

Stephanie Gidigbi

November 22, 2019

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

RE: PR 23-542, Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Stephanie Gidigbi Appointment Resolution of 2019

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

Thank you for the honor to be considered for an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA Board). As requested, please find my response to the council questions, per your letter dated November 15, 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.

I have not filed a Financial Disclosure Statement, with the Office of Campaign Finance or the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. As a result, I have provided 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.

N/A (Not Applicable) – There are NO business entities transacting any business with the District Government in which I would 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.

N/A (Not Applicable) – There are NO business entities transacting any business with the District Government from which I nor my 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.

N/A (Not Applicable) – There are NO business entities transacting business with the District Government in which I nor any member of my immediate family serves as an officer, director, partner, or agent.

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 (Not Applicable)

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.

N/A (Not Applicable)

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

- **American Planning Association (APA)**, Member
- **Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)**, Member
- **Urban Land Institute, ULI**, Associate Member
- **WTS International - DC Chapter**, Member
- **American Public Health Associations (APHA)**, 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.

N/A (Not Applicable)

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

N/A (Not Applicable)

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 have any outstanding liability for taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal, or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested.

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 WMATA Board?

No – I do NOT have any members in my immediate family that have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for me in performance of my duties as a member of the WMATA Board.

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.

I am a registered voter in the District of Columbia that actively votes in local elections.

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 with any local, state, or federal government to lobby.

15. Do you understand how much time will be required of you to serve on the WMATA Board and do you commit to spend that time?

Yes, I understand the approximate amount of time required to serve on the WMATA Board and commit to create the time needed.

16. Why have you agreed to serve, and how do you plan to help the WMATA Board fulfill its role and mission during your time on the WMATA Board?

In summary, I have agreed to serve as a principle member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority WMATA because I am committed to seeing WMATA work for the District of Columbia, riders, and the region. As a transit advocate and user of the system, keeping Metro safe, reliable, affordable, and accountable to its users is critical to me. Professionally, I believe my experience at the United States Department of Transportation and working with Transportation leaders nationally will provide a new voice & perspective to the board.

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 WMATA Board.

I have worked with leaders at every level of government to champion public policy solutions that promote economic, social, and environmental benefits for communities. I served as a political appointee for the Obama Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Housing and Urban Development. During my tenure I elevated the role of transportation in revitalizing communities, creating pathways to jobs, expanding access to economic opportunity, and promoting a safety culture that considers all. I am proud of the various initiatives, we developed as part of the Administrations' Opportunities Agenda that provided technical assistance to local leaders, elevated best practices, and supported good public investment strategies. As a former Chief of Staff working for the Mayor of the City of Orange, NJ; I understand the challenges facing jurisdictions related to infrastructure, transportation, economic development, labor relations, and the importance of community outreach. As a former Capitol Hill staffer, I understand the role of the federal government and its impact to region. I am confident that I will be valued member of the WMATA Board and effective representative for the district.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications in detail and address any additional questions by the Council, during the nomination hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Gidigbi