

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
MAYOR

March 21, 2012

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have today appointed Mr. Alan J. Skobin to the Board of Fire Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Skobin will fill the vacancy created by Diana Bonta, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Skobin is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
Mayor

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Attachment



## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Alan J. Skobin  
**Commission:** Fire Commission  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2014

### Appointee Information

1. Race/ethnicity: Caucasian
2. Gender: Male
3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 12 - North Valley
4. Are you a registered voter? Yes
5. Prior commission experience: Board of Police Commissioners
6. Attendance record of past commission appointment(s):
7. Highest level of education completed:
8. Occupation/profession: Attorney
9. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached resume
10. Purpose of this appointment:
11. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):

Name	Appointed By	Race	Gender	CD	Term End Date
Bonta, Diana M. RESIGNED	Villaraigosa	Latina	F	5	30-Jun-14
Friedman, Andrew	Villaraigosa	Caucasian	M	4	30-Jun-16
Furillo, Jill	Villaraigosa	Caucasian	F	2	30-Jun-12
Hudley Hayes, Genethia	Villaraigosa	African American	F	8	30-Jun-15
Tolentino, Casimiro Urbano	Villaraigosa	Asian Pacific Islander	M	13	30-Jun-13



## Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners

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### **ALAN J. SKOBIN** *Commissioner*

Alan J. Skobin was first appointed to a 5-Year Term on the Board of Police Commissioners by Mayor James K. Hahn in 2003, and unanimously confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council. He was the only Police Commissioner retained by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa when the Mayor was elected in 2005, and was reappointed to a second 5-Year Term by Mayor Villaraigosa in 2008. Police Commissioners are limited by the Los Angeles City Charter to two 5-year terms.

Commissioner Skobin was elected Vice President of the Board of Police Commissioners immediately upon his appointment in 2003 and served in that position each year until 2007. He was re-elected to the Vice President position in 2010, and held that position for another year. Commissioner Skobin's Department Liaison and Committee assignments have included Use of Force, Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence, Training, Budget, Transportation and Traffic, the Police Reserve Program, Valley Bureau and Operations. He also serves as Chair of the Oversight Committee for the Office of Public Safety, City of Los Angeles Department of General Services.

Commissioner Skobin has initiated or taken a leadership role in many important projects and programs, including but not limited to establishment of the LAPD Purple Heart Award to recognize the sacrifice of officers who were either seriously injured or slain while serving the public, successfully developing a program to replace outdated and unsafe portable radios with new updated equipment, implanting a new management and prevention program of Officer involved traffic collisions, and many more programs, projects and activities for the betterment and safety of LAPD employees and the public that they serve.

Commissioner Skobin is Vice President and General Counsel of Galpin Motors, Inc., and has been in management with the Galpin organization since 1977. He has direct responsibility for, or has been integrally involved with, a number of significant functions, including legal, information technology, risk management and insurance, real estate, investments and human resources. In 2007, the San Fernando Valley Business Journal honored him as one of the Top 25 Lawyers of the San Fernando Valley.

With a record of community and civic service that spans more than forty years, Commissioner Skobin's efforts have made a significant positive impact throughout many communities. His achievements have been recognized with commendations and awards from virtually every level of government, including City, County, State and Federal officials.

Commissioner Skobin has also been recognized by a number of private and public organizations, including the California Peace Officers Association (CPOA), which honored him in 2002 for contributions and dedication to public safety and the law enforcement profession; Devonshire Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR), which honored him in 2003 for his "integrity, personal commitment to excellence, and dedication to the betterment of the community"; the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA), which presented him with its Meritorious Service Award in 2004; the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation, which presented him with the Twice A Citizen Community Honoree Award in 2004; the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC), which selected him in 2005 as Reserve Officer of the Year for Los Angeles County; the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, which presented the Circle of Life Award to Commissioner Skobin and his wife in 2006; Ararat Lodge, which presented him an award in 2007 for his "Selfless And Dedicated Service To Law Enforcement And Our Community"; the La Ley Educational Foundation, presented him the Excellence In Leadership Award in 2008; the Shomrim Society of Southern California, which recognized him with the Honored Member Award in 2009; the Armenian National Peace Officers Association (ANPOA), which in 2009 recognized his service to law enforcement with an award in honor of slain LASD Deputy Jake Karajian; the Los Angeles Police Historical Society (the Los Angeles Police Museum), which presented Commissioner Skobin and his wife with the Jack Webb Award in 2011; and Baseballers Against Drugs, which honored him with their Positive Image Award.

