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

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Pursuant to section 2903 of the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172; D.C. Official Code § 5-1402), 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 person for appointment as the Chief Medical Examiner of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner:

Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D. FASCP FNAME
4414 6th Place, NE
Washington DC, 20017
(Ward 5)

for a term of six (6) years.

Dr. Mitchell, who has served as the Assistant State Medical Examiner for the State of New Jersey since 2011, brings several years' experience in the field of forensic pathology. As head of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), he will oversee the agency's move toward accreditation under the National Association of Medical Examiners.

Enclosed, you will find the "Chief Medical Examiner Roger Mitchell Confirmation Resolution of 2014," and biographical information detailing Dr. Mitchell's experience, to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray".
Vincent C. Gray



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 Mayoral appointment of Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D. FASCP FNAME as the
Chief Medical Examiner of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
resolution may be cited as the "Chief Medical Examiner Roger Mitchell Confirmation
Resolution of 2014."

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

Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D. FASCP FNAME
4414 6th Place, NE
Washington DC, 20017
(Ward 5)

as Chief Medical Examiner, established by section 2903 of the Establishment of the
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C.
Law 13-172; D.C. Official Code § 5-1402), 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), for a term of six (6) years.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this

1 resolution, upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

2 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D. FASCP FNAME

4414 6th Place NE., Washington DC, 20017

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Work Experience:

02/14-present	Chief Medical Examiner	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner – Wash, DC
08/11-02/14	Asst. State Medical Examiner	Regional Medical Examiner – Newark, NJ
10/08-07/11	Assistant Deputy Chief ME	Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences - TX
07/07-10/08	Assistant Medical Examiner	Harris County Medical Examiner-Houston TX
06/06-06/07	Medical Examiner – I	Office of Chief Medical Examiner-New York City
09/05-06/06	Medical Examiner –per diem	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner – Wash, DC
01/04-06/06	Adjunct Professor–Forensic Science	PG Community College – Largo, MD
07/05-06/06	Chief Resident – Pathology	GWU Medical Center –Washington DC
07/03-06/05	Pathology House Staff	GWU Medical Center –Washington DC
01/97-05/98	Biological Laboratory Technician	FBI, DNA Unit I – Washington DC

Licensure:

12/13-present	Medicine/Surgery	Washington D.C.
06/11-present	Medicine/Surgery	State of New Jersey
10/07-present	Diplomate-Forensic Pathology	American Board of Pathology
11/06-present	Diplomate-Anatomic Pathology	American Board of Pathology
06/07-06/12	Medicine/Surgery	State of Texas
03/06-03/08	Medicine/Surgery	New York State

Education/Training:

06/07	Forensic	Fellow	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner New York, NY
06/06	Pathology	Resident	George Washington University Washington, DC
05/03	Medicine	Doctor of Medicine	UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School Newark, NJ
05/01	Pathology	Post-Sophomore Fellow	New York University New York, NY
05/96	Biology	Bachelor of Science	Howard University Washington, DC

Injury Surveillance:

02/12-present	Forensic Path	Medical Examiner Office	<u>Prescription Drug Deaths</u>
01/11-present	Forensic Path	Medical Examiner Office	<u>Violent Deaths of Young Persons 10-18</u>
01/09-present	Forensic Path	Medical Examiner Office	<u>Trends in Elder Fatality</u>
09/07-present	Forensic Path	Medical Examiner Office	<u>Deaths in Police Custody</u>

Publications:

- Burnett J, et al. Forensic Markers Associated with a History of Elder Mistreatment and Self-Neglect. *Academic Forensic Pathology*; 2013 3(4):458-467
- Mitchell R. New Jersey Superstorm Sandy-Related Deaths: Medical Examiner Surveillance Platform Presentation – National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME). 2013
- Rosen D, et al. Postmortem Findings in Eight Cases of Influenza A/H1N1. *Modern Pathology* 2010; 23(11):1449-1457
- Doyle M., Mitchell R. Seeing is BeLeeding: Forensic Investigation of Exsanguination due to Dialysis Grafts. Poster Presentation – American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS). 2010
- Cromeans et al. An Unusual New Human Adenovirus from an Unusual Source. *Abstract*
- Zielsdorf S et al. Emergency Preparedness: Five Years and Counting...Is Your Clinical Microbiology Laboratory Ready? *Clinical Leadership & Management Review*, 2007 21(5) 1-26.

