

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**TO:** All Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** November 1, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 24-352, the “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-352, the “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

Proposed Resolution 24-251, the “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021,” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor originally on May 20, 2021. However, the candidate was unable to participate in the confirmation hearing and the original submission was withdrawn on July 13, 2021. Proposed Resolution 24-352 “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021,” was introduced on July 13, 2021 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. The purpose of PR 24-352 is to confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Ms. Margaret Siegel for reappointment to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, to serve for a term to end on November 7, 2023.

The Commission is a public body composed of engaged residents and representatives from government agencies to support equitable access to high-quality OST programs for District of Columbia youth through coordination among government agencies, targeted grant-making, data collection and evaluation, and the provision of training, capacity building, and technical

assistance to OST providers. The Commission will provide resources and support to ensure a citywide system of high-quality OST programs.

The Commission shall consist of no more than 21 members who represent key community stakeholder constituencies or are District agency administrative heads or their designees. The Commission members are:

| <b>Council Resolution</b> | <b>Member Name</b> | <b>Position</b>                               | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| PR 24-251                 | Margaret Siegel    | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member<br>(Pending) | November 7, 2023*      |
| PR 24-252                 | Dr. Kenneth Taylor | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member<br>(Pending) | November 7, 2023*      |
| PR 24-253                 | Matthew Hanson     | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member<br>(Pending) | November 7, 2023*      |
| PR 24-254                 | Rev. Gary Hill     | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member<br>(Pending) | November 7, 2023*      |
| PR 24-255                 | Walter Peacock     | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member<br>(Pending) | November 7, 2023*      |
|                           | Margot Berkey      | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   |                        |
|                           | Tanisha Brown      | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   |                        |
| PR 22-0457                | Tacharna Crump     | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member              | November 7, 2020       |
|                           | Vanessa Gerideau   | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   |                        |
|                           | Laura Harding      | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   |                        |
| PR 23-0708                | Burnell Holland    | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member              | November 7, 2022       |
|                           | LeKisha Jordan     | DC Chairman / Council Appointee               |                        |
|                           | Jiselle O'Neal     | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   | January 2, 2023        |
| PR 23-0709                | Heather Peeler     | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member              | November 7, 2022       |
| PR 23-0707                | Jason Spector      | Mayoral Appointee, Public Member              | November 7, 2022       |
|                           | Mila Yochum        | Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative   | January 2, 2023        |

\*Expiration date is 2023 if appointed; nominations are pending at the Council.

Ms. Siegel has been serving on the Commission since 2017. She is a philanthropic consultant and nonprofit director, civic activist, former government official, and former lobbyist. She has over 35 years of experience in public advocacy. She has worked at local and national nonprofits as an executive director and development director, in government during the Carter Administration and recently as an ANC commissioner, and as a public interest and human rights lobbyist. She is an expert in grantmaking, program and proposal development, organizational

leadership, and strategic planning. Should her renomination be confirmed, Ms. Siegel hopes to continue contributing to the improvement of out of school time for the District's youth.

Based on her continued commitment to the mission of the Commission, her civic leadership, and her expertise regarding education and nonprofits, the Committee recommends the reappointment of Ms. Siegel to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes. The Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-352.

## **II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY**

- May 20, 2021 PR 24-251, the "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021" is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor
- July 13, 2021 PR 24-251, the "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021" is withdrawn.
- July 13, 2021 PR 24-352, the "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021" is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of the Mayor.
- August 13, 2021 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-352 is published in the DC Register.
- September 20, 2021 Notice of the public roundtable is filed in the Office of the Secretary.
- September 24, 2021 Notice of the public roundtable is filed in the DC Register.
- October 20, 2021 The Committee of the Whole convenes a public roundtable on PR 24-352.
- November 2, 2021 The Committee of the Whole marks up PR 24-352.

## **III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Ms. Siegel is the Mayor's nominee for appointment to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes.

## **IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS**

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 24-352.

## **V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

The Committee of the Whole held a public roundtable on PR 24-352, the "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of

2021” on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. The testimony summarized below is from that hearing. Submitted copies of testimony are attached to this report.

*Margaret Siegel, Appointee*, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the Commission and her interest in serving another term on the Commission.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

The Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes is established pursuant to D.C. Code § 2-1555.02. PR 24-352 is an exercise of the Council’s discretion to approve or disapprove Mayoral nominations to Boards and Commissions, pursuant to the Confirmation Act of 1978 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Code § 1-523.01).

## VII. FISCAL IMPACT

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer indicates that a Fiscal Impact Statement is not needed for a confirmation. Commission members are not compensated for their service.

## VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

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| <u>Section 1</u> | States the short title of PR 24-352.  |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Confirms the reappointment of Ms. Margaret Siegel to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, as a mayoral appointee, to serve a term ending November 7, 2023. |
| <u>Section 3</u> | Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Mayor.  |
| <u>Section 4</u> | Provides that PR 24-352 shall take effect immediately.  |

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

## X. ATTACHMENTS

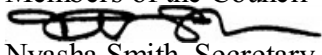
1. PR 24-352 as introduced.
2. Nominee’s responses to Committee pre-hearing and post-hearing questions.
3. Written Testimony and Comments.

4. Legal Sufficiency Review.
5. Committee Print for PR 24-352.

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

Memorandum

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To : Members of the Council  
From :  Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council  
Date : Monday, August 9, 2021  
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021", PR24-0352

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson, at the request of Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Monday, November 15, 2021 without Council action.

Attachment  
cc: General Counsel  
Budget Director  
Legislative Services



**MURIEL BOWSER**

**MAYOR**

July 13, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 6 of the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-261; D.C. Official Code § 2-1551.05), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Margaret Siegel  
Ordway Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
(Ward 3)

for reappointment as a nongovernmental member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, for a term to end November 7, 2023.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the reappointment of Margaret Siegel to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the reappointment of:

Margaret Siegel  
Ordway Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
(Ward 3)

as a nongovernmental member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, pursuant to section 6 of the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-261; D.C. Official Code § 2-1551.05), for a term to end November 7, 2023.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



## Margaret Ann Siegel

Margaret Siegel brings to her work more than thirty-five years of experience in the local and national nonprofit and government sectors – as a foundation director, full time and interim association executive, development director, senior manager, government official and lobbyist. She can expertly handle the full spectrum of organizational tasks, including strategic planning, program and project development, advocacy, resource development, management and grant making, operations, personnel, conferences and publications.

- Experience managing a wide range of organizations, staff and projects
- Expertise in local issues
- Extensive network of contacts
- Excited to take on new challenges and delve deeply into new areas
- Able to undertake major projects and tasks independently, freeing up organizational leadership for other responsibilities
- Experienced team player and mentor
- Accomplished professional in completing projects on time and on budget

### **FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT: Family foundations, independent foundations and public charities**

- **Family Foundations**

Have worked closely with four family foundations – Howard and Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation (1999-2011), Lois and Richard England Family Foundation (1994-2006), and two foundations in which donors wished to remain anonymous. In three cases, foundations were evolving from donor-led work to inclusion of the second generation as full board members and training them to become leaders of the Board.

Helped these foundations design and implement mission statements and select areas of focus. Worked closely with Board leadership to analyze funding requests and develop overall governance structure, as well as providing substantive briefings, preparing for board meetings, setting up and managing site visits and other operational tasks. Covered a broad range of local, national and international issues, ranging from human services, education, arts and culture to Jewish causes.

In addition to support for basic grant making and organizational development, some assignments were atypical. These included, for example, devising strategies to bring second generation family members into foundation leadership, working to examine a range of issues and develop a more targeted and strategic focus for grants, helping one foundation create a program of collaborative grant making to enhance the impact of its awards, and working intensively with a Polinger grantee – a startup - on organizational, board and resource development as a “loaned executive.”

- **Independent Foundations: have undertaken a wide range of projects, ranging from overall foundation management, to helping establish a new legacy fund, to strategic planning to enhance value of foundation grant making and work**

Currently serving as a grants consultant to the **MARPAT Foundation**, working closely with Board on three dockets, human services, youth and family planning, as Foundation spends down over a three year period (2014-2017). Management has included work with legacy foundation, **Rita Poretsky Foundation**, which primarily supported the arts, Jewish education,

and projects in Israel; effected division of foundation to resolve contentious issues between and among trustees, working to ensure orderly completion of time-limited giving and structure. (1999-2014) As a volunteer, actively participated in all aspects of **Grants Committee, United Jewish Endowment Fund**, effort to create and fund innovative programs both domestic and international, and worked closely on development of new evaluation mechanisms to help measure effectiveness (2006-2012). For **Berger-Marks Foundation**, facilitated strategic planning for board, surveying trustees, managing retreat and development of refined mission statement, goals and operational strategy (2006). For **Episcopal Diocese of Washington**, worked with clergy and lay Advisory Group to help establish giving program for the **Ruth Gregory Soper Memorial Fund**, a major bequest made to the diocese. Facilitated development of mission and vision statements, grant guidelines, and shepherded process of awarding first grants. Developed job description for Director of Fund, assisted in screening process of candidates. (1996-7)

