

May 2, 2019

Chris Landis  
6217 30<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20015

Dear Mr. Landis:

Congratulations on being nominated for appointment to be a member of the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the District of Columbia. As you know, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Council. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a public hearing on your nomination for **Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412**. Enclosed is a copy of the hearing 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 April 30, 2019.

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 no. 2-8 in lieu of that statement.

**I will file shortly. See 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 \$1,000, including publicly traded stock.

**None.**

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 \$200 during the past two years.

**None. In the past, from 2006 to 2008 and 2016 to 2018 I served on the HPRB and received compensation for those services.**

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.

Not applicable.

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 \$1,000. 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.

No loans.

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 \$1,000.

Home: 6217 30<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC 20015

Office: 7059 Blair Road NW, Washington DC 200012

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

Registered Architect in Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, New York (inactive)

Licensed contractor in Virginia

Home improvement contractor in Maryland

Home improvement license in Washington D.C.

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

National Association of the Remodeling Industry

American Institute of Architects

Remodeler's Advantage (peer review group)

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.

As per above, HPRB member 2006 to 2008 and 2016 to 2018.

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

None.

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.

None.

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 HPRB?

No.

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 candidate or political action committee.

Campaign Contributions to:  
Muriel Bowser  
Brandon Todd

14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered, the date(s) of your registration and the clients on whose behalf you have lobbied.

No.

15. Why have you agreed to serve another term and how do you plan to continue to help the Board fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Board

I am agreeing to serve another term because I believe that my breadth of experience is very relevant to the needs of the city as well as the average citizen.

16. Given that you are being reappointed to the Board, what challenges do you believe the Board has experienced since your time on the Board, and how do you believe these challenges should be addressed moving forward?

I think the Board is well served by the staff and our Chairperson. I think the Board and HPRB represent models of efficiency that other jurisdictions would and could aspire to. We could improve communication from the staff to the Board and the Board to the general public. Our role is as educational as it is regulatory. It's always challenging to create new historic neighborhoods, such as the new Kingman Park neighborhood. With new zoning for ADUs, its challenging to incorporate the new ADU zoning into the fabric of historic neighborhoods.

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

Covered in my testimony.

At the May 2 hearing, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as a member of the HPRB. 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 (202-724-8196) or, alternatively, may submit written comments to the Committee regarding your nomination via letter mail or e-mail ([COW@dccouncil.us](mailto:COW@dccouncil.us)).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or Evan Cash on my staff at 202-724-7022.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson  
Chairman

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