# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson

Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** June 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Report on PR 23-203, the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice

Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019"

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 23-203, the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019" was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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#### I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On March 22, 2019, PR 23-203, the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019" was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. The purpose of PR 23-203 is to designate Ms. Bartley as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel for a term to end on April 11, 2021.

Ms. Bartley is a Ward 6 resident. She 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 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 income, or zip code. Before becoming 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 that, 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). 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 child abandonment, abuse, or neglect. An outcome 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, to evaluate the District government agencies involved in child protection as well as services provided by vendors.

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.

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

Resolution #	Position	Appointee	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration
PR 23-201	Member	Emily Smith Goering	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2022
PR 23-202	Member	Emily M. Bloomfield	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2020
PR 23-203	Vice Chair	Shana N. Bartley	Proposed Council Designee	April 11, 2021
PR 23-204	Member	Marie K. Cohen	Proposed Council Appointee	April 11, 2022
R.22-500	Member	Patrick M. Foley	Council	April 11, 2021
R.22-502	Member	Dr. Sarah Schooler	Council	April 11, 2020
R.22-503	Member	Elizabeth Corson Mohler	Council	April 11, 2020
	Chair	Vacant	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Katrina Foster	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Maura Gaswirth	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Katrina Floyd	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Megan Conway	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Joy Graham	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Sherrill Taylor	Mayor	September 24, 2021
	Member	Richard Bardach	Mayor	September 24, 2021

The Panel consists of 15 members, all of whom must be District residents. The Mayor is required to appoint eight members of the Panel and must designate the Chairperson. The Council

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Supra note 2 at 55.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See. D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.52.

shall appoint seven members to the Panel and is required to designate the Vice Chairperson.<sup>7</sup> Further, the Panel is required to be broadly representative of the community and must include members who have expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.<sup>8</sup> In addition, the appointees to the Panel should have a diversity of professional backgrounds and must be familiar with the child welfare system.<sup>9</sup>

Ms. Bartley was appointed to the Panel last year. <sup>10</sup> Now she is being designated as Vice Chairperson of the Panel, replacing Dr. Emily Smith Goering who is going to continue to serve as a member of the Panel. She wants to serve as Vice Chairperson to support the urgent work conducted by the Panel. <sup>11</sup> As Vice Chairperson she plans to update and improve the Panel's bylaws and to collaborate more with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Child Abuse and Neglect to better serve the child welfare system in the District. <sup>12</sup> Additionally, she intends to collaborate with the Chair and the Panel's facilitator to ensure that members have the recourse they need to strengthen the system to better serve children and their families. <sup>13</sup>

The Committee believes Ms. Bartley's experience working on child welfare issues in the District gives her the expertise that is needed to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Panel. The Committee also supports Ms. Bartley's goals to ensure that families are being supported and feel comfortable with their interactions with the Child and Family Services Agency in order to best serve the needs of children in the District. For all of these reasons, the Committee recommends adoption of PR 23-203.

# II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

March 22, 2019	PR 23-203, the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019" is introduced by Chairman Mendelson.
March 29, 2019	Notice of Intent to Act on PR 23-203 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
April 2, 2019	PR 23-203 is "read" at a Legislative Meeting and the referral to the Committee of the Whole is official.
May 10, 2019	Notice of a Public Roundtable on PR 23-203 is published in the <i>District of Columbia Register</i> .
May 23, 2019	The Committee of the Whole holds a Public Roundtable on PR 23-203.
June 4, 2019	The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 23-203.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Appointment Resolution of 2018, effective June 15, 2018 (Res. 22-501; 65 DCR 6443).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Shana N. Bartley, Nominee, Written Responses to the Committee of the Whole's Pre-Roundtable Questionnaire, Page 2, May 21, 2019. (Attached to the Report).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Shana N. Bartley, Nominee, Testimony before the DC Council Committee of the Whole, 1, May 23, 2019.

#### III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Bartley is the Council's designee as Vice Chairperson of the Panel. The Executive provided no comment on Ms. Bartley's designation.

#### IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 23-203.

#### V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 23-203 (and 2 other nominations to the Citizen Review Panel) on Thursday, May 23, 2019. The testimony summarized below is from that roundtable. A copy of Ms. Bartley's testimony is attached to this report.

*Shana N. Bartley, Designee*, 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 as Vice Chairperson of the Panel.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Ms. Bartley's designation as Vice-Chairperson of the Panel.

#### VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

The Council designates the Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel pursuant to section 352(g) of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.52(g)).

#### VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 23-203 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 23-203.

Section 2 Confirms the designation of Shana N. Bartley as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel to serve for a term to end April 11, 2021.

Section 3	Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the
	designee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Mayor.

<u>Section 4</u> Provides that PR 23-203 shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

# IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

# X. ATTACHMENTS

- 1. PR 23-203 as introduced.
- 2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
- 3. Written testimony.
- 4. Legal sufficiency determination.
- 4. Committee Print for PR 23-203.

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

# Memorandum

To: Members of the Council

From: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

Date: March 26, 2019

Subject: Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Friday, March 22, 2019. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019", PR23-0203

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson

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

Attachment

cc: General Counsel Budget Director Legislative Services

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA To designate Ms. Shana N. Bartley as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel. RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019". Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia designates: Shana N. Bartley 1000 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Apt. #323 Washington, DC 20003 (Ward 6)

as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel, pursuant to section 352(g) of the Prevention of

Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official

upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in

Code § 4-1303.52(g)), for a term to end April 11, 2021.

