

November 16, 2017

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chair  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

Thank you to you and the Council for nominating me for reappointment to the Corrections Information Council (CIC). I am looking forward to serving in this capacity. In preparation for the upcoming public hearing on my reappointment, I am happy to provide the following responses to the questions provided.

1. I have not previously filed a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Office of Campaign Finance.
2. I do not have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5000 with any business entity transacting business with the District Government.
3. Neither anyone in my family nor I has received (or is receiving) any income for services rendered in excess of \$1000 during the past two years from any business entity transacting any business with the District Government.
4. Neither anyone in my family nor I serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent of any business entity transacting business with the District Government.
5. Neither anyone in my family nor I have any outstanding liabilities in excess of \$5000 other than loans from federal or state insured financial institutions (i.e., mortgages through banks).
6. My husband John Rusciollelli and I are the owners of real property in the District of Columbia at 2635 Woodley Place NW, Washington, DC 20008 (residence).
7. I am a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Georgia Bar Association, and the Alabama Bar Association, and have professional licenses with each one.
8. See #7.
9. The only board or commission connected with the District Government on which I have served is the Corrections Information Council (the position for which I have been nominated for reappointment).
10. I am a member of the board of directors for two nonprofit organizations: the Justice Policy Institute (based in D.C.) and the Southern Center for Human Rights (based in Atlanta, GA).
11. I do not have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or any other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments.
12. Neither any member of my family nor I have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for me in the performance of my duties on the CIC.
13. Over the past five years, I have made political contributions to a local candidate totaling \$150 (\$100 in June 2014, \$50 in October 2014) to "Friends of Courtney R. Snowden."

14. I am registered to lobby with the federal government. I am in full compliance with all applicable lobby registration and reporting obligations.
15. I remain committed to the work of the Corrections Information Council: to provide the District with an important tool for ensuring the wellbeing of District residents who are incarcerated. I believe that the work of the CIC (such as gathering information about the treatment of D.C. residents; conducting inspections of facilities; and reporting out to the public, the Council, the Mayor, and other stakeholders) provides much-needed support to and information for incarcerated residents and their families, contributing to improved treatment and services for incarcerated D.C. residents and to improved public safety for all District citizens. Because of this, it is my pleasure to agree to continue to serve as a CIC board member.
16. When the CIC was rejuvenated in 2012 with the appointment of Board members and the hiring of a program analyst, the CIC began the long process of establishing itself as an active body capable of fulfilling its statutory mandate. We began by gathering as much information as possible about the needs of the District, its incarcerated residents, and their families. Based on that information-gathering, we were able to (1) identify priorities for our work, and (2) begin to develop the mechanisms and processes for addressing those priorities.

The greatest challenge that the CIC faced initially was a serious limitation of staff resources. When we were initially established, we had only one staff person (a program analyst). Over the course of the past several years, the Council has allocated additional funding for staff, making it possible for us to hire an executive director as well as several other administrative, research, and outreach staff. This has dramatically increased our reach and capacity, and brought us much closer to successfully fulfilling our responsibilities; and we are extremely grateful to the Council and the Mayor for this support. Additionally, the Council recently authorized the expansion of the CIC board from three to five members. I believe that these additional members, once they are approved and begin their service, will also have a wonderful and positive impact on the CIC's capacity, expertise, and effectiveness.

That said, the CIC continues to face challenges primarily related to the large number of District residents who are incarcerated, and to the incredibly diverse settings in which they are held. D.C. residents are held in the many facilities of the federal Bureau of Prisons, the D.C. Department of Corrections, and numerous halfway houses and other facilities. It is a challenge to visit all of these facilities with any regularity; and even more of a challenge to gather all the necessary documents, reports, and information needed to prepare our reports on them.

Our additional staff has been extraordinarily helpful in moving us to a place where we have quickened the pace of inspections, and are close to eliminating our backlog on reports. We are also planning to develop a series of "thematic reports," which will allow us to gather information about District residents' experiences in a number of different facilities and identify recommendations that could serve to improve conditions of confinement for many people in multiple locations. These reports could address topics such as the health and safety of, and the services provided to, particularly vulnerable populations (such as children and young people, people with disabilities, people with mental health needs, etc.); or the provision and

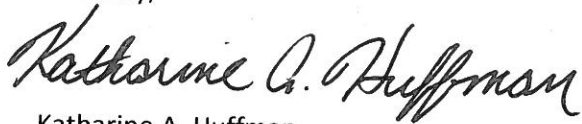
coordination of services provided to District citizens both during their incarceration and in preparation for reentry.

Finally, since our reestablishment, the CIC has successfully established good working relationships with both the D.C. Department of Corrections and the federal Bureau of Prisons. I hope that this will continue to be the case, as these relationships are absolutely critical to our being able to conduct our work and fulfill our responsibilities.

17. Since my initial appointment in 2012, I have continued to work on issues related to the fair and just functioning of our nation's criminal justice systems – in my personal and professional capacities – as previously reported. It has been an honor to add my work as a CIC board member to that body of experience.

Thank you again for the opportunity to have served as a CIC board member, and for nominating me for reappointment. Please let me know if you need any further information from me. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming public roundtable on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and to continuing to work with the Council, the Executive branch, and the D.C. community over the long term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine A. Huffman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Katharine A. Huffman