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MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

OCT - 9 2019

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

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 25-201 and 25-206, and 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), I am pleased to nominate the following individual to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (hereinafter referred to as "Board"):

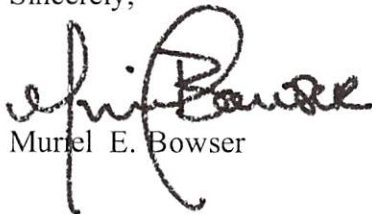
Ed Grandis  
1806 Swann Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(Ward 2)

for appointment as a member of the Board, replacing Mike Silverstein, for a term to end May 7, 2023.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing Mr. Grandis' experience, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,



Muriel E. Bowser



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 Ed Grandis as a member of the Alcoholic  
Beverage Control Board.

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
resolution may be cited as the "Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Ed Grandis Confirmation  
Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Ed Grandis  
1806 Swann Street NW  
Washington, DC 20009  
(Ward 2)

as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-201,  
to replace Mike Silverstein, for a term to end May 7, 2023.

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.

## Edward Shawn Grandis

### Accomplishments:

1. National Capitol Planning Commission (NCPC) 1992 - 1995: Appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.
2. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (Washington, DC): Elected through general election to three two-year terms to the Dupont Circle ANC. This publicly elected body advises various DC executive branch agencies on licensing, zoning, public space and land use issues. The ANC is given great weight by these agencies when weighing their decisions. Served as chairman and treasurer during my tenure.
3. Ward 2 ANC Redistricting Task Force (Washington, DC): I was asked by the DC Council to serve as chairman to work with the various neighborhoods to revise political boundaries based upon the recent population changes reflected in the census.
4. Ward 2 Democrats (Washington, DC): Elected by general ballot serving eight years. During this period I served as the treasurer as well.
5. District of Columbia Democrat State Committee: Elected by general ballot serving eight years.
6. Dupont Circle Conservancy: Neighborhood organization advising the District of Columbia on historic preservation matters for the Dupont Circle neighborhood.
7. 1998 District of Columbia Business Regulatory Reform Commission: Served on the sub-committee on business licensing regulatory reform
8. DC Council Vending Task Force: Make recommendations on implementation of the Vending Statute to regulate vending on public space in the District of Columbia

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**AIRBNB Super Host-** <https://www.airbnb.com/manage-your-space/4083095/details>  
10/2015 - Present

**Anacostia Business Improvement District:** Attorney and Executive Director  
2011 to May 2016

Assisted board of directors in obtaining IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation tax exemption as well handle filings with District of Columbia agencies. Assisted the board in developing by-laws, a mission statement, budget and identify individuals to server on the board and committees. Ran the day to day operations, provided critical information to the Mayor's office and DC City Council. Work with other BID's in DC to establish the DC BIC Council. Coordinated with pre-existing business groups and businesses in the area in setting up a business committee to advise the BID board on programing and concerns. Worked with The National Park Service on programing. Hosted a weekly coffee and conversation for business owners and public officials to attend to work on common concerns. Developed grant proposals to government and foundations that provided grants to support and implement the BID mission.

Historic Dupont Circle MainStreets Program and the Dupont Circle Merchants and Professionals Association (DCMAP)

1994-2008

Assisted board of directors in obtaining IRS 501(c)(3) and (c)(6) non-profit corporation tax exemptions as well handle filings with District of Columbia agencies. Assisted the board in developing by-laws, a mission statement, budget and identify individuals to server on the board and committees. Ran the day to day operations, provided critical information to the Mayor's office and DC City Council. Coordinated with pre-existing business groups and businesses in the area to advise the entities on programing and concerns. Worked with The National Park Service on programing. Advised the DC City Council on legislation and concerns.

**Law Office of Edward S. Grandis, Esq.**  
10/1992 – Present

General transactional business law practice. I advise commercial property and business owners in determining profitable path of organization, on leasing matters, contracts, employee and other business matters. I offer expert advice in navigating the complex regulations of licensing, permitting, zoning and related legal issues regarding in DC and Virginia. Represent clients on administrative matters including hearings regarding resident protests, use of public space and land-use matters including re-zoning and change of use matters. Represent business clients in mediation to resolve complex conflicts with a patron, customer or local neighborhood. Represent a business association advocating for reasonable business regulation, reduction in crime, and taxing policies. I served as a consultant to the District of Columbia to re-design business licensing program, supervise the development of a one-stop licensing center using best practices. Negotiated the MOU between District agencies to coordinate licensing and permitting information. I supervised strategy to centralize information collection from the various agencies to reduce the burden on a business. Used my expert skills to rewrite DC regulations that were in conflict among the agencies as well as remove antiquated regulations and provide for electronic filings and signatures. I supervised and coordinated the effort to reduce paperwork and the time it took for the various processes to be completed.

