

**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:** December 7, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Report on PR 24-429, “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment Resolution of 2021”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-429, the “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment Resolution of 2021” was referred, reports favorably thereon, and recommends approval by the Council.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On October 19, 2021, PR 24-429, the “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment Resolution of 2021” was introduced by Chairman Mendelson. The purpose of PR 24-429 is to appoint Dr. Wanda Thompson as a member of the Citizen Review Panel for a term to end June 30, 2025.

Dr. Thompson is a Ward 7 resident and serves as the Pastor of The Ambassador Baptist Church where she has been a member since 1976. She is a native Washingtonian. She grew up in Ward 7 and has been a 37-year resident of the Fairlawn community. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Howard University School of Divinity in 1996. Dr. Thompson received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Dickinson College and her Master's degree and Ph.D. from Temple University in Clinical Psychology and is licensed as a psychologist in both DC and Maryland. She has also completed certificate classes in leadership development; business; and public advocacy.

Dr. Thompson is active in several community organizations, including the Wednesday Morning Clergy, Sister Clergy group and Ward 8 Food Pantry Collaborative. She has conducted trainings; participated in advocacy efforts; and believes in serving the community and in advocating against displacement of long-time residents from the District.

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)." The requirement to establish a Panel was necessary to continue to receive CAPTA funds. 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<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Term Expiring</b>
<i>PR 24-429</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Dr. Wanda Thompson</i>	<i>3 years from effective date of resolution</i>

<sup>1</sup> Table will be completed subject to receipt of current Panel composition information.


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 shall appoint seven members to the Panel and is required to designate the Vice Chairperson.

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>^</sup> In addition, the appointees to the Panel should have a diversity of professional backgrounds and must be familiar with the child welfare system.

Based on her credentials and her transit advocacy, the Committee recommends the appointment of Dr. Thompson to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. Moreover, the Committee believes Dr. Thompson meets the requirements to serve on the Panel pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51. For the reasons stated above, the Committee recommends adoption of PR 24-429.

## II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- October 19, 2021 PR 24-429, the “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment Resolution of 2021” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson.
- October 21, 2021 Notice of a Public Roundtable on PR 24-429 is filed in the Office of the Secretary
- October 27, 2021 The Committee of the Whole holds a public roundtable on PR 24-429.
- October 29, 2021 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-429 is published in the *District of Columbia Register*.
- November 2, 2021 PR 24-429 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- December 7, 2021 The Committee of the Whole marks-up PR 24-429.

## III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Dr. Thompson is a Council appointee to the Citizen Review Panel. The Executive did not submit comments with respect to the appointee.

## IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 24-429.

## V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 24-429 on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Copies of the testimony regarding PR 24-429 are attached to this report.

*Dr. Wanda Thompson, Appointee*, 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 on the Citizen Review Panel.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Dr. Thompson's appointment.

## VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the Citizen Review Panel are appointed pursuant to section 351 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51), which establishes the Panel.

## VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 24-429 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

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| <u>Section 1</u> | States the short title of PR 24-429.  |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Confirms the appointment of Dr. Wanda Thompson as a member of the Citizen Review Panel to serve a term to end three years after the effective date of the appointment resolution. |
| <u>Section 3</u> | Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the appointee, the chairperson of the Citizen Review Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.              |
| <u>Section 4</u> | Provides that PR 24-429 shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.  |

## IX. COMMITTEE ACTION

## **X. ATTACHMENTS**

1. PR 24-429 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee questions.
3. Written testimony and comments.
4. Legal sufficiency determination.
5. Committee Print for PR 24-429.

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To appoint Dr. Wanda Thompson to the Citizen Review Panel.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

Dr. Wanda Thompson  
Minnesota Ave, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20020  
(Ward 8)

as a member of the Citizen Review Panel, established by section 351 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51), to serve for a term ending three years after the effective date of this resolution.