Commissioner Skobin serves on the National Dealer Advisor Board for FordDirect, as well as the Zurich Insurance Nation Auto Dealer Advisory Council. He is a Founding Director and Member of the Executive Committee of the Sheriff's Youth Foundation of Los Angeles County, which funds education and intervention programs for thousands of at-risk youth each year, and has served as chair of the Youth Foundation's annual Salute to Youth Dinner. Additionally, he is on the Board of Directors of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Skobin served on the California New Motor Vehicle Board from 1994 to 1997 and 2001 to 2009, and was appointed by Governors Pete Wilson, Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger. During his terms, he served as Board President, Vice President, chair of the Policy and Procedures Committee, and a member of the Administration Committee. He previously served as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Institutional Inspections Commission. Commissioner Skobin has also served as a Member of the Host Committee for the 2004 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference; on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Business Council; on the International Board of Trustees of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), an international leadership development program for high school students; the Western Region Advisory Committee to the United States Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office; the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, which recognized his leadership and service as Chair of the Justice and Protective Agencies Committee; and the Mid-Valley Community Police Council, where he served as President. A multi-time cancer and a brain tumor survivor himself, Commissioner Skobin and his family have at various times been active with Padres Contra El Cancer, a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for children with cancer and their families.

Commissioner Skobin has served as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) for more than thirty years, and currently holds the rank of Reserve Chief. His experience includes patrol, detectives and administration. He has also served on the LASD Medal of Valor Awards Evaluation Committee, and has received the coveted Distinguished Service Award from the Sheriff's Department for his overall service. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Department, he served as a Reserve Police Officer with the San Fernando Police Department for nearly eight years, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He is also a graduate of Citizens Academies of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Commissioner Skobin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University, Northridge, and graduated cum laude from the University of LaVerne Law School, San Fernando Valley campus. He is admitted to practice in both California and various federal courts, and is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, the National Association of Dealer Counsel, and the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC). Commissioner Skobin has also served as a member of the Judicial Election Evaluations Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and was an extern in the United States Federal District Court.

Commissioner Skobin is a longtime San Fernando Valley resident. He resides there with his wife Romi, a former civilian supervisor with the San Fernando Police Department. They have two grown children. His entire family is actively involved in community and civic endeavors.



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MAYOR

March 21, 2012

Mr. Alan J. Skobin  
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Dear Mr. Skobin:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Fire Commission for the term ending June 30, 2014. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require a trip downtown. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Sui Duong in my Office at (213) 978-0724 and he will arrange it for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed City Commissioner Ethics Pledge, Commission Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Form and Background Release **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to help us ensure the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible. Further, Mayor's Office policy requires you to be fingerprinted as part of the background check that is done on all potential Commissioners. To do so, please bring this letter to the Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, (213) 473-9343. Fingerprints must be taken **within three working days** from the **receipt** of this letter.

Under separate cover you will be receiving a packet from the City Ethics Commission containing information about the City's conflict of interest laws and a copy of the State Form 700/Statement of Economic Interests. City law requires that you complete and return this form **within 21 days** of your nomination to the City Ethics Commission, 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Shannon Prior at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.



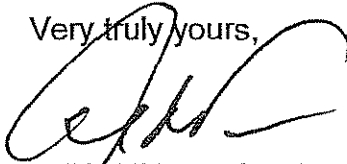
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As part of City Council confirmation process, you will need to arrange a meeting with Mitchell Englander, your Councilmember and the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, to answer any questions he may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Public Safety Committee. Some time thereafter, you will also be notified by the committee clerk when your appointment will be presented to the full City Council for confirmation. Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office, Room 395, City Hall. Deputy Mayor Eileen Decker's staff will be responsible to assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, have any changes in your telephone numbers, or in the future plan to resign (resignation must be put in writing), please contact my office immediately.

Warmest congratulations and thank you for agreeing to continue helping in my efforts to serve the people of the City of Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ARV', written over a horizontal line.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA  
Mayor

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