

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** May 15, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 22-770, the “Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 22-770, the “Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On February 27, 2018, PR 22-770, the “Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. PR 22-770 was referred to the Committee of the Whole on March 6, 2018. The purpose of PR 22-770 is to appoint Ms. Bartley as a member of the Citizen Review Panel for a three-year term.

Ms. Bartley is a Ward 6 resident. Ms. Bartley received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis and her Master of Science in Public Health in Health Policy from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Currently, she serves as the Acting Executive Director of DC Action for Children. In this role Ms. Bartley focuses on setting the vision and devising a strategy for the organization so it can meet its goals of improving outcomes for children regardless of race/ethnicity, family's income, or zip code. Before assuming the role as Acting Executive Director, Ms. Bartley served as a Senior Policy Analyst, Policy &

Program Manager, and Director of Programs and Legislative Affairs at DC Action for Children. Before joining DC Action for Children, she was a Senior Program Coordinator at the Young Women's Project. In addition, Ms. Bartley served as a Fellow at the Children's Health Leadership Network and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Young Women's Project. Also, she is currently serving a three-year term on the State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council.

In 2004, the Council approved the Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act (2004 Act).<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the 2004 Act was to reform the District's child protection law. More importantly, the goal of the Council was to create a seamless and effective system for responding to any type of child mistreatment, whether it was child abandonment, abuse, or neglect.<sup>2</sup> One of the outcomes of the 2004 Act was to codify the establishment of the Citizen Review Panel (Panel). The Panel serves as an independent oversight body for the District's child welfare system and to evaluate the District government agencies involved in child protection as well as services provided by vendors.<sup>3</sup>

Prior to the 2004 Act, the Panel was created administratively because Congress mandated that states and other jurisdictions establish such Panels by July 1999 pursuant to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).<sup>4</sup> The requirement to establish a Panel was necessary to continue to receive CAPTA funds.<sup>5</sup> As required by CAPTA, the Panel evaluates the District's child protection standards pursuant to a state plan required by the federal government and pursuant to child protection standards set by federal law.

The Panel consists of 15 members, all of whom must be District residents.<sup>6</sup> The Mayor is required to appoint eight members of the Panel and must designate the Chairperson. The Council shall appoint seven members to the Panel and is required to designate the Vice Chairperson.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, the Panel is required to be broadly representative of the community and must include members that have expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.<sup>8</sup> In addition, the appointments to the Panel should have a diversity of professional backgrounds and must be familiar with the child welfare system.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.01 *et seq.*).

<sup>2</sup> Bill 15-389, Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act of 2003, Report of the Committee on Judiciary, 1 (November 17, 2004).

<sup>3</sup> *See* D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51.

<sup>4</sup> *Supra* note 2 at 55.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *See* D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.52.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

**Table 1: Membership of the Citizen Review Panel**

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
<i>PR 22-769</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Patrick M. Foley</i>	<i>Proposed Council Appointee</i>	<i>Three-year term</i>
<i>PR 22-770</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Shana N. Bartley</i>	<i>Proposed Council Appointee</i>	<i>Three-year term</i>
<i>PR 22-771</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Dr. Sarah Schooler</i>	<i>Proposed Council Appointee</i>	<i>Three-year term</i>
<i>PR 22-815</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Elizabeth Corson Mohler</i>	<i>Proposed Council Appointee</i>	<i>Three-year term</i>
R 21-385	Vice-Chair	Emily Smith Goering	Council	February 2, 2019
R 21-387	Member	Marie Cohen	Council	February 2, 2019
	Member	Vacant	Council	
	Panel Chair	Ann Franke	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Katrina Foster	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Maura Gaswirth	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Davida Harper	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Megan Conway	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Claresa Venson	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Sherrill Taylor	Mayor	September 24, 2018
	Member	Richard Bardach	Mayor	September 24, 2018

Ms. Bartley indicated that as a member of the Panel she intends to collaborate with other members of the Panel to continue to strengthen the District’s child welfare system.<sup>10</sup> She plans to bring her experience and connections from DC Action for Children to bring best practices from other states work in child welfare issues back to the District to enhance the work being done by the Panel.<sup>11</sup> At the April 25<sup>th</sup> roundtable, she testified that as a member of the Panel she wants to ensure that children in the District have the resources to achieve their full potential. Additionally, Ms. Bartley was to ensure that the Panel supports families so that a child can stay with his or her family and the option of removal would be a last resort.

The Committee believes Ms. Bartley’s previous experience working on child welfare issues in the District would make her a valuable addition to the Panel. The Committee also supports Ms. Bartley’s goals to ensure that families are being supported and that the government continues to best serve the needs of children in the District. For the reasons mentioned above, the Committee recommends adoption of PR 22-770.

