

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REPOSE TO CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS
ALMA HARDY GATES
JANUARY 9, 2020

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.

See attached Financial Disclosure 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.

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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.

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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.

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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.

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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.

4911 Ashby Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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

See attached Financial Disclosure Statement.

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.

ANC 3D 2003-2008; 2014-2018

Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board, non-voting member, 2006-2018

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

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City.

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.

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 Commission?

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 local candidate or political action committee.

No campaign activity.

Kent Boese Campaign \$250.00.

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.

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

Yes.

16. Why have you agreed to serve another term, and how do you plan to help the Commission fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Commission? Include in your answer what you believe should be the priorities of the Commission and specific challenges you see for it.

Service on the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities has brought balance to the public service and provided an uplifting experience. Heading up the Public Art committee has provided exposure to many fine artists who reside in the area as well as their work.

As the Commission moves forward as an independent agency there will be numerous challenges as its position is established within the DC Government. The immediate challenge is to identify and hire an Executive Director who will provide leadership and

programmatic direction to staff. The Commission will have a more defined role in running of the organization and setting priorities for its continued growth and success.

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

The most relevant experiences I have had were with the National Cultural Alliance and the American Alliance of Museums. Both positions provided background and excellent preparation for work in the area of public art and demonstrating the influence art can have on the daily lives of those who are touched by it. This may have been previously mentioned, but I feel strongly concerning the power of the arts and humanities to bring enrichment to ordinary experiences.

Observing students at the Lab School of Washington grow and demonstrate excitement about their participation in creating a large sculpture for the school or learning to play a musical instrument or express their feelings through the annual poetry contest or participation in a Shakespeare production was very exciting. Having had this kind of rich experience makes the work the Commission does in the field of education have an even fuller meaning. You realize how different styles of learning result in different kinds of expression.

As the Commission moves forward, it is my hope that the current goal of the Commission to enhance the role of the arts and humanities and its influence of the everyday lives of individuals will be expanded as capacity for such growth increases with an increase in funding and funding opportunities. As a former ANC Commissioner and member of the Zoning Revision Task Force, I know there are opportunities to leverage public/private partnerships with developers as they meet their requirement options for public amenities. Not only can new development sites be enhanced and beautified, developers may experience exposure to the arts which has not been there previously. Also, the development of the McMillan Sand Filtration site will afford new opportunities for use of the historic elements on site for the Commission as new creative uses are explored.

FDS Filing Details for 2018

Name: Alma Gates

Date of Appointment or Employment: 7/1/2016

Final Date of Service: 12/31/2018

Position: Commissioner

Agency: Commission on the Arts & Humanities

Position Held with the District Government During the Prior calendar year (If Not The Same As Above)

Position:

Final Date in Position:

Agency:

Non District Employment/Business

1) Did you have any non-District employment or engage in any outside business during the previous calendar year for which you received compensation of \$200 or more?

No

2) Was your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) employed by a private entity or did they engage in any business endeavors during the previous calendar year for which they received compensation of \$200 or more?

No

3) Did you serve in any unpaid position (without compensation) as an officer, director, partner, consultant, contractor, volunteer, member or any other fiduciary capacity of a non-government board or other outside entity during the previous calendar year?

Position / Title	Name of Entity	Start Date	End Date
Commissioner	ANC 3D05	01/01/2018	12/31/2018
Member/Volunteer	Committee of 100 on the Federal City	01/01/2018	12/31/2018
Member/Volunteer	Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board	01/01/2018	12/31/2018

4) Did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) serve in any unpaid position (without compensation) as an officer, director, partner, consultant, contractor, volunteer, member or any other fiduciary capacity of a non-government board or other outside entity during the previous calendar year?

No

5) During the previous calendar year, did you have any agreements with a former or current employer, other than with the District of Columbia, for future payments or benefits (such as separation pay, partnership buyouts, or pension or retirement pay) or for future employment or for a leave of absence?

No

6) During the previous calendar year, did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have any agreements with a former or current employer, other than with the District of Columbia, for future payments or benefits (such as separation pay, partnership buyouts, or pension or retirement pay) or for future employment or for a leave of absence?

