

Committee: **London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Forrest Bivens**

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Occupation: **Merchant Services Advisor**

Work experience: **Business Advisor focusing on the payments processing, or point-of-sale for all sized businesses. Consultative analysis of existing contractual and costing structures of said services. Advisory expertise applied to each situation, with a focus on what will work best to keep or drive costs lower. Examining and recommending contractual obligations that are economically and morally sound.**

Education: **Currently in progress: working towards B.S., Small Business Mgmt, University of Phoenix.**

Skills: **Having lived in two different cultures, I hope that I can bring a unique set of multicultural views to the table.**

Interest reason: **My goal is to serve London as it strives to improve diversity.**

Contributions: **A cooperative and collaborative spirit, a zeal for this topic and a lifetime of experience seeking out equality and diversity.**

Past contributions: **This will be my first.**

Interpersonal: **Almost 30 years of experience in negotiations has taught me that there is always common ground to be found and others will always bring perspectives that I haven't considered.**

Interview interest: **Yes**