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**CHAIRMAN MENDELSON STATEMENT ON NOMINATION OF PETER  
NEWSHAM AS POLICE CHIEF**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson commended Mayor Muriel Bowser’s decision today to appoint Peter Newsham as the new Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department.

“Chief Newsham has done a solid job of leading the District’s police department,” Mendelson stated. “I have complete confidence in his ability to keep the city safe.”

Mendelson also praised the Mayor’s choice to keep continuity within the rank and file. “The Mayor’s decision sends a message to the rank and file that good work leads to promotions and maybe even becoming Chief,” Mendelson added.

The Council’s Judiciary Committee will hold a confirmation hearing soon and proceed with the nomination. As of today, however, no date has been set.

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