



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



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 202 of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.02), I am pleased to nominate the following individual:

Mr. Charles Nottingham 4921 Rockwood Parkway Washington, DC 20016 (Ward 3)

for appointment as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, replacing Carol Schwartz, for an unexpired term to end July 1, 2020.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing his experience, together with a proposed resolution and emergency declaration to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

In accordance with DC Code § 1–1162.03, Mr. Nottingham is a duly registered voter residing in the District continuously since the beginning of the one-year period ending on the day he and holds no other office or employment in the District government.

Also, in accordance § 1–1162.03, Mr. Nottingham:

• <u>Possesses demonstrated integrity, independence, and public credibility</u> - In addition, Mr. Nottingham possesses integrity and independence, throughout his career. Mr. Nottingham served as one of three bipartisan appointees on the Surface Transportation board, a position



confirmed by the United States Senate. There he worked with fellow appointees oversaw a reorganization of the agency aimed at achieving more efficient decision-making, more transparency and improved customer service.

- Has particular knowledge, training, or experience in government ethics or in open government and transparency Mr. Nottingham also served as chief as chief ethics compliance officer for two different members of Congress and their staffs. He served as Congressman Tom Davis' senior advisor on all matters related to his chairmanship of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, and staffed numerous hearings focused on waste, fraud and accountability within the DC government. Mr. Nottingham assisted in drafting and implementing the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 which created the District's Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
- <u>Has particular experience in open government and transparency</u> Since 1988, Mr. Nottingham has worked and develop transparency programs, including FOIA. During his tenure on the Surface Transportation Board, a federal appointment, as Mr. Nottingham took the lead on significant reform initiatives that enabled the agency to be more accessible, transparent, and efficient.

In light of a recent resignation leading to an additional vacancy on the board, I urge the Council to move quickly and confirm this nominee. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments.

Sincerely,

Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor A PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on To confirm the appointment of Mr. Charles Nottingham as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Charles Nottingham Confirmation Emergency Approval Resolution of 2019". Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of: Mr. Charles Nottingham 4921 Rockwood Parkway Washington, DC 20016 (Ward 3) as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, established by Section 202 of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011, effective April 27, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-124; D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.02), replacing Carol Schwartz, for an unexpired term to end July 1, 2020. 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. 

# CHARLES D. "CHIP" NOTTINGHAM

#### **Professional Experience:**

Charles D. Nottingham PLLC; 2014 – present. Founder and Principal of Washington, DC-based law and consulting firm specializing in advising corporate clients in the transportation sector on regulatory risk, mergers and acquisitions, alternative dispute resolution and strategic planning.

**Husch Blackwell LLC**; 2012-2014, Washington, DC. Partner in large national law firm headquartered in St. Louis. Advised corporate clients on a wide range of transportation regulatory matters, including aviation, unmanned aircraft, motor carrier, freight rail, highway and infrastructure finance matters.

**Williams Mullen PC**; 2011-2012, Washington, DC. Partner in large law firm headquartered in Richmond, Virginia. Managed the firm's Transportation and Infrastructure Practice Group.

Surface Transportation Board; 2006-2011, Washington, DC. Chairman (2006-2009), Vice Chairman and Commissioner (2009-2011). Unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a five-year term on bipartisan three-member board. As chief executive officer, oversaw ethics and conflicts of interest training and compliance; initiated and oversaw a reorganization of the agency aimed at achieving more efficient decision-making, more transparency and improved customer service. Helped the agency achieve its first ever recognition as "The Best Place to Work" in the federal government in 2008 and 2009 (Partnership for Public Service and American University federal workplace survey). Also earned the top score in the federal government for quality of agency management. Managed a docket of more than 600 proceedings per year. Frequently testified before Congress.

Federal Highway Administration; 2002-2006, Washington, DC. Associate Administrator for Policy and Governmental Affairs (Senior Executive Service). Managed four offices and four career Senior Executive Service members responsible for policy research, international programs and legislative affairs. Led the USDOT Federal Highway Reauthorization Team responsible for developing, advising Congress on and implementing the 2005 federal highway reauthorization act (H.R. 3). Served as Secretary Norman Y. Mineta's "Major Project Champion" for the Maryland Inter County Connector (ICC) highway project. Served as U.S. representative to the 127 nation World Road Association.