- **Public charity efforts have been wide ranging, reflecting flexibility and ability to work in multiple issue areas and with a variety of organizations, both long term and short term efforts, in which quickness and agility in developing expertise was essential**

**DC Children Youth Investment Trust/United Way of National Capital:** volunteer reviewer of proposals for summer out of school time programs, utilizing expertise in proposal review and evaluation, knowledge of local youth serving nonprofits (2016-2017) **National Jewish Democratic Council.** Served as Interim Executive Director for several months, creating updated systems and outreach, working closely with Board chair and staff, in order to assure incoming Executive Director would have programs and policies to enable him to reinvigorate the organization. (2013-2014) **DC Bar Foundation.** Served as interim program officer for grants docket for diverse legal services programs in DC. Reviewed proposals, interviewed grantees, developed funding strategy and recommendations, prepared overview memo and analytic materials for Board meeting, working in close collaboration with executive director. (Spring 2010) **Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.** Facilitated effort to create county wide coordinating partnership, Excel Beyond the Bell, for out of school time and summer programs; worked with volunteer and staff leadership to create programmatic, funding and fundraising mechanisms, consulted with key county and private sector leaders regarding creation of and role of Steering Committee, ensured open and transparent process for operations. Coordinated efforts for two county-wide symposia on out of school time issues (2007-2009) As first Deputy Director of the **Jewish Fund for Justice**, increased unrestricted contributions, established and supervised major direct mail program, hired and supervised consultants, evaluated grant proposals, made presentations to foundations and individuals, and conducted site visits to prospective grantees (1987-1989). Served as Director, **Business and Professional Women's Foundation.** Developed and guided all programs and promotion activities; obtained major new corporate-funded scholarship program and increased support for ongoing programs (1984-1987)

**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE includes resource development, as well as overall management and planning efforts for wide variety of local and national nonprofits**

- **For Washington International School**, worked with Director of WISSIT on strategy and development efforts for WIS Summer institute for Teachers; facilitated introductions to potential funders, reviewed and edited draft documents and drafted materials. Also worked

- closely with Director of the **Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning at St. Andrew's School** developing proposal for major funding of the Center's work. (2014)
- For **Pueblo of Acoma**, researched foundation and corporate prospects; developed strategy and proposals for New Mexico –based Indian tribe seeking funds for variety of projects, including historic preservation, road and bridge construction, and other cultural and educational needs. Working closely with tribal leaders, developed successful federal government Save America's Treasures proposal for renovation and restoration of oldest buildings on plaza of mesa. (2009-2011)
  - **Cleveland Park Citizens Association** –as a volunteer, facilitated development of mission statement and guidelines for executive committee of neighborhood association, working to revitalize and restructure its operations; serve as co-chair of Nominating Committee (2009-2011)
  - **As a consultant, from 1984-1990, managed a number of projects** ranging from research coordination for **Metropolitan Washington Human Services Coalition**, project with George Washington University which developed survey and report on changing funding picture for nonprofit organizations in region to creation of a number of resource development proposals, events and appeals for the **Travelers' Aid International, Food Research and Action Center, Maryland Disability Law Center and National Senior Citizens Law Center**. For the **International Human Rights Law Group and Discovery Creek Children's Museum of Washington**, coordinated searches for development director.

**PUBLIC POLICY**, worked as an advocate and manager, both on staff and as consultant, in a number of public policy arenas and for a variety of organizations over a period of several years.

- **On the national policy level**, as the **National Governors' Association (NGA)**, Director, Human Resources Group, coordinated and directed NGA's lobbying and policy development in the areas of health, education, welfare, employment and training, criminal justice and public safety, and emergency management and disaster prevention (1993-4). For **The Union Institute**, served as Deputy Director, Center for Public Policy: Directed the Forum on Public/Private Social Concern, bringing together funders and policy makers for an intensive examination of key social policy issues, including disadvantaged youth in urban areas and the creation of public will (1989-1993). From 1981-1984, was an independent consultant offering research, editorial services, policy analysis, and political, legislative and technical support for a range of national organizations, including the **National Consumers League and Food Research and Action Center**. In addition, for the **Forum Institute**, developed recommendations on ways to stimulate new resources for community-based senior citizen activities; co-authored a report on education budget issues, widely disseminated and used by national education organizations.
- Served as Legislative/Political Education Representative for **American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME)**: Lobbied Congress on economic and social policy issues; conducted political action training for union leadership nationwide; coordinated union political activities; developed materials on political campaign and fundraising techniques; interviewed Congressional candidates to assess and recommend support for their campaigns; coordinated AFSCME women's rights activities; and managed phone bank activities in a successful Austin, Texas organizing drive (1972-1977). Began Washington career at **League of Women Voters**, as a Voters Service Specialist: Concentrated on problems in voter registration and election law, served as liaison to other public interest organizations, and produced a pamphlet on changes in the voting rights law, focusing on the 18-year-old vote (1971)

