

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Government Operations and Facilities
DATE: July 7, 2022
RE: Requests for the Additional Legislative Meeting on July 12, 2022



I request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 12, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the Additional Legislative Meeting to follow:

Resolutions:

These measures would confirm nominees to the Commission on Human Rights. The Commission is a volunteer body of esteemed District residents with backgrounds or interests in anti-discrimination protections. They act as impartial final reviewers in discrimination cases brought before the Office of Human Rights. Based on a roundtable held on June 30, 2022, and based on a review of the nominees' resumes, biographies, and responses to written questionnaires, the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities has determined that the nominees are fit to serve on the Commission.

- **PR24-686, the “Commission on Human Rights Charlotte Clymer Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Ms. Clymer is an independent communications consultant for policy advocacy organizations. She reports currently writing a newsletter, where she advocates for human rights, and includes commentary on politics, culture, and faith. Her testimony included a description of her recent work raising funds for abortion care access, opposing anti-migrant and anti-refugee policies, and supporting migrant families.

The résumé that the Office of Talent and Appointments filed with her nomination also features her prior roles as Director of Communications and Strategy at Catholics for Choice and as press secretary for the Human Rights Campaign. These past activities reflect a dedication to rights related to reproduction, gender, and sexuality. In addition, Ms. Clymer is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Her résumé details involvement in various other governmental advisory boards and commissions, including the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and recognition for her work as a transgender activist.

- **PR24-687, the “Commission on Human Rights Eleanor Collinson Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Ms. Collinson is the former Chief Operating Officer of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. In 2016 and 2017, she worked for United Cerebral Palsy, a non-profit organization that serves and advocates for people with disabilities across the US and Canada. As Chief Lobbyist, she engaged in disability rights advocacy. Her biography also highlights her work to

persuade the City of Colorado Springs to recognize the right to freedom from discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. These experiences reflect a dedication to rights related to gender, sexuality, and disability.

- **PR24-688, the “Commission on Human Rights Robert Baldwin, III Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Mr. Baldwin is an attorney who, through his practice the Virtue Law Group, handles a range of disputes including employment discrimination. His résumé indicates that he also counsels employers on avoiding labor law violations. He is also an experienced journalist and radio news production professional, serving most recently as an Assistant Producer on “All Things Considered.” He has held professional leadership roles including with the Washington Bar Association Young Lawyer Division, National Bar Association Young Lawyer Division, and Washington Association of Black Journalists.

- **PR24-689, the “Commission on Human Rights Stuart Anderson Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

Mr. Anderson is a longtime advocate for the rights and needs of incarcerated people and formerly incarcerated people. As the leader and founder of Family and Friends of Incarcerated People, Mr. Anderson engages in policy advocacy as well as direct service coordination for young people affected by family incarceration. He is also the Community Engagement Director for the Anacostia Coordinating Council. His biography mentions leadership roles in multiple organizations supporting Black Washingtonians. The Committee has determined that Mr. Anderson’s commitment to racial justice and community organizing makes him well qualified for the anti-discrimination law adjudication work of the Commission.