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

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

WANDA THOMPSON, Ph.D., M.Div.



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### SPECIAL EXPERIENCE:

Individual, group, and family therapy experience;  
Psychological testing experience;  
Trauma; child abuse and neglect, and family violence experience;  
Staff and intern selection; teaching; supervision and mentoring;  
Management of on-call scheduling;  
Crisis intervention, including home visits;  
Specialized training on TFEBT as part of DC Collaborative;  
National and local trainings and teaching;  
Participation in inter-agency and multidisciplinary groups, forums,  
and task forces.

**LICENSURE:** Psychologist (DC) License# PSY1449  
Psychologist: (MD.) License # 03169

### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

**3/11 – PRESENT**     **TPMMS, PLLC (Owner)**  
Part-time private practice with children and adults with  
specialty in treating trauma victims, victims of child abuse and  
neglect, and victims of family violence. Spiritual counseling  
also available.

**09/14-PRESENT**     **Pastor**  
The Ambassador Baptist Church  
Washington, D.C. 20020  
  
Ordained minister serving as Shepherd of the flock and chief  
Executive officer of the Church. Performs all sacerdotal  
functions of ministry and oversees all missions and ministries of  
the Church, including The Ambassador Baptist Church  
Community Residence Facility (CRF); The Ambassador Baptist  
Church Food Distribution Center and The Ambassador Baptist  
Church Community Development Corporation.

**2006- MARCH 2011**     **Senior Level Clinical Psychologist:**

Freddie Mac Foundation Child and Adolescent Protection Center

Children's National Medical Center  
111 Michigan Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010

2/91 – 2006

**Coordinator, Emergency Response and Inpatient Services/  
Clinical Psychologist**

Freddie Mac Foundation Child and Adolescent Protection Center  
Children's National Medical Center  
111 Michigan Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010

10/87 - 2/91

**Coordinator, Inpatient Services and Quality Assurance/  
Clinical Psychologist**

Division of Child Protection, Children's National Medical Center  
111 Michigan Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010

12/85 - 10/87

**Clinical Psychologist**

Division of Child Protection  
Children's Hospital National Medical Center  
Washington, D.C. 20010

5/84 - 12/85

**Mental Health Specialist**

Crisis Resolution Branch  
South Community Mental Health Center  
D.C. Government, Building 25, 1905 E Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

7/81 - 5/84

**Assistant Coordinator (Therapeutic Counselor III)**

Sexual Assault Service  
Community Crisis Center  
Montgomery County Health Department  
4910 Auburn Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

1/79 - 7/81

**Therapeutic Counselor II**

Community Crisis Center  
Montgomery County Health Department  
4910 Auburn Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

4/77 - 12/78

**Psychologist (Master's Level)**

HARBEL, Inc. Community Mental Health Center  
5807 Harford Road  
Baltimore, Maryland



## **OTHER PART-TIME PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 10/01–12/2007**      **Therapist (Psycho-spiritual Counseling)**  
 Garment's Hem (Formerly IAMA Institute)  
 Largo, Maryland
- Provide therapy for adults up to 4 hrs. per week from a Christian perspective..
- 6/92 - PRESENT**      **Assistant Pastor**  
 The Ambassador Baptist Church  
 Washington, D.C.
- Responsible for performing the nine sacerdotal functions of ministers; serve as Church Administrator and Administrator of the Church's Christian school; previously taught daily early morning Bible Class to Christian School students.
- 3/98-6/98**            **Consultant Psychologist**
- 6/90 - 5/93**            **Consultant (Group Co-Leader)**  
 Private Practice of Christine Courtois, Ph.D.  
 3 Washington Circle  
 Washington, D.C. 20037
- 7/84 - 6/86**            **Contract Clinician**  
 Sexual Assault Service  
 Montgomery County Health Department  
 751 Rockville Pike, Suite 26B  
 Rockville, Maryland 20850
- 7/84 - 6/85**            **Contract Clinician**  
 Crisis Intervention Service  
 Community Crisis Center  
 Montgomery County Health Department  
 4910 Auburn Avenue  
 Bethesda, Maryland 20814