- Mitchell R. et al. Public Health and Aging: Nonfatal Physical Assault--Related Injuries Among Persons Aged ≥ 60 Years Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments --- United States, 2001. *MMWR*, 2003 52(34) 812-816
- Amaranto et al. Police Stress Interventions. *Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention* 3:47–54 (2003)
- Mitchell R. “Dodgin’ Bullets” -Violence Prevention Through Interactive Education. *Journal of the Student National Medical Association*, 2001 7(2) 17-8
- Mitchell R. Youth Violence: Understanding the Epidemic. *Journal of the Student National Medical Association*, 2001 7(2) 19-21
- Mitchell R. “Watch Ya’ Back”: A Commentary on Gun Violence. *Journal of the Student National Medical Association*, 2000 6(1) 35-6
- Mitchell R. SNMA’s Police Brutality Position Statement. *Journal of the Student National Medical Association*, 2000 6(1) 37-8

Expert Witness Testimony: (Total 49)

2007	Criminal Grand Jury – 2	New York, NY
2009	Criminal Trial – 14	Harris County, TX
2010	Criminal Trial – 5	Harris County, TX
2011	Criminal Trial – 4	Essex County, NJ
	Criminal Trial – 2	Hudson County, NJ
	Criminal Trial – 1	Somerset County, NJ
2012	Criminal Trial – 6	Essex County, NJ
	Criminal Trial – 5	Hudson County, NJ
	Criminal Grand Jury – 1	State of New Jersey
	Criminal Trial – 1	Union County, NJ
2013	Criminal Trial – 5	Essex County, NJ
	Criminal Trial – 2	Hudson County, NJ
	Criminal Grand Jury/Trial – 2	Broward County, FL

Certification/Courses:

10/13	NAME Accreditation Inspection Training	NAME – Milwaukee, WI
10/13	Urban Mental Health	Rutgers – Newark, NJ
09/13	Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty	FEMA – Anniston, AL
02/10	Neuroradiology/Neuropathology	AFIP – Washington DC
04/09	National Incident Management	Harris County HMRT- TX
03/08	HAZMAT-First Responder/PPE	Harris County HMRT- TX
11/07	Deaths in Police Custody	IPICD – Las Vegas, NV
10/06	Basic Forensic Pathology	AFIP – Washington DC
03/06	Laboratory Accreditation Inspector	CAP – Northeast Region
01/06	DECON Unit Training/Certificate	VA Hospital – Washington DC
11/98	Rape Crisis Advocacy	Middlesex County, NJ
11/97	Critical Incident Stress Management	FBI – Washington DC
07/97	Blood Stain Pattern Analysis	FBI – Washington DC
06/97	Forensic Biology	FBI – Washington DC

Professional Service:

01/14-present	Member	NAME Strategic Planning Committee
01/14-present	Member	NAME Education & Planning Committee
12/12-present	Clinical Asst. Professor	NJMS-UMDNJ Dept. of Pathology
04/13-02/14	Member	NJ State Epidemiological Outcomes Working Group
04/13-02/14	Member	NJ GCADA – Opioid Overdose Working Group
02/13-02/14	Member	NJ State Domestic Violence Fatality Committee
09/11-02/14	Member	NJ State UVIS Steering Committee
09/11-02/14	Member	NJ State Mass Fatality Plan Executive Board
09/11-02/14	Member	NJ State Child Fatality Review Committee
01/10-08/11	Member	Harris County Juvenile Probation Advisory Council
09/09-08/11	Member	Texas Southern Univ.-Forensic Advisory Board

06/09-08/11	Member	HCHD-Forensic Program Advisory Board
01/08-08/11	Member	HCME Mass Fatality Committee
01/08-08/11	Member	Harris County Elder Fatality Committee
01/08-08/11	Corresponding Expert	WHO/CDC Global Disease Study-IPC
07/08-08/11	Faculty	Baylor Medical School-Dept. of Pathology
06/06-06/07	Clinical Instructor	NYU – Tisch Hospital
07/04-06/06	Member, Advisory Council	GWUMC Center for Emergency Preparedness
03/04-06/06	Resident Representative	GWUMC Emergency Preparedness Committee
08/99-05/03	Class Representative	SACC – New Jersey Medical School (NJMS)
04/00-04/02	National Violence Prevention	Chairman, SNMA – Washington, DC
04/99-04/00	Chapter President	Student National Medical Association –NJMS
11/97-05/98	EAP Coordinator	FBI, DNA Unit I – Washington DC
04/97-04/98	Serology Team Leader	FBI, DNA Unit I – Washington DC

Presentations/Conferences:

10/13	Prescription Drug Deaths in New Jersey	Do No Harm Prescription Drug Conf
01/13	New Jersey Violent Deaths	NJ-SAFE Task Force on Gun Violence
10/12	Youth Prescription/Heroin Fatalities	NJ-GCADA – Opioid Task Force
05/11	Victim Assistance for Survivor Families	Texas Victim Services Assoc Conf 2011
03/11	ID Elder Neglect/Disaster Management	TSU-School of Pharmacy –Houston
09/10	Non-Natural Deaths among the Elderly	Valley Conf of Aging – UT Houston
07/10	Cause of Death in persons 21-40 years old	National Urban League – Washington DC
06/10	Medico-Legal Death Investigation	Harris County, TX
03/10	ID Elder Neglect/Disaster Management	TSU-School of Pharmacy –Houston
08/09	Medico-Legal Death Investigation	Harris County, TX
08/09	Deaths in Police Custody	TSU-Prison Privatization Conf – Houston, TX
05/09	Injuries in Elder Abuse/Neglect	APS-Houston, TX
11/08	Injuries in Elder Abuse/Neglect	APS-Texas State Conf - San Antonio, TX
07/08	Deaths in Police Custody	NMA National Conference – Atlanta, GA

