



Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To appoint Ms. Doni Crawford to the vacant Member, At-Large Seat on the Council of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Council of the District of Columbia Member, At-Large Doni Crawford Appointment Resolution of 2026”.

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

Ms. Doni Crawford  
Maryland Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 5)

as a Member, At-Large of the Council of the District of Columbia, established by section 401(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 792; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.01(a)), replacing Kenyan McDuffie, to serve through the certification of the results of the special election to fill the seat for the remainder of the unexpired term ending January 2, 2027.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia makes this appointment pursuant to its authority in section 401(d)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 792; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.01(d)(2)).

37           Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
38 upon its adoption, to the appointee, the Board of Elections, and to the Office of the Mayor.

39           Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

# DONI CRAWFORD

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## EDUCATION

### **Master of Public and International Affairs**

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

**December 2013**

### **Bachelor of Arts**

University of Pittsburgh, Political Science and Hispanic Languages and Literatures (Spanish)

**May 2011**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Council of the District of Columbia | Washington, D.C.**

#### **Office of At-Large Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie**

**March 2022 – January 2026**

Committee Director (January 2025 – January 2026); Legislative Director (May 2022 – December 2024); and Senior Policy Advisor (March 2022 – May 2022)

- Spearheaded the Committee on Business and Economic Development’s Fiscal Year 2026 budget review by leading a team to hold agency oversight hearings with the public and government, rigorously vetting 27 Budget Support Act subtitles and making detailed recommendations on changes, and ultimately identifying millions of dollars to invest in small businesses, commercial corridors, economic development, and an inclusive economy despite significant fiscal constraints.
- Served as a member of the small Council team that negotiated with the Washington Commanders football team to facilitate the redevelopment of the Robert F. Kennedy Campus including strengthening the \$50 million Community Benefits Agreement, and local business procurement and hiring requirements; planning two Council hearings with public, government, and team witnesses; and co-drafting the committee report and final legislation.
- Drafted and advanced legislation to address longstanding racial and economic inequities in the District including the Historic Burial Grounds Preservation Program Amendment Act of 2025, Insurance Database Amendment Act of 2024, Insurance Regulation Amendment Act of 2024, and the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022.
- Conducted oversight of agencies that shape the District’s business and economic climate, including a focus on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, and the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking.
- Engaged with Executive branch officials, Council offices, constituents, lobbyists, and community groups on economic development roundtables, confirmation resolutions, and pending legislation related to taxation and revenue; revenue bonds; land dispositions; the regulation of banks and insurance providers; sports and entertainment; and economic development.
- Managed legislative staff and supported their professional development, ensuring the delivery of high-quality work.
- Prepared and reviewed legislation, written remarks, talking points, hearing and press statements, and legislative memorandums for the Councilmember.

**DC Fiscal Policy Institute | Washington, D.C.****January 2019 – March 2022**

Senior Policy Analyst (April 2021 – March 2022) and Policy Analyst (January 2019 – April 2021)

- Developed and published research reports to influence public policy in DC, including authoring the award-winning report, *Black Workers Matter: How the District's History of Exploitation & Discrimination Continues to Harm Black Workers*, a two-part series on the Black burden of COVID-19, and *First In Line: Why the District Must Take a Reparative Approach to Recreational Cannabis Policy for Black and Brown Communities*.
- Co-led a coalition of excluded workers and published a compelling brief that helped secure \$41 million in 2021 for workers who were ineligible for unemployment insurance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Partnered with the DC Initiative on Racial Equity to strengthen and pass landmark legislation to incorporate racial equity as a key focus of DC government - Racial Equity Achieves Results (REACH) Amendment Act of 2020.
- Cultivated and maintained relationships with DC government officials to ensure budget and policy proposals address DC's longstanding racial and economic inequities, by delivering public testimonies and meeting with members of the DC Council to strengthen legislation.
- Analyzed the District of Columbia's budget each fiscal year and produced comprehensive budget toolkits for residents on investments in an inclusive economy and affordable housing.
- Engaged with the media to influence policymakers, including being featured in Time Magazine, CNN, The Washington Post, The Kojo Nnamdi Show, The Outlaw Report, DCist, Greater Greater Washington, Washington City Paper, WAMU, and a host of other media outlets.
- Supervised a team of fellows and interns and ensured that they had an enriching experience at the organization.

**Neighborhood Allies | Pittsburgh, PA****August 2014 – January 2019**

Program Manager for Research, Evaluation &amp; Policy (January 2017 – January 2019); Program Coordinator for Research, Evaluation &amp; Policy (September 2015 – December 2016); and Community Data and Policy Fellow (August 2014 – August 2015)

- Partnered with PolicyLink to develop and release *Equitable Development: The Path to an All-In Pittsburgh*, engaging the community, developers, public officials, funders and corporate institutions on an equitable development action plan for Pittsburgh.
- Served as a core project team member of Pittsburgh's Equitable Development Collaborative and identified policies to increase the production of affordable housing and eliminate barriers to employment.
- Researched and deployed national best practices including planning, developing and launching the PGH Mobile Toolbox – a community resource to connect residents and organizations with the landscaping tools needed for neighborhood cleanups, vacant lot beautification, maintenance, and greenspace enhancement.
- Co-managed the Catalytic Grants Program, deployed over \$4.2M in grants to support community revitalization projects, and managed evaluation, including enhancing the organization's capacity to collect, aggregate, analyze, and report data around performance, outcomes and impact through a metrics and indicators evaluative accountability system.
- Led internal strategic planning for the organization including developing a Healthy Neighborhoods Framework which became the unifying foundation for organizational decision-making and investments.
- Acquired over \$1.35M in grants to support programming and operations throughout tenure, built out the online grants management system, and aligned the system with our Healthy Neighborhoods Framework.
- Analyzed local data, studied neighborhood plans, and partnered with the community and Center for Community Progress to develop neighborhood level strategies that directed investment and resource deployment at the neighborhood level.