## **GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES**

- 9/75 - 8/76**            **Graduate Assistant/Clinician**  
 Psychological Services Center  
 Temple University  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

7/75 - 5/76

**Lecturer**

Correctional Officers' Training Program  
Philadelphia Prison System  
Department of Welfare  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

7/74 - 6/75

**Psychology Intern**

Temple University Hospital (Three Sites)  
Outpatient Psychiatry Department  
Crisis Center  
North Central Philadelphia CMHC/MR Center

7/73 - 8/73

**Consultant**

Philadelphia Prison System  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

5/73 - 7/73

**Clinician**

Psychological Services Center  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19122

**FACULTY APPOINTMENT**

July 1990

- March 2011

**Assistant Professor of Pediatrics**

George Washington University

-(Regular Seminars Conducted for Department of  
Psychology; Other departments by request).

- Supervision (Clinical and Assessment) for  
Psychology Interns. - Mentor for Psychology Interns.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, American Psychological Association (APA)  
Fellow, Maryland Psychological Association

**PRESENT COMMITTEES**

Task Force on Family Violence, D.C. Medical Society

**PAST ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES****PAST COMMITTEES**

Psychology Intern Selection Committee

Complex Case/Discharge Review Committee  
 Search Committee for Chairperson, Child and Adolescent Protection Center  
 Clinical Committee, Child Advocacy Center, Washington, D.C.  
 Utilization Management Oversight Committee (UMOC), CNMC  
 Access To Care Committee, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, CNMC

**EDUCATION:**

Graduate (In Chronological Order From Most Recent):

**December 2020**

**Certificate**

Masters Series for Distinguished Clergy

**5/20-5/24/19**

**Certificate**

Executive Leadership for Ministers Program  
 (Executive Leadership, Strategic Development, and Business  
 Management)  
 Howard University, School of Business

**7/06 – 6/07**

**Certificate**

Master Teacher Leadership Development Program (MTLDP)  
 George Washington University  
 Graduate School of Education and Human Development

**1/92 - 5/96**

**Master Of Divinity**

Howard University  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Honor: *The Dean's Award*, (1 of 3 With Top Academic Honors –  
 3.95 GPA)

**9/72 - 5/83**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

(Degree Conferred  
 1/84) Clinical Psychology  
 Temple University  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**9/72 - 5/76**

**Master of Arts**

Clinical Psychology  
 Temple University  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate:

**9/68 - 5/72**

**Bachelor of Arts (A.B.)**

Psychology  
 Dickinson College  
 Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2020  
Ward Eight Democrats

2019 Nannie Helen Burroughs Award for Pastoral Leadership  
Howard University School of Divinity

Roberts, R. & Thompson, W. Support Staff Experiences on Specialized Hospital Teams, May 15, 2008. (Poster) Research Day. Children's National Medical Center. Received Honorable Mention.

"Exceptional Community Service." Presented by North Capitol Collaborative for Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 2005.

"For Your Tutelage, Guidance and Support". Award presented by (3) Psychology Interns 1997-2000 ( W. Barnes; M. Dadson; J. Valente).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book Chapter:**

Thompson, W. and McCarley, A. Practical considerations in the evaluation and management of child neglect. *Clinics in Family Practice*, Volume 5, Number 1, March 2003.

### **Professional Publication:**

Thompson, W. and Medical Society of the District of Columbia Task Force On Family Violence, Kim Bullock, Chair. Reporting maltreatment of children and adolescents: A clinician's guide. (Published through grants from Glaxo Pharmaceuticals and Roche Pharmaceuticals).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **National Presentations:**

Thompson, W. Teaching What We Know To Future Clinicians. American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. June 2009.

