

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

DRAFT

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: November 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Report on PR 21-362, the “Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 21-362, the “Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

Proposed Resolution 21-362, the “Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor on October 5, 2015 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The purpose of PR 21-362 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling for reappointment as a member of the District’s Interagency Council on Homelessness as a representative from an organization that provides services within the Continuum of Care.

The Interagency Council on Homelessness (“ICH”) was established by the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 “for the purpose of facilitating interagency, cabinet-level leadership in planning, policymaking, program development, provider monitoring, and budgeting for the

Continuum of Care of homeless services.”¹ In addition to agency heads from relevant District agencies, members of the ICH include representatives of organizations that provide services within the Continuum of Care, homeless or formerly homeless individuals, and advocates for the District’s homeless population, among others.² Annually, the ICH develops and publishes the District’s “Winter Plan” detailing how and where the District will provide hypothermia shelter for individuals and families.³ In March 2015, the ICH published its 5-year “strategic plan,” *Homeward DC*, which describes the District’s plan to end chronic homelessness in the District by 2020.⁴ Going forward, members will work to ensure the plan’s implementation and execution.

Ms. Stribling is currently a resident of Ward 4 and the Executive Director of N Street Village, a District-based service provider. She is a graduate of Smith College School for Social Work, where she earned a Master of Social Work. Ms. Stribling also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Wellesley College. For over a decade, Ms. Stribling has focused her work on the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, anti-poverty programs, social services, social justice, and advocacy. This experience will enable her to continue to contribute successfully to the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The Committee of the Whole recommends her reappointment.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

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| October 5, 2015 | PR 21-362, the “Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor. |
| October 6, 2015 | PR 21-362 is “read” at the October 6, 2015 Legislative Meeting; on this date the referral of the PR to the Committee of the Whole is official and the 60-day period for Council review begins. If this measure is not acted upon by the Council before December 6, 2015, PR 21-362 will be deemed approved. |
| October 9, 2015 | Notice of Intent to Act on PR 21-362 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| October 23, 2015 | Notice of a Public Hearing on PR 21-362 is published in the <i>DC Register</i> . |
| November 4, 2015 | The Committee of the Whole holds a roundtable on PR 21-361 through PR 21-372, which is recessed until November 10, 2015 to hear testimony on PR 21-370. |
| November 10, 2015 | The Committee of the Whole reconvenes the public hearing on PR 21-361 through PR 21-372. |

¹ D.C. Law 16-35, Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 (eff. Oct. 22, 2005).

² See *id.*

³ See *id.*

⁴ See *Homeward DC*, available at: http://ich.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ich/page_content/attachments/ICH-StratPlan2.7-Web.pdf.

November 17, 2015 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 21-362.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Stribling is the Mayor's nominee for appointment as a member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 21-361 through PR 21-372 on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, but the roundtable was recessed due to a conflict for Ms. Margaret Hacskeylo, nominated under PR 21-370. The roundtable was reconvened on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 where testimony from Ms. Hacskeylo was received. The testimony summarized below is from both November 4th and November 10th reconvened roundtable. Copies of written testimony are attached to this report.

Christina M. Respress, Nominee, summarized her background qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling, Nominee, summarized her background and discussed her past experience with and commitment to ending homelessness in the District of Columbia. Ms. Stribling highlighted her 25 years of work in this area and noted her ongoing participation with the ICH. She discussed her leadership of a homeless service organization and knowledge of special needs populations as particular assets upon which she can draw to contribute to the further implementation of the Homeward DC plan.

Michael L. Ferrell, Nominee, summarized his background and qualifications for reappointment to the ICH.

Deborah Shore, Nominee, summarized her background qualifications for reappointment to the ICH.

Adam Rocap, Nominee, summarized his background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Nechama Masliansky, Nominee, summarized her background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Eric J. Sheptock, Nominee, summarized his background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Donald L. Brooks, Nominee, summarized his background and qualifications for reappointment to the ICH.

Albert Townsend, Nominee, summarized his background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Margaret A. Hacskaylo, Nominee, summarized her background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Margaret Riden, Nominee, summarized her background and qualifications for reappointment to the ICH.

Jill Carmichael, Nominee, summarized her background and qualifications for appointment to the ICH.

Adam Maier, Housing Director, Pathways to Housing DC, testified that that each of the 12 nominees possesses knowledge and experience in the areas of homeless services policy and service delivery. Mr. Maier recommends approval of all nominees.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to PR 21-362.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Interagency Council on Homelessness are appointed pursuant to section 4 of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-751.01 *et seq.*), which established the ICH.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of PR 21-362 will have no fiscal impact. Members are not compensated by the District government and the operations of the Interagency Council on Homelessness are funded through the office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

<u>Section 1</u>	States the short title of PR 21-362.
<u>Section 2</u>	Confirms the appointment of Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling.
<u>Section 3</u>	Directs the Council to transmit a copy of this resolution to the nominee and the Office of the Mayor.

