constituent and community engagement offices with a \$15 million annual budget. Mr. Akins also served as Director of Constituent Services and Community Outreach for D.C.

Councilmember Anita Bonds.

Mr. Akins is a member and National Headquarters Convention Liaison of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and serves on the StepAfrika! Board of Directors.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. Akins received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a Master of Science in Community Development from Delta State University.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: November 1, 2022
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Lamont Akins as a public member of the Historic Preservation Review Board

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolution and found it to be legally unobjectionable. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Cavendish