Bullock, K., Jackson, B. & Thompson, W. Impact of Chronic Early Childhood Distress on Youth Violence Outcomes. (Paper.) 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Stress Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May-June 2008.

Advocacy for Sexually Abused Children. Child Advocacy Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee. 4/26-28, 1994.

**Poster Presentations:**

Thompson, W. Linking Electronic Information with Therapy. American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC Conference), June 2010.

Roberts, R. & Thompson, W. Support Staff Experiences on Specialized Hospital Teams, May 15, 2008. (Poster) Research Day. Children's National Medical Center. Received Honorable Mention.

Roberts, R. & Thompson, W. Support Staff Experiences on Specialized Hospital Teams, May 15, 2008. (Poster) Research Day. George Washington University. April 2008.

**Local Presentations:**

More than **60** trainings to hospital groups, professionals, paraprofessionals, and community groups on a variety of topics, including trauma and abuse; child maltreatment; teen victimization; disclosures and recantation in child sex abuse cases; assessment to diagnosis; biopsychosocial assessment and diagnosis; health issues for adolescents and women; child abuse and domestic violence; telephone triage; cultural diversity; multicultural issues; and other topics. (Available on request.)

**Additional Specialized Training Received:**

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT) February, April, and June 2009. Specialized training BY MUSC on this topic for cadre of mental health providers. Series of two-day trainings plus telephone consultation with trainers.

Notary Public Training. Washington, D.C. March 1997.

Child Abuse and Exploitation: Investigative Techniques., U.S. Department of Justice. Rosslyn, Va., 1995.

Child Abuse and Exploitation: Team Investigative Process (10/30/-11/3/94); U.S. Department of Justice. Rosslyn, Virginia.

Professional supervision in treatment of adult survivors of incest by Christine Courtois, Ph.D., April - December 1985.

“Involuntary Commitment” - Training Course for Credentialing as an Officer/Agent in D.C. Training received at Crisis Resolution Branch under auspices of the Commission on Public Health, 1985.

Certification as a Community Residential Facility Operator (Nine-Week Course)

(Numerous Conferences and Workshops Attended By Request)

**Community Activities:**

Member, Anacostia Coordinating Council  
Co-Chair, Ward 8 Clergy and Faith Leaders Monthly Breakfast Meeting  
Chair, Clergy for Community Wealth Preservation  
Member, Wednesday Clergy  
Member, Sister Clergy  
Board Chair, EmpowerDC  
Member, Ward 8 Food Pantry Collaborative  
Member, DC Water Stakeholder Alliance Group  
Member, ANC8a  
Member, Fairlawn Citizens Association  
Member, First Fridays Group (Public Safety)  
Member, Age-Friendly DCMLK Parade and Peacewalk Committee  
Member, DC Grassroots Coalition  
Howard University School of Divinity Alumni Group

Dr. Wanda Thompson Responses  
Citizen Review Panel for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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, October 26, 2021.

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 no. 2-8 in lieu of that statement.

N/A

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 \$1,000, including publicly traded stock.

N/A

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 \$200 during the past two years.

My business - Thompson Psychological, Mental Health, and Ministerial Services, P.L.L.C. received income from the DC. Crime Victims' Compensation Program for services rendered to clients who were victims of abuse. I do not currently have any clients receiving this benefit.

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

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 \$1,000. 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. If I understand correctly, I do not need to report my auto loan through Wells Fargo Bank and my 2 credit card 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 \$1,000.

N/A

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

I am licensed as a psychologist in DC - #Psy1449.

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

I am a member of the American Psychological Association; District Columbia Psychological Association and the Maryland Psychological Association.

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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.

I am not on any DC boards or commissions.

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

I am on the Board of EmpowerDC and currently serve as its President but will be giving up this office in December. I served temporarily due to the resignation of the prior President. I am a member of several community organizations.

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.

N/A

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 Board?