Section 4 Provides that PR 21-362 shall take effect immediately upon publication in the *DC Register*.

IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

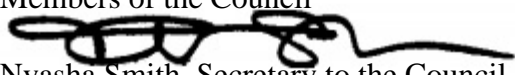
X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 21-362 as introduced.
2. Nominee's responses to Committee pre-hearing questions.
3. Written Testimony.
4. Legal Sufficiency Determination for PR 21-362.
5. Committee Print for PR 21-362.

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Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : 
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : October 06, 2015

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, October 5, 2015. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015", PR21-0362

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Sunday, December 6, 2015 without Council action.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution,
which was referred to the Committee on _____

To confirm the reappointment of Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling to the Interagency Council on
Homelessness.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the "Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder
Stribling Confirmation Resolution of 2015".

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

Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling
1418 Jonquil Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
(Ward 4)

as a member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness to serve as a representative from an
organization that provides services within the Continuum of Care, pursuant to section 4(a) of the
Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22, 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C.
Official Code § 4-752.01) (2015 Supp.), and to serve for a term to end May 1, 2017.

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.



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Executive Director

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November 2, 2015

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Thank you for the notification of my nomination for reappointment to serve as a member of the District's interagency Council on Homelessness.

As requested, I am submitting responses to the questions in your notification letter.

Question 2: I am not associated with any business entity transacting business with the District Government in which I have a beneficial interest of any value.

Questions 3 and 4: The only business entity transacting business with the DC Government from which I receive any income for services rendered is my immediate employer, N Street Village. I have been an employee of this nonprofit organization since 2003 and have been the Executive Director since 2010. N Street Village provides housing and support services for homeless and low-income women and families in Washington DC.

Questions 5 and 6: I own a home in Shepherd Park DC (1418 Jonquil Street) where I live with my partner and two children. We purchased this house four years ago and have a standard mortgage on the property.

Question 7: I do not hold any professional licenses at this time. I have previously held Clinical Social Work licenses in both Maryland and DC.

Question 8. I am not currently a member of any professional organizations.

Question 9: The only Board or Commission associated with the District Government of which I am or have been a member is The Interagency Council on Homelessness, where I have served two previous terms.

Question 10: Other Boards of which I am a member include: The Center for Nonprofit Advancement where I am currently the Board Chair; the Vestry of St. Columba's Episcopal Church; the Capital Breast Care Center at Georgetown University Hospital; the AIM Center for Integrated Medicine at George Washington University Hospital.

Question 11: I have no outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal or other state or local governments.

Question 12: Neither I nor any immediate family member has any interest, financial or otherwise, that would directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for my performance or duties as a member of the ICH.

Question 13: The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) plays a vital role in the District of Columbia, bringing together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors to directly advise and recommend on key policy and planning issues related to DC's approach and efficacy in addressing homelessness in our city. The ICH – first founded in 2005 with the publication of our 'Homeless No More' 10-year plan – has made significant strides over the past year. With the implementation of staffing for the ICH – Kristy Greenwalt as Executive Director and an assistant – and the significant commitment of our current administration and Council, we have been able to clarify and accelerate the role and potential for the ICH to make progress on our urgent shared purpose of ending homelessness in DC as we know it. Following months of development last winter and spring, we were able to complete the Homeward DC Strategic Plan with ambitious goal of making homelessness a rare, brief and non-recurring experience for individuals and families in our city by 2020. Behind this goal are very detailed strategies (based on nationally-known best practices and local data) and timelines.

Question 14: I am prepared for service on the ICH chiefly by the following: 1) thirteen years of experience in DC in homeless services at the provider agency of N Street Village; 2) over 25 years of practice in the field of social work and social services, with a focus on anti-poverty programs and mental health and addiction services; 3) prior appointments to the ICH beginning at its inception in 2006.

Question 15: My top priorities as a member of the ICH:

1. Continue my service on 3 Committees – Strategic Planning, Executive and Data and Performance Management. The DPM Committee is the most recently formed and I am a co-chair. That Committee is still forming its membership and annual tasks – my hope is to institutionalize it over the coming year so that it can provide significant support to the Strategic Planning Committee and the Homeward DC implementation plan.
2. Continue to be an advocate voice for the populations of persons with whom I am most familiar given my role at N Street Village: women, the chronically homeless, those who have experienced trauma, those with mental health and addiction issues, the aging and disabled.
3. Continue to support the implementation of Homeward DC in whatever ways I am able, including taking opportunities to educate others – friends, colleagues, etc. – about our ambitious and achievable goals and ways in which they and the public can support them.

