

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
RESPONSE TO CONFIRMATION QUESTIONS  
RHONA FRIEDMAN  
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 PDF for questions 1-8.**

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 have been a member and include the term of service for each.

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

**Building Bridges Across The River (THEARC).**

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.

**Campaign contributions: Mayor Muriel Bowser; Councilmember David Grosso; Chairman Phil Mendelson**

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, I do, and I am committed to spend the necessary time.**

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.

**The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities helps build, sustain and develop arts and cultural resources in the District. By serving on the Commission, I will devote time and effort to grant making, arts education, cultural events, and building the creative community.**

**A thriving arts community is a reflection of the quality of life for DC residents. Being a part of this endeavor is important to me. It will build the economy and make the city in which I reside and work, a world-class arts center.**

**As a member of the Commission, I would like to continue to advocate for and foster arts programs in all of our public and public charter schools. We know that children need art. It sparks their imagination and feeds their spirit. It improves academic performance and discourages truancy.**

**A priority for the Commission, like always will be identifying as much funding as possible so that the Commission can support the greatest number of programs and organizations. It's also important for organizations to receive funding for multiple years.**

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.

**Currently, I serve as the Chair of the Commission's Arts Education Committee. In this role, I have organized several city-wide arts education symposiums, the first held in 2016 at the Shakespeare Theatre, called "Spotlight on Arts Education: Innovation, Creativity and Impact." The second symposium, in partnership with the Library of Congress, was held at the Library and focused on the arts and learning. I also have served as Treasurer and Chaired the Finance Committee of the Commission.**

**In January 2019, I was honored by Former Mayor Sharon Pratt and Mayor Muriel Bowser to be named as the first Arts and Culture Resident Fellow at the Institute for Politics, Policy and History (IPPH) at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). This Institute was started by both Mayors to establish programs and expand scholarship about Washington DC and its history, culture and role in determining contemporary politics, policy and cultural legacy.**

**I am an original member and still serve on the Committee that is working on the Kennedy Center Initiative "Any Given Child." This seeks to eradicate barriers for arts learning as education for any given child in Washington DC by developing goals and support systems through various tools and collaboration among schools, educators and communities.**

**I established and chaired a Task Force for the Creation of an Arts Policy to include the arts in the District's Public and Public Charter schools. I am proud to say that the Policy was finally adopted by Council as the Sense of Council Arts Education Resolution of 2017.**

**I also have served on several Boards, including: Board of Directors of Paul Public Charter School, the Board of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas, the Board of Directors of the Lab School of Washington, and the Board of the Washington Ballet.**

**FDS Filing Details for 2018**

**Name:** Rhona Friedman

**Date of Appointment or Employment:** 6/30/2016

**Final Date of Service:**

**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?

Position / Title	Name of Employer	Description of Work	Start Date	End Date	Income Received from Outside Business	Client Name
Real Estate/Realtor	Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage	Purchase and sale of residential real estate	1/1/2000		\$1,001 - \$15,000	

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?

Position / Title	Name of Employer	Description of Work	Start Date	End Date	Client Name
Attorney	Perkins Coie	Legal work	1/1/1975		

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
Board of Directors	Building Bridges Across the River	05/08/2010	

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?

Position / Title	Name of Entity	Start Date	End Date
Board of Directors	Bread For the City	1/1/2012	

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.
Not controlled	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.
Not controlled	Over \$1,000,000

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.)?

Type of License Issued	Issuing Entity
Law, Real Estate	DC Bar; Real Estate Commission

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.)?

Type of License Issued	Issuing Entity
Law	DC Bar

### 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

#### 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.

#### I understand that:

- Submission of this report means that I have completed the report with all applicable schedules and that the report is ready for filing with BEGA.
- Once this report is submitted, it cannot be edited. All modifications thereafter can only be done by filing an amendment.

### Additional Comments