I do not know if this counts but my sister, the Honorable Phyllis Thompson -is on the DC Court of Appeals. Her term recently expired but she continues to serve until her replacement is selected. If any cases were referred to a panel on which she served on the Court of Appeals in which I played any role, she would need to recuse herself. Also, staff at some of the collaborative also are members as am I of some community organizations - the Anacostia Coordinating Council and Ward 7 and Ward 8 Clergy and Faith Leaders' groups.

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 all campaign contributions to a D.C. candidate or political committee.

I have advocated for DC Statehood and for guaranteed wages for restaurant workers. I have made contributions to Democratic groups and I made a contribution to Ward 8 candidacy of Stuart Anderson in the last election.

14. Are you registered with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, list the jurisdiction(s) in which you are registered.

N/A

15. Why have you agreed to serve and how do you plan to help the Commission fulfill its role and mission during your time on the Commission?

Because of my service for 25 years as a psychologist with Child and Adolescent Protection Center at Children's Hospital and my work generally in the areas of victim services, I remain committed to the cause of preventing child abuse and neglect.



PERSONAL STATEMENT FROM

**DR. WANDA THOMPSON**

IN CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO

**THE CITIZENS' REVIEW PANEL FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

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Thank you Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers for considering my nomination for this most important panel. When I first learned about the vacancies on this panel, I felt I could make a contribution. This is an area of great interest and commitment for me.

I am a native Washingtonian. I grew up in Ward 7 and have lived over 33 years in Ward 8.

Those who know me know that I am bi-vocational. I am both a Pastor and a licensed clinical psychologist. I earned my doctorate in psychology from Temple University and my Masters of Divinity degree from the Howard University School of Divinity (HUSD.)

I began my career in Psychology over 44 years ago as a Master's level psychologist at a community mental health center in Baltimore. I then went to the Montgomery County Department of Health where I began a career at the Community Crisis Center in Bethesda in crisis intervention and victim services – including domestic violence and sexual assault. From there I worked for D.C. Government at the Crisis Resolution Branch (now known as CPEP – part of DBH.) I left there to begin a 25 year career at Children's Hospital in the Child and Adolescent Protection Center. I have worked with children and their families. I have worked with inpatients and outpatients and their families. I have provided services for physically and sexually abused children and for those suffering neglect and emotional maltreatment and their families, including teaching parenting classes. Many of the children I have served have been in foster care. I retired in 2011 but continue to have a small private practice where I have seen children, teens, and adults.

I am a community activist concerned about the causes of community violence and have developed and spearheaded efforts to promote a Community Code which I hope will add to the efforts to end community violence. I believe that it is important that the community and the agencies that serve them are transparent and accountable in their work with children and families.

I believe my background, work history, and community involvement give me a unique and authentic lens to serve on this panel. I thank you for your consideration.



**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson**

**FROM: Nicole L. Streeter, General Counsel *NLS***

**DATE: December 7, 2021**

**RE: Legal sufficiency determination for PR24-429, Citizen  
Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment  
Resolution of 2021**

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The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

The proposed resolution would confirm the appointment of Wanda Thompson to the Citizen Review Panel, pursuant to section 351 of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.51).

I am available if you have any questions.

1 **DRAFT COMMITTEE PRINT**  
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15 To appoint Dr. Wanda Thompson to the Citizen Review Panel.  
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17 **RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, That this  
18 resolution may be cited as the “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Appointment  
19 Resolution of 2021”.

20 **Sec. 2.** The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

21 **Dr. Wanda Thompson**  
22 **Minnesota Ave, S.E.**  
23 **Washington, DC 20020**  
24 **(Ward 8)**  
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26 as a member of the Citizen Review Panel, established by section 351 of the Prevention of Child  
27 Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective April 12, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-341; D.C. Official Code  
28 § 4-1303.51), to serve for a term ending three years after the effective date of this resolution.

29 **Sec. 3.** The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
30 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Panel, and to the Office of the Mayor.

31 **Sec. 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
32 the District of Columbia Register.