



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

February 10, 2025

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 4 of the Food Policy Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015, D.C. Law 20-191, D.C. Official Code § 48-3123, I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Ms. Rachel Clark
Quincy Place, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(Ward 5)

for reappointment as a public member of the Food Policy Council for a term to end March 1, 2028.


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 that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To confirm the reappointment of Rachel Clark to the Food Policy Council.

16 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 resolution may be cited as the “Food Policy Council Rachel Clark Confirmation Resolution of
18 2025”.

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20 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

21 Rachel Clark
22 Quincy Place, NE
23 Washington, DC 20002
24 (Ward 5)
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27 as a public member of the Food Policy Council, established by section 3 of the Food Policy
28 Council and Director Establishment Act of 2014, effective March 10, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-191;
29 D.C. Official Code § 48-312), for a term to end March 1, 2028.

30 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
31 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Mayor.

32 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RACHEL G. CLARK

EXPERIENCE

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Washington, DC

Policy Director, Redstone Global Center for Prevention & Wellness, 2021 – present

- Direct and implement the Redstone Center's District of Columbia and federal policy agenda focused on public health and sustainability, including intervention strategies for promoting safe and healthy communities, sustainable food systems, access to public spaces and physical activity, improved air quality, and active transport
- Collaborate with GW Public Health faculty and researchers to develop and implement policy-informed research with real-world applications
- Provide policy guidance to the Center and local organizations on policy initiatives to improve healthy food access, physical activity, transportation, community health and safety, and planetary health
- Oversaw research for and drafted major policy report, Neighborhood Park Service: Strategies for an Activated and Equitable Park System for the District of Columbia
- Collaborate with District agencies and community-based organizations on implementation of environmental and public health policies and programs
- Draft testimony, policy briefs, and fact sheets to support policy agenda
- Provide written and oral testimony at public hearings and roundtables
- Lead GW-based initiative on decreasing carbon emissions in the healthcare sector as part of the GW Climate & Health Institute
- Manage graduate research assistants

DC FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, Washington, DC

Mayoral Appointee, 2022 – present

- Appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser to serve on coalition of public and government food leaders advising on policy to achieve an equitable, healthy, and sustainable food system
- Engage with District agencies, residents, and businesses to support development and implementation of District food policies that address climate change and food system resiliency
- Co-Chair Sustainable Supply Chain Working Group

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC

Legislative Counsel, Committee on Transportation & the Environment, 2018 – 2021

- Drafted over 15 bills related to nutrition, environmental protection, and public health, including legislation on clean energy and energy efficiency targets, sustainable procurement, nutrition standards at hospitals and homeless shelters, senior food insecurity, nutrition education for healthcare providers, food entrepreneurship, urban agriculture, and prenatal and infant insurance coverage
- Drafted and steered the development and enactment of major omnibus legislation on sustainable waste management, with provisions targeting food and food packaging waste
- Led Committee oversight of the Department of Energy and the Environment, DC Green Bank, DC Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency, Department of Public Works, and the DC Food Policy Council, including preparing oversight questions and drafting official correspondence with agencies

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EXPERIENCE (cont.)

- Led senior hunger working group comprising multiple District agencies and community-based organizations to develop policy interventions to reduce senior food insecurity in the District; drafted and introduced legislation based on working group recommendations
- Helped secure the passage and funding of legislation improving the nutritional quality of meals and standards for physical activity at D.C. schools; drafted amendments that addressed rollbacks to school nutrition requirements and made the District the first major jurisdiction to prohibit flavored milk in school meals
- Led the Committee's successful efforts to secure funding for food and nutrition priorities, including improvements to WIC implementation; enhancements to the school breakfast program to improve meal quality and increase participation; investment in "food as medicine," school wellness, and environmental literacy programs; and the creation of a new Office of Urban Agriculture
- Supported Committee Chair in her role as Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC)'s Ad-Hoc Committee on Food and Agriculture and as Vice-Chair of Committee on Climate Energy and Environment Policy
- Prepared and staffed Committee Chair for public hearings, committee markups, legislative meetings, and public events

U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION, Silver Spring, MD

Regulatory Counsel (on Detail), Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition, 2018

- Assisted the Office of Regulations and Policy with a major rulemaking updating the regulatory definition of "healthy"; helped facilitate team meetings with nutrition experts, legal advisors, and Center leadership; served as lead drafter of proposed regulation and preamble
- Advised Center on regulations and guidance documents related to labeling, nutrition, and food additive safety

Associate Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, 2015 – 2018

- Advised the Center for Tobacco Products on its authorities under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and other applicable laws and regulations
- Assisted with major proposed rulemaking related to tobacco product manufacturing practices; participated in site visits and meetings with industry
- Assessed legal risk of and evidentiary support for regulations, guidance, and enforcement actions
- Reviewed press materials and agency correspondence with Congress and private industry

CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, Washington, DC

Legal Fellow for Regulatory Affairs, 2014 – 2015

- Authored an 80-page regulatory comment related to food additive safety on behalf of a stakeholder coalition that became the basis for a lawsuit challenging a final rule
- Drafted citizen petition to FDA to ban the sale of powdered caffeine that resulted in enforcement action and final guidance declaring the product illegal; helped present petition to FDA leadership

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EXPERIENCE (cont.)

- Spearheaded effort to expand allergen labeling regulations to include sesame, including meeting with FDA and members of Congress
- Advised organization leadership on regulatory and legislative priorities and strategy, including drafting memoranda on legal vulnerabilities to policy proposals

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF VERMONT, Burlington, VT

Law Clerk to the Honorable William K. Sessions III, 2013 – 2014

- Drafted opinions addressing a variety of criminal and civil matters
- Prepared the judge for oral argument when he sat by designation on the Second and Ninth Circuits; drafted published opinion in the Ninth Circuit
- Assisted in a criminal and a civil trial

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2013

- Harvard Food Law Society, President
- *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Senior Executive Technical Editor
- Authored independent research paper on racial discrimination at USDA
- Student Attorney in the Harvard Food Law & Policy Clinic

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Politics and English, *magna cum laude*, May 2008



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Rachel Clark



Ms. Rachel Clark is Policy Director of the Redstone Global Center for Prevention & Wellness at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, where she leads a policy agenda that promotes public health and sustainability in the District of Columbia, including strategies for supporting sustainable food systems, nutrition, access to public spaces and physical activity, and active transport.

Before joining the Redstone Center, Ms. Clark served as a Legislative Counsel for the Committee on Transportation & the Environment at the Council of the District of Columbia, where she helped lead legislative efforts related to nutrition, environmental protection, and public health.

Before shifting her focus to District policy, she spent several years working at the federal level as an attorney advisor at the Food & Drug Administration and as a legal fellow at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition and food safety watchdog group.

A Ward 5 resident, Ms. Clark earned her Bachelor of Arts in Politics and English from New York University and her Juris Doctor from Harvard University.



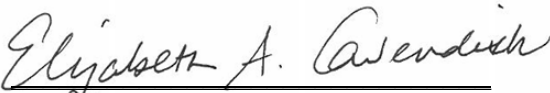
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Kimberly A. Bassett, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: October 4, 2024
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of a resolution reappointing Rachel Clark as a member of the Food Policy Council

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced Order and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Michael Porcello, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-727-0872, or me at 202-724-7681.


Elizabeth Cavendish