**Locally, worked as Associate Director, Child Advocacy Center, helped to guide efforts to reform the child welfare, foster care, child abuse and neglect, and homeless systems of the District of Columbia (1982-1983)**

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE: Department of Health and Human Services.**

**Held two political positions in the Carter Administration, serving as** Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Human Development Services, advised and represented the Assistant Secretary on all matters affecting the Office of Human Development Services, the social services arm of the Department, and as Special Assistant for Legislation (Welfare), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, represented the Department on specific issues on the welfare area, including Child Welfare Amendments of 1980; participated in Administration lobbying efforts in other areas, including welfare reform, child health, hospital cost containment, budget and appropriations, and consumer protection.

**BOARD MEMBERSHIPS, current and recent**

- Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, served as Treasurer of ANC3C, locally elected position, serving as liaison between constituents and local government, on issues ranging from historic preservation to alcohol licensing, home improvement, and general quality of life in the Cleveland Park neighborhood (2012-2016)
- Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital – Women's Advisory Board member, multi-year participant in Camp CEO; co-leader of Hike-Arounds for senior Girl Scouts
- Safe Spaces Project, a project of the Tides Center – Chair of Advisory Board of project which provided grants and capacity building assistance to LGBT and youth serving organizations across the country (2009-2015)
- Adas Israel Congregation – Life member of Board of Directors; chair of Governance Task Force; chair of 2011-2 Nominating Committees; chair of 2008-9 Rabbinic Transition Committee, member of Rabbinic Search Committee, former member of Executive Committee and Vice President
- Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute – Advisory Board member; served as facilitator of multi-session yearlong teen philanthropy program for five years; developed second year follow-up program (2006-2012)
- Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers – Secretary of Board and Executive Committee member, six year term completed 2009
- Washington AIDS Partnership – Steering Committee member; chair of Finance and Development Committee and member of Executive Committee, fifteen years of service completed 2009
- Mayor's Commission on Food and Nutrition – Member; served on Mayor Williams' Blue Ribbon Task Force, which recommended major improvements in delivery of child and family nutrition services and resulted in reconstitution of Mayor's Commission, term completed 2009

**EDUCATION**

BA in History and Political Science, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ, 1969

MA in Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1971



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### Margaret Siegel



Margaret Siegel currently serves as a public member on the Commission for Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes. She previously served as an ANC Commissioner for two terms, and has been involved in leadership roles with the Cleveland Park Citizens Association, the Interim Executive Network, and Adas Israel Congregation, as well as serving on the Women's Advisory Board of the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital.

Ms. Siegel has more than thirty-five years of experience in the local and national nonprofit and government sectors as a foundation director, full time and interim association executive, development director, senior manager, government official, and lobbyist. Her grant making expertise focuses on issues affecting families and children, including out of school time, family planning and reproductive health services, and social and employment services.

Ms. Siegel is being reappointed to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes as a public member to continue contributing to the improvement of out of school time for the District's youth.

A Ward 3 resident, Ms. Siegel received a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Douglass College, and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of North Carolina.



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# Margaret Siegel

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June 30, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave nw  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am pleased to have been renominated to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes and am submitting written testimony in support of my renomination. Unfortunately, I am not able to join the hearing in person as I have long scheduled surgery that morning and hope you will accept my written statement as my commitment to continued service on the Commission.

Following are the responses to your questions regarding my interest in continued service on the Commission and other related matters:

#1 see responses below

#2- 4. I have had no business dealings with any entity of the DC Government, nor received any remuneration from the DC government: nor have I or any family member served in a position within the DC government.

#5. None

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6. I own my home at [REDACTED] Ordway Street NW, in which I have lived since September 1978.

#7. I hold no professional or occupational licenses.

#8. I am not a dues paying member of any professional organization currently.

#9. I am currently serving as a member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes, and pleased to be renominated. I have served on former commissions, including the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Food and Nutrition several years ago. I also served as an ANC member, representing ANC3C05, for four years.

#10. I currently am a life member the Board of Directors of Adas Israel Congregation, as well as a board member of Dumbarton Concerts/Inspired Child.

#11. None

#12 None

#13. I have made contributions to local candidates running for Mayor and Council and supported and worked for candidates for ANC3C.

