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**MENDELSON ANNOUNCES COUNCIL APPOINTEES TO TAX REVISION  
COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today Council Chairman Phil Mendelson made the final appointments to establish the Tax Revision Commission. In addition, he appointed former Mayor Anthony Williams to be the Commission Chairman.

The Commission has one year to prepare comprehensive recommendations that provide for fairness and equity in the apportionment of taxes, broaden the tax base, make the District’s tax policy more competitive with surrounding jurisdictions, encourage business growth & job creation, and modernize and simplify the District’s tax code.

“In the appointments I am making I sought a range of philosophies,” said Mendelson. “These individuals bring deep experience and are highly respected. I am especially thankful that Mayor Williams has agreed to chair this effort and am very hopeful that the Council and current Mayor will receive useful recommendations for improving our tax code.”

The Chairman’s five appointments are:

- **Rahsaan G. Bernard** (community representative) Mr. Bernard serves as the President of Building Bridges Across the River, the nonprofit organization that built and now manages THEARC in Ward 8.
- **Erica Williams** (expert in the field of taxation) Ms. Williams is currently the Executive Director of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, and before that was the Vice President of State Fiscal Policy for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.
- **Yesim Taylor** (expert in the field of taxation) Ms. Taylor is currently Executive Director of the DC Policy Center. She is the former Director of the Fiscal and Legislative Analysis Unit within the District government’s Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
- **Rashad Young** (expert in the field of taxation) Mr. Young currently serves as the Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at Howard University. He previously held the title of City Administrator of the District government for six years.
- **Gregory McCarthy** (representative of one or more important sectors of the business community) Mr. McCarthy is currently Senior Vice President, Community Engagement for the Washington Nationals Baseball Club.

The last tax revision commission was appointed in 2012 and issued its report in May 2014. Under Chairman Mendelson’s leadership the Council adopted (including a veto override) virtually all of that commission’s recommendations. In turn, the District now has arguably the most progressive individual income tax structure in the nation. “There’s more work to be done,” said Mendelson.