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- February 27, 2018 PR 22-770, the “Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson.
- March 6, 2018 PR 22-770 is “read” at a Legislative Meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
- March 9, 2018 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 22-770 is published in the *District of Columbia Register*.

<sup>10</sup> Shana N. Bartley, Nominee, Written Responses to the Committee of the Whole’s Pre-Roundtable Questionnaire, Page 2, April 23, 2018. (Attached).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

April 19, 2018      Notice of a Public Roundtable on PR 22-770 is filed with the Council's Office of the Secretary.

April 25, 2018      The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 22-770.

May 15, 2018        The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 22-770.

### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Bartley is a Council appointee to the Panel. The Executive provided no comment on Ms. Bartley's appointment.

### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 22-770.

### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 22-770 (and 3 other nominations to the Citizen Review Panel) on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The testimony summarized below is from that roundtable. A copy of the written testimony provided to the Committee is attached to this report.

*Shana N. Bartley, Appointee*, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the Citizen Review Panel and her interest in serving on the Panel.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Ms. Bartley's appointment.

### VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Citizen Review Panel are appointed pursuant to section 351 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51), which establishes the Panel.

### VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 22-770 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Members of the Citizen Review Panel are not entitled to compensation.

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

- Section 1 States the short title of PR 22-770.
- Section 2 Confirms the appointment of Shana N. Bartley as a member of the Citizen Review Panel to serve for a term ending three years after the effective date of this resolution.
- Section 3 Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Mayor.
- Section 4 Provides that PR 22-770 shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

## X. ATTACHMENTS

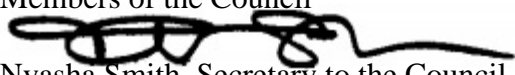
1. PR 22-770 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
3. Legal sufficiency determination.
4. Committee Print for PR 22-770.

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**  
**Washington D.C. 20004**

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council

From :   
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date : March 05, 2018

Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018",  
PR22-0770

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson

The Chairman is referring this legislation to the Committee of the Whole.

Attachment

cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson

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16 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
17 resolution may be cited as the “Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution  
18 of 2018”.

19 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

20 Shana N. Bartley  
21 1000 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
22 Apt. #323  
23 Washington, DC 20003  
24 (Ward 6)  
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26 as a member of the Citizen Review Panel, established by section 351 of the Prevention of Child  
27 Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code  
28 § 4-1303.51), to serve for a term ending three years after the effective date of this resolution.

29 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
30 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.

31 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
32 the District of Columbia Register.

# SHANA N. BARTLEY

1000 New Jersey Ave SE, Apt. 323, Washington, DC 20003 | Ward 6 | (240) 271-9502 | shana.bartley@gmail.com

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **DC Action for Children, Washington, DC**

*Acting Executive Director (January 2017-present)*

*Director of Programs and Legislative Affairs (January 2016- December 2016)*

*Policy & Program Manager (June 2015- December 2016)*

*Senior Policy Analyst (June 2014-May 2015)*

- Set vision and devise strategy for an organization devoted to improving outcomes for all children regardless of race/ethnicity, family's income, or zip code.
- Oversee implementation of the organization's programs that include fee-for-service project portfolio to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations and research on behalf of government agencies
- Identify, monitor, and analyze legislation and policy in the District of Columbia related to young children and families
- Chair key community coalitions focused on early childhood home visiting (DC Home Visiting Council) and the District government's maternal and child health programs (DC Maternal and Child Health Advisory Council)
- Represent children's advocates as a commissioner of the District of Columbia's State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council
- Manage online communications including blogging and social media to increase following
- Responsible for fundraising and fiscal management necessary to support the organization's mission
- Coach, develop and retain the organization's passionate and high-performance team
- Maintain and support a strong Board of Directors

### **The Peer Health and Sexuality Education Program, Young Women's Project, Washington, DC**

*Senior Program Coordinator (July 2012-June 2013)*

*Reproductive Justice Associate (December 2011-June 2012)*

- Designed, analyzed and disseminated results of a mixed methods survey of 300 DC youth's awareness and experience accessing reproductive health resources to inform program goals and advocacy agenda.
- Supervised an 11-person team, that was appointed by the DC Council Committee on Health, to analyze DC youth health programming; tasks included conducting and analyzing 12 structured interviews with staff from each partner organization, interfacing with government agencies, creating profiles for each program, and recommending policy and funding changes.
- Testified before the DC Council and DC State Board of Education on behalf of the organization to support adolescent health programming.
- Led advocacy campaign to expand the health education high school graduation requirement in DC; tasks included researching legislation and other state models, organizing stakeholders, and drafting talking points and testimony.
- Managed and trained 25 youth staff members and 3 interns.