#14. None

#`15. I am interested in serving another term because, as I said in my written testimony, the Commission has achieved much in its short life, yet there remains much work to ensure all young people in DC have access to high quality, affordable out of school time programs that promote equity, value their skills, and provide opportunities for continued growth. I serve as an active member of the Commission, sit on the Coordination and Collaboration Committee and am delighted to assist staff and leadership in as many ways as possible,

#16. The pandemic created challenges for the Commission, including not meeting for several months, and we need to catch up. While much has been accomplished over zoom and other remote technology, young people need

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opportunities for in person learning and fun, nonprofit staff need the advantages that in person training in youth development can offer, and Commission members need time and ways to collaborate in person, debate issues, reach consensus, and learn from each other.

I hope this information is helpful, and together, with my written testimony, will afford me the opportunity to serve another term on the Commission. If you have any questions, or would like any farther information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Margaret Siegel



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMISSION ON OUT OF SCHOOL TIME GRANTS AND YOUTH  
OUTCOMES**



Public Roundtable on

PR24-0251 “Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes  
Margaret Siegel Confirmation Resolution of 2021”

Testimony of  
Margaret Siegel

Before the  
Committee of the Whole  
Council of the District of Columbia  
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairperson

October 20, 2021  
1:30 PM  
Virtual Meeting Platform  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Good morning Chairman Mendelson, members of the Committee of the Whole, and staff . I am Margaret Siegel, a longtime resident of the District of Columbia. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding my confirmation to the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes (the Commission). I would like to thank Mayor Muriel Bowser for nominating me for this position. I am sorry not to be able to join you in person, but I am having long scheduled surgery, and appreciate you considering my written testimony.

Serving on the Commission for the past three years has been a rewarding experience; it has demonstrated to me how much DC can accomplish in a short period of time. Through its skilled leadership, the Commission has created durable systems, has greatly expanded funding for out of school time, has created innovative program and organizational support, and has engaged a wide variety of stakeholders. Members of the Commission recognize the gaps and disparities that remain in the city and in its nonprofit partners' abilities to provide high quality, accessible after school and year-round programming for children and youth in DC.

My background as a consultant and senior staff person for several family foundations here in DC during the past thirty years has given me the opportunity to support and build the capacity of a significant number of nonprofits serving children and youth, and to enhance their ability to improve the lives of the children and families they serve. For example, I served as the Program Director for the Lois and Richard England Family Foundation, which dedicated significant funding to out of school time programs for middle school children. The Commission has built on that legacy, and its combination of capacity building grants, operating grants, and training youth development have reflected the best practices in the field.

As a member of the Coordination and Collaboration Committee of the Commission, I have worked with colleagues to establish timelines for increased cooperation among government agencies, to enhance relationships with nonprofits, and to ensure that the needs of families throughout DC are being met. We recognize the complexity of meshing application processes, health and safety requirements, and programmatic outcomes developed by a wide range of agencies and are optimistic and gentle. These focused efforts will result in a more streamlined application and implementation process for programs, including those that are cross jurisdictional. It is a pleasure to work with the dedicated staff of several DC government agencies, all of whom are dedicated to improving the wellbeing of families in the District.

Serving on the Commission has been extremely rewarding, and I hope to continue to be able to serve and share knowledge. For example, a few years ago several Commissioners participated in a national out of school time conference, and outlined some key discoveries to the rest of the Commission. It was a heartening experience that DC was recognized for using best practices, and our Commission Executive Director is nationally recognized as a leader in the field.

Yet there is much more to be done – there are still many pockets of neighborhoods around the city without adequate infrastructure for quality out of school time. Violence still affects the ability and opportunity for young people to participate in programming. Further, wealth gaps and racial disparities still exist. If I am confirmed for reappointment to the Commission, I will work diligently with colleagues to continue the firm foundation of reaching additional young people, supporting fledgling organizations that work in underserved communities, and ensuring that the public funds

entrusted to the Commission are being well spent. I have reviewed proposals for the Commission, been an active committee member, volunteered to assist wherever my skills are helpful, and hope to have the opportunity to continue this important work.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. I look forward to your favorable consideration of my reappointment.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**  
2 Committee of the Whole  
3 November 2, 2021  
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7 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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17 Grants and Youth Outcomes.

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19 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
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28 as a as a nongovernmental member of the Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth  
29 Outcomes, pursuant to section 6 of the Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth  
30 Outcomes Establishment Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-261; D.C. Official  
31 Code § 2-1551.05), for a term to end November 7, 2023.

32 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
33 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

34 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.