**Alderman (Municipal Judge)**  
City of Rehoboth Beach  
Rehoboth Beach, DE

Seasonal Municipal Judge for the city of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. In addition to my law practice I served as a seasonal judge handling matters related to the city civil code, traffic code and misdemeanors. This experience added to my training in the relationship of the court with the police department and city agencies. Training on how to execute court rules and problem solve alleged violations of law. This experience was excellent training in learning to listen to each party's recollection of facts, to dissect submitted legal documents, interview witnesses and then the application of law to those facts. I gained valuable experience in how to be impartial; and let the facts take you to the truth of the matter applying the intent of the law not what we would like the law to be. The day to day hearings helped me to learn how to determine the appropriate remedy and fine for a particular violation. Training in how to have the parties see past their anger, biases and egos and work towards a resolution based on the facts and how those facts complied with the working of the law, and if applicable a remedy that reduced the likelihood of recidivism. I developed a methodology to review and organize the dead past conviction files in order to determine how to collect on the long standing unpaid fines for violations. I then implemented a program coordinating with the police department to track down and locate past convicted violators nationwide. Through this program I issued warrants notifying the relevant state police departments to apprehend such violators. This program significantly reduced the size of the "dead" files resulting in the collection of these fines for the city and the clearing up of the violator's record.

**Rehoboth Beach Police Department**  
Rehoboth Beach, DE

**Seasonal Officer**

In addition to my full-time law practice I served as a patrol officer, bike officer, and assistant detective during my tours. Received certified training under the Delaware State Police guidelines. This training and experience helped me to understand the role of community policing and how to more effectively work with concerned residents on resolving citizen complaints. Through my service in the investigative unit and attendance in state police certified training classes to investigate crimes I was trained to develop methods for problem solving. Also, served on committees with the local elected officials regarding public policy issues and reviewing legislation to improve policing and reduce crime. Made arrest and investigated both misdemeanor and felony violations.

**American Forum**

Washington, DC  
Co-Founder and First Executive Director

I initially established the Virginia Forum in Richmond, Virginia with other community organizers. A print journalist and I were the co-founders and co-creators of the 501(c) (3) public policy communications organization. The mission of the Forum is to influence public policy through the development of Op-Ed articles addressing topical social and economic policies in Virginia. The print and electronic media was immediately responsive in using the articles on their editorial pages. We developed PSA and other media products for the electronic media. After about four years under my leadership we established a national board creating the American Forum with Virginia serving as the model for other state forums. Each state program has its own independent editorial board composed of community organizers in their state. The national office coordinates with the volunteers in the state forums. The state forum develops its own policy piece each month. The national office is responsible for the copy editing and distribution of each month's editorial product in each state that has a Forum organization. There are currently 23 active forums with six forums in development nationwide.

**Environmental Policy Institute**

Washington, DC  
Executive Director Citizens Mining Project

To best understand my work in this position, please review my job at the Environmental Policy Center (EPC) first. This job flowed from my successful leadership in that position.

At EPI I had two primary responsibilities:

1. Supervise national public participation with OSM regarding the development of the interim federal program, as well as
2. Supervise and coordinate with individuals and organizations throughout the coal regions to develop testimony, expert memorandums on complex policy issues for the development of the permanent state and federal programs.

I traveled to many of the coalfield states training local residents, farmers, ranchers, and Native Americans on how to participate in the federal and state rule making process. I skillfully spoke publicly to these groups. I would review their recommendations and help them edit and organize their high-quality documents and publications supporting policy consistent with the requirements of a particular state rule making. These documents designed for a particular state program addressed its own unique environmental and agricultural circumstances as well as markedly different types of surface mining and surface impacts of underground mining. This was not a cookie-cutter approach but rather using the theme of the federal program we offered policy guidance for each state program to be consistent with the federal program. Our recommendations addressed the complex issues including location and size of the mine, ownership, terrain, hydrology, soil, the type/depth of the coal seams and various mining methodologies. I supervised



and trained individuals who testify at either the OSM or state hearings on a particular state program.