## NON-PROFIT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### **Children's Health Leadership Network**

*Fellow (January 2016- May 2017)*

- Participated in the first cohort of a leadership development program for advancing and networking leaders in the field of children's health policy. This program is funded and facilitated by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, David and Lucile Packard Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies with the goal of training over 100 advocates around the USA by the year 2025.

### **Young Women's Project, Washington, DC**

*Board of Directors Member (November 2013-December 2017)*

- Worked on a team to promote mission of the organization. Approve and monitor annual budget. Advise on program work.

## EDUCATION

### **Master of Science in Public Health in Health Policy (2015)**

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Honors: Delta Omega Honor Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Millennial Health Leader

### **Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (2011)**

Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL), St. Louis, MO

Honors: Ethan A.H. Shepley Award, Victor H. Farwell Award





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Chairman

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April 20, 2018

Ms. Shana N. Bartley  
1000 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Apt. 323  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Bartley,

Congratulations on your nomination for appointment as a member of the Citizen Review Panel ("Panel"). As you know, the nomination is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public roundtable on your nomination for **Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in Hearing Room 123**. Enclosed is a copy of the roundtable notice. It is standard for the Council to submit questions to nominees. I request your response to the following questions no later than close of business Monday, April 23, 2018.

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions 2-8 in lieu of that statement.
2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5,000, including publicly traded stock.
3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past two years.
4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details.
5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$5,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts.
6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.
7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you.
8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member.

9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each.
10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member.
11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.
12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Panel?
13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee.
14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered.
15. (a) Why have you agreed to serve for a three-year term?  
(b) How do you plan to help the Panel fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Panel over the next three years?
16. Please discuss any past and present experiences not already mentioned that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the Panel.

At the April 25th roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the Panel. The testimony of persons interested in supporting your nomination is helpful but not necessary. Interested parties may call the Committee office to register to testify (724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail (COW@dccouncil.us).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Peter Johnson on my staff at (202) 724-8083.

Sincerely,



Phil Mendelson  
Chairman

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PM/pj

April 23, 2018

Ms. Shana N. Bartley  
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Pre-appointment Questionnaire: Citizen Review Panel

1. Please provide a copy of the Financial Disclosure Statement you filed with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. If you have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, please provide answers to questions 2-8 in lieu of that statement.

I have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement. My answers to the remaining questions are below.

2. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$5,000, including publicly traded stock.

DC Action for Children (legal name: DC Action for Children Today)

3. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past two years.

DC Action for Children (legal name: DC Action for Children Today)

4. Please provide the name of each business entity transacting business with the District Government in which you or any member of your immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent. Also list the position(s) held, a brief description of the entity, and any other pertinent details.

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5. Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability borrowed by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$5,000. Do not include loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, or from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts.

N/A

6. Please list the location of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.

N/A

7. Please list all professional and occupational licenses held by you.

N/A

8. Please list any professional organizations of which you are currently a member.

N/A

9. Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District government on which you are or have been a member, and include the term of service for each.

State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (3-year term; June 2017- June 2019)

10. Please list any other boards (e.g. Boards of Directors of a non-profit) on which you are a member.

N/A

11. Do you have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please provide documentation of attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.

No, I do not.

12. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties as a member of the Panel?

No, I do not have any conflicts of interest.

13. Please describe any local political activity (i.e. the District of Columbia local elections or campaigns) that you have engaged in over the past five years, including any campaign contributions to a local candidate or political action committee.

N/A

14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered.

No, I am not registered to lobby.

15. (a) Why have you agreed to serve for a three-year term?

I have agreed to serve for a three-year term to provide continuous support and fulfill all necessary obligations of this appointment to the Citizen Review Panel.

- (b) How do you plan to help the Panel fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Panel over the next three years?

I plan to help the Panel fulfill its role and mission by performing all necessary duties in my particular role as well as collaborating with other members of the Panel to ensure that the District continues to strengthen our child welfare system. As acting executive director of DC Action for Children, a multi-issue research and advocacy organization focused on DC's children, I bring knowledge and understanding of the DC environment and landscape. Additionally, DC Action is part of a network of state-based advocacy organizations across the country; I have connections to partners in other states working in child welfare that can provide additional knowledge and expertise should the Panel desire feedback and information from other jurisdictions.

16. Please discuss any past and present experiences not already mentioned that you believe are relevant to support your appointment as a member of the Panel.

For the last 7 years, I have held a variety of roles working to support DC's children and youth. In my current role, I have built knowledge of and relationships with key partners that serve children and families engaged in the child welfare system. Some of those partners include the Healthy Families/ Thriving Communities and the Young Women's Project. With these connections, I have a deeper understanding of our local context.

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