Professional/Civic Societies:

Fellow	American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP)	Chicago, IL
Fellow	National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)	Marceline, MO
Member	Urban League of Essex County	Newark, NJ
Member	National Medical Association	Washington, DC
Member	AGAPE Church	Rahway, NJ

Community Development/Consultation:

10/13	Violence as a Public Health Issue	Leadership Newark – Newark, NJ
02/13	Black History of Medicine in the Military	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ
11/12	Violence as a Public Health Issue	United Way of Essex, NJ
06/12	Newark Violence Reduction Initiative NJ	Gang Homicide Prevention
11/11	Newark Violence Reduction Initiative NJ	Gang Homicide Prevention
06/11	Mayors Gang Prevention – Houston TX	Youth Violence Prevention
06/10	Mayors Gang Prevention – Houston TX	Youth Violence Prevention
03/10	LIFE Solutions Youth Mentorship – TX	Youth Violence Prevention
08/09	LIFE Solutions Youth Mentorship – TX	Youth Leadership Discussion
09/08	New York City Public Schools – NYC	Pre-Post Incident Management
06/08	Washington Security Group – Wash DC	Invasive Biological Sampling
03/07	Washington Security Group – Wash DC	Invasive Biological Sampling
11/06	Mt. Olive High School – Mt. Olive, NJ	Violence Prevention/Conflict Resolution
10/06	Rutgers University – Newark, NJ	Violence in the Hip-Hop Culture
06/06	Washington Security Group – Wash DC	Invasive Biological Sampling
01/06	St. John’s University – NYC	Keynote Address – Leadership Conference
07/04	Unv. of the West Indies –Trinidad/Tabago	Violence Prevention Program Consultation
06/04	Voices For Working Families – Wash DC	Urban Empowerment Consultation
01/04	Hip-Hop Summit Action Network – NYC	National Volunteer Coordination

12/03	PG Community College – Laurel, MD	Forensic Curriculum Development
12/03	Save Our Youth Foundation – Wash DC	“Youth Violence Prevention”
10/03	Pillars of Peace – Newark, NJ	“Youth Violence Prevention”
07/03	National Urban League – Pittsburgh, PA	“The 5 D’s of Success”
07/03	Ravi Howard, Author – Mobile, AL	Forensic Consultation
06/03	Essex County Urban League – Newark, NJ	“Youth Violence Prevention”
05/03	South Street School – Newark, NJ	“History and Violence”
05/03	UMDNJ – Newark, NJ	“Juvenile Justice: Race and Recidivism”
05/03	East Side HS – Newark, NJ	“Violence Prevention”
04/03	ECPO - Newark, NJ	“3H’s – Hip-Hop, History and Health”
01/03	SNMA - New York, NY	“Development of Primary Prevention”
03/02	SNMA - Houston, TX	“Violence, Hip-Hop, and Juvenile Justice”
04/01	SNMA - Atlanta, GA	“Youth Violence: the Epidemic”

Honors and Distinctions:

10/13	Person of the Year Award 2013	Babyland Family Services - Newark, NJ
02/13	Black History Service Award 2013	Essex County Prosecutor – Newark, NJ
01/13	SNMA Mentorship Award 2013	NJMS-UMDNJ, Newark, NJ
06/06	Frank N. Miller, MD Teaching Award	GWUMC Department of Pathology
06/06	Mario Werner, MD Award	GWUMC Department of Pathology
05/03	Alexander Gordon, MD Award	NJMS-UMDNJ, Newark, NJ
01/03	MLK - <i>Fulfilling the Dream</i> Award	WCBS-Community Service, New York, NY
10/02	Testimony – Injury Prevention & Control	California State Legislature, NAACP
09/02	NMA Awards in Medical Journalism	National Medical Association, NMF
08/00	Chester Pierce, MD Research Award	National Medical Association, Psychiatry
05/96	Cum Laude Honors	Howard University, Department of Biology

Media

<http://m.dc.gov/release/mayor-gray-appoints-dr-roger-mitchell-district%E2%80%99s-new-chief-medical-examiner>
http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/speaking_for_the_dead_njs_regi.html
http://search.nj.com/Roger+mitchell+medical+examiner/1/all/?date_range=all
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxBRRAVindM>

Major Professional Interests:

Management	Mass Fatality Preparedness & Response
Public Health	Injury Prevention and Control Epidemiological Surveillance Systems
Forensic Medicine	Deaths in Police Custody/Elder Abuse/Youth Homicide & Suicide/Drug Deaths
Violence Prevention	Youth Mentorship/Leadership Development

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