No

Securities, Holdings and Investments

7) Did you have a beneficial interest in or hold any security ("security" means stocks (any class), bonds (including savings bonds and tax exempt bonds), stock options, warrants, debentures, obligations, notes (not mortgage notes), mortgages (not on one's home), investment interests in limited partnerships, REITs, and such other evidences of indebtedness and certificates of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement as are usually referred to as securities) at the close of the previous calendar year that exceeded in the aggregate \$1,000 or that produced income of \$200 or more?

List each security and/or beneficial interest you held below	Total Value of Beneficial Interests or Securities at the close of previous calendar year.
See Attachment 1	Over \$1,000,000

8) Did your spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have a beneficial interest or hold any security ("security" means stocks (any class), bonds (including savings bonds and tax exempt bonds), stock options, warrants, debentures, obligations, notes (not mortgage notes), mortgages (not on one's home), investment interests in limited partnerships, REITs, and such other evidences of indebtedness and certificates of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement as are usually referred to as securities) at the close of the previous calendar year that exceeded in the aggregate \$1,000 or that produced income of \$200 or more?

List each security and/or beneficial interest you held below	Total Value of Beneficial Interests or Securities at the close of previous calendar year.
See Attachment 1	\$250,001 - \$500,000

9) Did you owe any entity or person (other than a member of your immediate family) \$1,000 or more, (excluding: mortgages on your personal residence, student loans, automobile loans, credit card accounts or other revolving credit, and other loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution), during the previous calendar year?

No

10) Did your spouse, domestic partner or dependent child(ren) owe any entity or person (other than a member of their immediate family) \$1,000 or more, (excluding: mortgages on personal residences, student loans, automobile loans, credit card accounts or other revolving credit, and other loans from a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution), during the previous calendar year?

No

11) Did you have an interest in any real property located in the District during the previous calendar year, aside from personal residences occupied by you, your spouse or your domestic partner, where your interest had a fair market value of more than \$1,000, or where the property produced income of \$200 or more?

No

12) Did your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) have an interest in any real property located in the District during the previous calendar year, aside from personal residences occupied by you, your spouse or your domestic partner, where their interest had a fair market value of more than \$1,000, or where the property produced income of \$200 or more?

No

Regulated Professions

13) Do you hold any professional or occupational licenses issued by the District of Columbia government (i.e., are you licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, or are you licensed by the District's Department of Health, the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the District's Department of Mental Health, the District's Department of Insurance Securities and Banking, the Metropolitan Police Department, the District's Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration, etc.)?

No

14) Does your spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child(ren) hold any professional or occupational licenses issued by the District

of Columbia government (i.e., are they licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia, or are they licensed by the District's Department of Health, the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the District's Department of Mental Health, the District's Department of Insurance Securities and Banking, the Metropolitan Police Department, or the District's Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration, etc.)?

No

Gifts

15) Did you receive any gift(s) (Gift is defined as a payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, rendering, or deposit of money, services, or anything of value, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received) from any person that has or is seeking to do business with the District, conducts operations or activities that are regulated by the District, or has an interest that may be favorably affected by the performance or nonperformance of your duties in the total amount or with a total value of \$100 or more during the previous calendar year?

No

Additional Comments

Supporting Documents

2019 BEGA Financial Disclosure Form.docx

I certify that I have:

- Not caused title to property to be placed in another person or entity for the purpose of avoiding the disclosure requirements on the preceding form;
- Filed and paid my income and property taxes;
- Diligently safeguarded the assets of the taxpayers and the District;
- Reported known illegal activity, including attempted bribes, to the appropriate authorities;
- Not been offered or accepted any bribes;
- Not directly or indirectly received government funds through illegal or improper means;
- Not raised or received funds in violation of federal or District law; and
- Not received or been given anything of value, including a gift, favor, service, loan gratuity, discount, hospitality, political contribution, or promise of future employment, based on any understanding that my official actions or judgment or vote would be influenced.

Additional Comments