



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

May 22, 2024

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 D.C. Official Code § 47-825.01a, I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Robert C. Cooper
3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
(Ward 4)

for appointment as the Vice Chairperson of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Richard G. Amato, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end April 30, 2027.

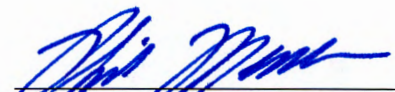
Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

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 Robert C. Cooper to the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Robert C. Cooper Confirmation Resolution of 2024”.

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

Mr. Robert C. Cooper
3rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
(Ward 4)

as the Vice Chairperson of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission, established by D.C. Official Code § 47-825.01a, filling a vacant seat formerly held by Richard G. Amato, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end April 30, 2027.

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.

ROBERT CLAYTON COOPER

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EDUCATION

Legal: **J.D., National Law Center, George Washington University**
Undergraduate: **B.B.A., Finance, Howard University, School of Business and Public Administration**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cooper & Crickman, PLLC (Partner/Managing Member, 2007-Present). Provide legal counsel in the areas of Real Estate Asset Management, Civil Litigation and Administrative proceedings in Washington DC and the State of Maryland. Provide counsel to local, regional and national real property asset managers, developers, investors, tenant groups, title carriers and Associations on administrative regulatory compliance, Commercial and Residential landlord and tenant matters, Condominium Conversion and Sales, transactions, Zoning, Environmental, financing, building construction and other land-use regulations. Currently the General Counsel to the National Dental Association, Counsel to the Washington Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, and Past General Counsel to the National Medical Association.

DC Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals (Chairman, 2010-2012). Appointed by Mayor Fenty to serve first as a member, then elected by the members to serve as Vice-Chairman, and subsequently appointed and confirmed as the Chairman of the Board. Responsible for the administration of hearings and the issuance of decisions on appeals to the Board from aggrieved commercial and residential property owners; negotiation of settlement agreements between property owners and Office of Tax and Revenue; assisted with the management of the Board Office; and prepared and presented the requisite Testimony and Annual Reports to the DC City Council on behalf of the Board.

DC Housing Finance Agency Board (Vice-Chairman, 2007-2010). Appointed by Mayor Fenty to serve on the Board of the DC Housing Finance Agency. Elected Vice-Chairman. Responsible for increasing the role and exposure of the District's Housing Finance Agency in those neighborhoods and communities that have historically been underserved by traditional lenders and the creation of quality affordable housing products to qualified community-based partners throughout all Wards of the District of Columbia.

Jackson & Campbell, P.C. (Director, Senior Counsel, Associate, Law Clerk, 1986-2007). Counseled clients in Civil Litigation, Appellate and Administrative proceedings, hearings and trials. Researched and drafted legal memoranda, briefs and pleadings in areas of Real Estate Asset Management; Land Use/Zoning; Title Insurance; Contracts; Insurance Subrogation; Human Rights; Products Liability; Condominium and Community Association Matters; Trust and Estates; and D.C. and Maryland Administrative practice. Also handled a wide variety of real estate transaction matters.

Admitted to practice law in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia (Local, Appellate and Federal Courts)

College Internships at Continental Bank (Chicago, Summer 1982) and Chicago Federal Reserve (Chicago, Summer 1981)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Treasurer-Elect, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 2022-2023

Special and General Counsel, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 2020-2021

Board of the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home for the Aged of Washington DC, Vice-Chairman, 2015-Present

National Council of State Housing Boards (NCSHB), Board Member, Elected, 2007-2009

District of Columbia Rental Housing Conversion and Sale (TOPA) Task Force, Appointed Member, 2006

District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Ward 4, (1991-1994)

Member, National and American Bar Associations, Committees on Administrative Law Section; Probate and Real Property Section, Homeowner and Community Associations; Affordable Housing Subcommittee

Volunteer Attorney, D.C. Legal Counsel for the Elderly (AARP), 1987-Present

"Who's Who in American Law", Nominated 1990

Charlotte E. Ray American Inn of Court, 1994-2000

Downtown Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) Board of Directors, 1987-1997

Park Place Condominium Association Board Member 1989-1994

GWU Law Alumni Association - President 1998-2000; Board of Directors, 1989-2002

GWU Black Law Alumni - Vice President, 1988-1998

GWU General Alumni - Board of Directors, 1989-1994

National Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (YLD) - Representative to American Bar Association YLD Board; Special Projects Coordinator; YLD Representative to the Commercial Law Section of the NBA, 1989-1991

Honored "30 Leaders of the Future", EBONY Magazine, Johnson Publications, November 1989

GWU Black Law Student Association, President, 1985-1986

PERSONAL

Born and raised in San Francisco, California: Graduated Grace Cathedral School for Boys, 1975

Graduated San Francisco University High School, 1979

Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Howard University Initiate, 1982

Polemarch (President), Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2014-2016)

Vice-Polemarch, Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2012-2014)

Board of Directors, Washington (DC) Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2008-2012)

Undergraduate Advisor for the Howard University Chapter (the Xi) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2008-2012)

National Pan-Hellenic Council Advisor of the Year (2011)

Chairman, Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. (KSEF, Inc.; 2014-2016)

Chairman, Xi Chapter Preservation Foundation, Inc. (2013-Present)

Chairman, Washington Alumni Charitable Foundation, Inc. (2016-Present)

Married to the former Katherine Lee King, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Omega Chapter, Washington DC



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Robert C. Cooper



Mr. Robert Clayton Cooper began his career as an attorney with the law firm of Jackson & Campbell, P.C., where he specialized in real estate transactions, litigation, and local administrative law, including zoning and land-use issues. Robert ended his 21-year association with Jackson & Campbell to open his own real estate/land use and litigation firm, Cooper & Crickman, PLLC, in 2007.

In addition to pursuing his career in law, Mr. Cooper is active in local politics, serves numerous civic and community-based organizations, and provides aid and counsel to tenants and tenant associations in purchasing residential properties.

Mr. Cooper previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia’s Housing Finance Agency, having been nominated by Major Adrian Fenty and confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia in May 2007. He was elected to serve on the National Conference of State Housing Associations.

A Ward 4 resident, Mr. Cooper earned his Bachelor of Arts in finance and commercial banking from Howard University and his Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School.



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



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Tomas Talamante, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: May 13, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Robert C. Cooper as the Vice-Chairperson of the Real Property Tax Appeals Commission

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 Erika Satterlee, 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 with a large, flowing 'E' and 'C'.

Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Cavendish