Please be in touch with any questions, and thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

Schroeder Britton



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**Testimony of E. Schroeder Stribling
Executive Director
N Street Village
To the Committee of the Whole, on
PR 21-366, "Interagency Council on Homelessness Elizabeth Schroeder Stribling
Confirmation Resolution of 2015"
November 4, 2015**

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson and members of the Council. My name is Schroeder Stribling and I am the Executive Director of N Street Village. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this morning regarding my nomination for re-appointment on the District's Interagency Council on Homelessness. I am hopeful to continue my service to the District in this way and I am grateful for the opportunity to share with you this morning some information about my background, my work experience at N Street Village, and my prior work with the ICH, which together offer a picture of my qualifications for this appointment.

I am a social worker by training with over 25-years of experience in my career which has been focused on anti-poverty work, mental health programs, and women's issues. I first came to N Street Village in 2003 as the Program Director and was ultimately appointed as Executive Director in 2010.

N Street Village was founded by an interfaith collective 40 years ago. What started small and humbly as basic sanctuary and meals at Luther Place Memorial Church has now become a full-scale provider of housing and services to homeless and low-income women and families. Over the past five years we have pursued significant growth, with the intention of better meeting the needs of those we aim to serve. We have grown from one location to three, all within Northwest DC, and in partnership with Developer Buwa Binite and our government partners we look forward to opening a fourth location in 2016, which will be located in the renovated Phyllis Wheatley YWCA on Rhode Island Avenue and provide housing. Presently, N Street Village is serving approximately 1400 homeless and low-income women each year and in addition approximately 50 families in our affordable housing apartments.

The housing that we provide includes permanent supportive housing, temporary therapeutic housing and general affordable housing. Both our permanent supportive housing and temporary therapeutic housing are designed to encompass the needs of those with particular circumstances

such as substance abuse and addiction, mental illness, trauma, re-entry from the corrections system, and HIV/AIDS. In addition, one of our housing locations offers 31 efficiency units in a congregate Housing First setting for women who have been chronically homeless.

In addition to housing, we provide a full continuum of wrap-around services including a day center, health, mental health and wellness programs and other vocational and social supports. We are grateful to many partner agencies that work together with us to create this array of services, as well as to our government partners who help to fund and support our programs.

As a provider representative, I have served prior terms on the ICH beginning in 2006 when it was first established. I believe that the ICH plays a vital role in the District of Columbia, bringing together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors to directly advise and recommend on key policy and planning issues related to our collective approach and efficacy in addressing homelessness in our city. I am pleased to say that I believe the ICH has made significant strides over this past year. With the implementation of staffing for the ICH – Kristy Greenwalt as Executive Director along with an assistant – and the significant commitment of our current administration and this Council, we have been able to clarify and accelerate the role and potential for the ICH to make progress on our urgent shared purpose of ending homelessness in DC as we know it. Following months of development last winter and spring, we were able to complete the Homeward DC Strategic Plan with ambitious goal of making homelessness a rare, brief and non-recurring experience for individuals and families in our city by 2020. Behind this goal are very detailed strategies and timelines, all based on local data and nationally accepted best practices.

As part of my service on the ICH, I am a member of several committees, including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Executive Committee and the new Data and Performance Committee which I co-chair.

I believe that my thirteen years of experience in leadership of a homeless services agency, alongside my subject matter knowledge regarding special needs populations, and my participation to date in the development and growth of the ICH all prepare me to continue to serve as an effective provider representative on the ICH.

My top priorities as a future member of the ICH would include the following:

First, to continue my service on the three Committees I mentioned, with a special focus on development of the more newly formed Data and Performance Management Committee whose charter calls for us to enhance the work of the ICH by: establishing and guiding data and information-management practices throughout the Continuum of Care; assisting individual providers in the access and use of data and best-practice resources and benchmarks; and by developing and providing ongoing evaluation of our system-wide performance and equipping DC to be optimally competitive for federal and philanthropic dollars. Over the coming year we hope

to institutionalize the annual tasks and responsibilities of this Committee in support of the Homeward DC implementation plan.

Secondly, I would continue to be an advocate and a voice for the populations of persons with whom I am most familiar given my role at N Street Village: women, the chronically homeless, those who have experienced trauma, those with mental health, chronic health and addiction issues, and the aging and disabled.

Lastly, I would intend to continue to promote the implementation of Homeward DC by seizing opportunities to educate others – colleagues, friends, the local media, our ANC leaders, and others, about our ambitious and achievable goals to end homelessness in DC as we know it - and to encourage them to understand and support our plans in whatever ways are possible for them.

Thank you again Mr. Charman and
Council members for this opportunity to
speak with you this morning.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 Committee of the Whole
3 November 17, 2015
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7 **A PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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9 21-362

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11 **IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
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32 35; D.C. Official Code § 4-752.01) (2015 Supp.), to serve for a term to end May 1, 2017.

33 **Sec. 3.** The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this
34 resolution, upon its adoption, to the appointee and the Office of the Mayor.

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