Virginia Department of Transportation; 1999-2002, Richmond, VA. Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner/CEO and Vice Chair, Commonwealth Transportation Board. CEO of the third largest state transportation department in the U.S. with responsibility for 56,000 miles of highways, 10,500 employees and an annual budget of \$3.2 billion. Initiated and implemented a major reorganization of the agency to achieve improved customer service, accountability, environmental stewardship, and project management. Oversaw VDOT's

response to the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. Oversaw all government ethics and professional conduct training, compliance, enforcement and discipline. Created and appointed the first ever VDOT Office of Inspector General to increase awareness of and compliance with ethics, professionalism and government accountability standards.

Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia; 1998-1999, Richmond, VA. Assistant Secretary of Transportation. Advised the Governor and Secretary of Transportation on a wide range of transportation matters relating to the Commonwealth's ports, airports, highways, transit systems and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**U.S. House of Representatives**; 1995-1998, Washington, DC. Counsel and Chief of Staff for **Congressman Tom Davis** (VA-11<sup>th</sup>) and Chief of Staff for **Congressman Bob Goodlatte** (VA-6<sup>th</sup>). Served as chief ethics compliance officer for both Members of Congress and their staffs. Served as Congressman Tom Davis' senior advisor on all matters related to his chairmanship of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. Staffed numerous hearings focused on waste, fraud and accountability within the DC government. Assisted in drafting and implementing the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 which created DC's chief financial officer position. Served as counsel to the **Committee on Government Reform and Oversight** and staffed numerous oversight hearings focused on executive branch agency accountability and stewardship of public resources.

**U.S. Department of Justice**; 1988-1989, Washington, DC. Paralegal (GS 7 civil servant); responsibilities included reviewing and clearing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) inquiries.

#### **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AWARDS:**

Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, Arlington, VA; JD degree earned in 1994;

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT; Bachelor of Arts degree; U.S. History major.

Bar Associations of Virginia and the District of Columbia; member.

Association of Transportation Law Professionals; member.

- U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta's Team Award: 2005:
- U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood's Partnering for Excellence Award; 2009.

#### **PERSONAL**

Born in Washington, DC (Columbia Hospital for Women), September 23, 1965.

Married to Catherine Casey Nottingham since 1994; two children born in 1997 and 2000.

St. David's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC; investment committee member, usher and former warden.

Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys, Anacostia, DC; benefactor.

Political Affiliation: registered Republican.

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### Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser

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# Charles "Chip" Nottingham



Charles "Chip" Nottingham is an experienced attorney with professional experience in government ethics and open government and end experience as a member of local and state boards. He is founder and principal of a private practice that focuses on legal, regulatory, policy and government relations. The firm is dedicated to helping clients who share a commitment to economic growth, infrastructure improvement, and constructive civic engagement.

During his long tenure of public service, was confirmed by the Senate and joined the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in

August 2006, serving as Chairman from August 2006 until March 2009. Mr. Nottingham's tenure as Chairman was marked by significant reform initiatives aimed at making the agency more accessible, transparent, and efficient. The Surface Transportation Board was ranked first among small federal agencies by the Partnership for Public Service and American University in their survey of the 2009 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government. The agency also earned the top rating for "Effective Leadership."

From 2002-2006, Mr. Nottingham served as the Associate Administrator for Policy and Governmental Affairs at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), managing policy development and analysis, legislation, Congressional affairs, highway funding and system performance analysis, and international programs. He played a leading role in developing the Administration's surface transportation reauthorization proposal in 2002-2003, and advised Congress throughout the deliberations on that legislation until enactment in August 2005.

Between 1998 and 2002, Vice Chairman Nottingham served as Assistant Secretary of Transportation and then Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner between 1999 and 2002, he served as the chief executive officer of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), managing more than 10,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$3 billon. Mr. Nottingham also has served as Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Government Reform; Counsel and Chief of Staff to former Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia; and Chief of Staff to Congressman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia.

A Ward 3 resident, Mr. Nottingham received a Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University in Middletown and a Juris Doctor from George Mason University School of Law.



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To:

Alana Intrieri, Steve Walker

From: Date:

Betsy Cavendish August 27, 2018

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Subject:

Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Tameka Collier, Darrin Sobin

and Charles Nottingham to the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and

Government Accountability.

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

Elizabeth Cavendish