It was important to work with coal industry representatives and seek common ground. Even within the coal industry there are significant differences in their corporate views. International coal companies have a much different corporate view than do small independent coal mine operators. The multi-state mining company has a corporate view different from either of them. My leadership skills included my ability to reach out, negotiate and seek compromise if it did not weaken federal mandates. I met with state officials in the interpretation of policies, regulations and laws related to surface coal mining and worked with the local citizen leadership to meet with their state agencies in developing, language that would be consistent with the federal program requirements.

**Environmental Policy Center**  
Washington, DC  
Policy Analyst

Six years overseeing coal mining policy development with Congress and coal producing state legislatures. I drafted and supervised development of technical and complex written documents and correspondence regarding surface coal mining activities that disturbed land, water and air resources in the various coal regions throughout the nation. This scientific, factual and statistical documentation was provided to Congress and state legislatures to assist in the development of the 1977 Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) as well as the development of state statutes.

I drafted extensive expert testimony for amendments to SMCRA and skillfully supervised private citizens in support of the adoption of the 1977 statute in meetings with congressional staff and in their preparation to testify at congressional hearings. We worked closely with and provided training to individual residents, farmers, ranchers, Native American tribes, scientist, as well as local and national environmental, conservation and agricultural organizations to assist their participation in this process.

I skillfully met with federal officials from DOI, MMS, Corp of Engineers, MHSA, EPA, and CEQ as well as with members of Congress and their staffs, and state agency officials in discussions of complex policies, regulations, laws related to the surface coal mining.

In working with the development of SMCRA I became familiar with other federal statutes including the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Clean Air Act. I also provided leadership and supervision in developing technical regulations for these statutes to be consistent with SMCRA. We worked closely with other organizations that took the lead in overseeing the other federal statutes to advise them on how SMCRA needed to be addressed.

I would travel extensively to many of the states that had active surface mining operations to study and document the current reclamation practices gathering scientific data. During these travels, I would meet with local residents, farmers, ranchers, and Native Americans and help them organize their findings. I would also set up or attend meetings with local state, county and town officials in developing statutory language to meet the requirements of SMCRA or to be an expert witness to a state or local hearing on mining practices. My work required me to conduct technical, controversial and sensitive briefings with state officials or coal industry representatives in the development of complex policies, regulations and laws related to surface coal mining regulatory programs.

**Virginia Citizens for Better Reclamation**  
Wise, VA  
Executive Director

Community organizer and policy analyst for citizen's organization before the adoption of the 1977 Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. My duties were similar to the responsibilities outlined under EPI directed at the state level in Virginia.

I was effective in obtaining state wide media focus on the damage that the surface coal operations caused due to inadequate state mining reclamation laws.

I provided skillful supervision in obtaining new state statutory protections through the Virginia General Assembly prior to the federal law. We documented mining related damages and coordinated with other citizen and environmental organizations to provide assistance to EPC. Traveled the state to testify before the Virginia General Assembly and meet with other organizations supporting our work.

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; BA, Political Science  
University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, Juris Doctor

#### **BOARDS**

**Chairman, The Citizens Coal Council** – National advocacy non-profit organization to protect private property rights and environmental protection of water, air and land resources.

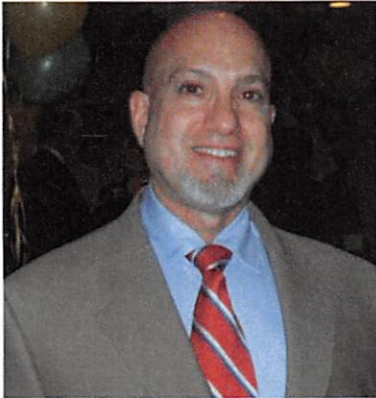
#### **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

The Federal Strip Mining Act: Environmental Protection Comes To The Coalfields of Virginia, 13  
U. Rich. L. Rev. 455, 1978-1979  
The Strip Mining Handbook, Environmental Policy Institute, 1979



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## Ed Grandis



Ed Grandis is an experienced attorney with a demonstrated history of working with business owners on transactional and governmental matters, business improvement districts, and energy and environment public policy. In his current capacity, Mr. Grandis assists entrepreneurs in business start-ups relating to formation, leasing, licensing, employment and business strategy. Throughout his career he has also gained experience in nonprofit organization management and board development, negotiations, grassroots lobbying, government affairs, and public speaking.

Most recently, Mr. Grandis served as the Executive Director of the Anacostia Business Improvement District Corporation, where he oversaw day-to-day operations, including government and community relations, marketing, and streetscape improvements.

A Ward 2 resident, Mr. Grandis has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from University of Georgia.





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:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** October 6, 2019  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolution nominating Ed Grandis as a member to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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**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.

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Elizabeth Cavendish