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

#### **CORE PROFICIENCIES**

Strategic planning - Project management - Grant writing - Results-Based Leadership - Creativity/Problem solving - Public speaking/Presentations - Policy analysis - Coalition building - Meeting facilitation - Data analysis and presentation - Research and writing - Statistical analysis

#### **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

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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

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.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Bartley, S. et al. (2016) Quality Improvement Network Systems Evaluation Mid-Year Report. *DC Action for Children*. Retrieved from: <a href="https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/QIN\_MidYear\_Final\_Report\_2016.pdf">https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/QIN\_MidYear\_Final\_Report\_2016.pdf</a>
- Bartley, S. et al. (2016) Lessons Learned from the 2016 Student Health Needs Assessment. DC Action for Children. Retrieved from: <a href="https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/SHNA\_Final\_Report\_9\_2016.pdf">https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/SHNA\_Final\_Report\_9\_2016.pdf</a>
- Bartley, S. et al. (2017) Status Report on Home Visiting in the District of Columbia. Office of the District of Columbia Auditor. Retrieved from: <a href="http://www.dcauditor.org/reports/status-report-home-visiting-district-columbia">http://www.dcauditor.org/reports/status-report-home-visiting-district-columbia</a>

• Bartley, S. et al. (2017) Piecing Together: Completing the Early Childhood System Puzzle in the District of Columbia. *DC Action for Children*. Retrieved from: <a href="https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/Piecing%20Together\_FINAL\_0.pdf">https://www.dcactionforchildren.org/sites/default/files/Piecing%20Together\_FINAL\_0.pdf</a>

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Bartley, S., other presenters. (2015, May). Data the Easy Way: Online tools, APIs, and Automation. State-based children's advocates meeting on using data, KIDS COUNT Data Workshop, Minneapolis, MN.
- Bartley, S. (2015, October). Communicating with Your Audience Visually. State-based children's advocates meeting on communication, KIDS COUNT Communications Institute, Omaha, NE.
- Bartley, S., other presenters. (2017, October). *Playing the Long Game at the Local Level*. State-based policy researchers advocates meeting, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' 2017 Impact Conference, Washington, DC.

# 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.



# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

Office: (202) 724-8032

Fax: (202) 724-8085

May 20, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Bartley:

Congratulations on your nomination to be designated as Vice Chairperson 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 **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 120**. 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 Tuesday, May 21, 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 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.

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- 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 <u>five</u> 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 as Vice Chairperson?
  - (b) What are your observations about, and current priorities for service, on the Panel?

At the April May 23<sup>rd</sup> roundtable, you will be asked to make an opening statement indicating your interest in serving as Vice Chairperson 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

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

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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.

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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

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N/A

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N/A

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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

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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 <u>five</u> 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 as Vice Chairperson?

I have agreed to serve as Vice Chairperson, because I believe the Citizen Review Panel serves an important function in our larger child welfare system. The body is tasked with providing citizens' perspectives CFSA's efforts to comply with child protection requirements. After serving for one year as a member of the CRP, I have some ideas about how to strengthen our work.

(b) What are your observations about, and current priorities for service, on the Panel?

The Panel includes individuals who care deeply about the welfare of DC children engaged with CFSA. However, there are number of opportunities for us to deepen our work. First and foremost, it has been a few years since the Panel reviewed and improved its by-laws. Ensuring members understand the expectations of serving on the Panel is key to moving the work forward. Second, members could benefit from building closer relationships with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. While the two bodies have different mandates, there are opportunities to work together to advise and provide feedback on the progress of CFSA and the large child welfare system in the District.

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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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# **Testimony of Shana Bartley**

# Public Roundtable PR 23-203, Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson Designation Resolution of 2019

# Before the Committee of the Whole Council of the District of Columbia

### May 23, 2019

Good morning, Chairman Mendelson. Thank you for holding this roundtable to discuss my appointment as vice chairperson of DC's Citizen Review Panel. My name is Shana Bartley, and I am a Ward 6 resident and executive director at DC Action for Children.

I have agreed to serve as vice chairperson of the Panel to support our members in deepening our urgent work. The children engaged in our child welfare system deserve and require compassionate and proactive responses and interventions from the DC Child and Family Services Agency and other DC agencies involved in child protection. This Panel serves an important function as members are tasked with reporting to this Council, the Mayor, and the federal government on the effectiveness of this system to meet children's needs. As vice chair, I will collaborate with the chair and facilitator to ensure members have what they need to meet this mandate.

As members of this panel, we must work together to develop and deliver recommendations that strengthen our systems to better serve children and their families. I look forward to serving in this new role and continuing my service. Thank you.

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2	Committee of the Whole
3	June 4, 2019
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7	A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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12	IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16	To designate Ms. Shana N. Bartley as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel.
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18	RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
19	resolution may be cited as the "Citizen Review Panel Shana N. Bartley Vice Chairperson
20	Designation Resolution of 2019".
21	Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia designates:
22	Shana N. Bartley
	New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
24	Washington, DC 20003
23 24 25	(Ward 6)
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27	as Vice Chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel, pursuant to section 352(g) of the Prevention of
28	Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official
29	Code § 4-1303.52(g)), for a term to end April 11, 2021.
30	Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,
31	upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.
32	Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
33	the District of Columbia Register.
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