

# ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA MAYOR

March 4, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have today reappointed Mr. David Fleming to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Fleming's current term expired December 31, 2012.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Fleming 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:

**David Fleming** 

Commission:

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

End of Term:

December 31, 2016

### **Appointee Information**

1. Race/ethnicity: Caucasian

2. Gender: Male

3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 2 - South Valley

4. Are you a registered voter? Yes

5. Prior commission experience: Metropolitan Water Disctrict

6. Attendance record of past commission appointment(s):

7. Highest level of education completed: JD

8. Occupation/profession: Attorney

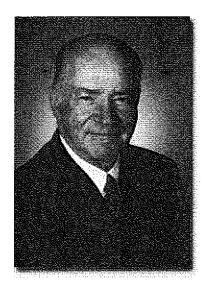
9. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached resume

10. Purpose of this appointment: Reappointment

11. Current composition of the commission Mayoral appointments (excluding appointee):

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Date Appointed
Fleming, Dave	South Valley	2	Caucasian	M	25-Mar-09
Grunfeld, Aaron	Central	4	Caucasian	M	23-Nov-05
Murray, John W.	Central	4	African American	М	16-Nov-05
Quinonez, Jesus E.	N/A	N/A	Latino	М	16-Nov-05

### Commissioner Dave Flemming Biography



David W. Fleming is counsel at Latham & Watkins. Mr. Fleming has represented clients in various areas including banking, real estate, environmental and securities practices. He has over 50 years of experience practicing in California. Mr. Flemming was an instigator of the attempt to revise the Los Angeles City Charter in the 1990's, culminating in the creation of an elected citizen's Charter Reform Commission which drafted the 1999 City Charter.

David has served on numerous local, state, and national boards. He was appointed to the James Madision Foundation by President George W. Bush to bestow and develop scholarships in high school and promote teaching. He earlier sat of the Board of the MTA.

Mr. Fleming currently serves on the Boards of numerous organizations including the LA County Business Federation, the Southern California Leadership Council, and the Cal State Northridge Foundation. He received his Bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Illinois and his law degree from UCLA.

Born and raised in Davenport, Iowa, he has been a resident of the San Fernando Valley since 1956.

#### DAVID W. FLEMING

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Biographical Summary

David W. Fleming, 74, was the instigator of the successful charter reform movement in the City of Los Angeles. In 1997, he and then LA Mayor Richard Riordan co-chaired a voters' initiative to reform Los Angeles City government, culminating in the creation of an elected citizens' Charter Reform Commission, which drafted a new charter for the City of Los Angeles which was overwhelming adopted by the City's voters in 1999.

In 2003 he was appointed a trustee of the **James Madison Foundation** by President George W. Bush. The 12 member Foundation (composed of four members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, two State Governors, two Federal Appellate justices, the Secretary of Education and two private citizens) bestows scholarships on high school teachers in all 50 states to promote the teaching of the founding of our nation.

In 2005, he was appointed by the then newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, to represent the city of Los Angeles as a director of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (the "MTA"). He has served as chair of MTA's Finance and Budget Committee and serves on it's Construction Committee.

Fleming is the immediate past Chair of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and chairs the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BIZFED). In is the co-chair of the Southern California Leadership Council, a group composed of leaders throughout Southern California including former California governors Gray Davis, Pete Wilson, Jerry Brown and George Deukmejian.

He recently served as the Chairman of the California Regional Leadership Foundation, a statewide organization of regional civic entrepreneurs addressing regional problems. He is the Chair of **Project Grad**, an intensive program helping public school students achieve excellence in their educational careers.

Fleming was the Vice-Chairman of the California Transportation Commission (the "CTC") on which he served from 1996 through 1999, appointed by then California Gov. Pete Wilson. He chaired the CTC's **Public Transit Committee**, overseeing major public transit projects throughout California, allocating billions of dollars of federal and state gas taxes and voter-approved bonding revenues for the state's highways, rail, water and air transportation infrastructure.

.He chairs the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, a business and industrial collective formed following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, comprised of all of the Chambers of Commerce together with other leading business groups within the greater San Fernando Valley area of the County of Los Angeles He recently served as one of five commissioners of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. From 1993 to 2001 he served as President of the Los Angeles City Board of Fire Commissioners, overseeing the operations of the City's Fire Department.

He is a past chairman and currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), the largest economic development organization of its kind in the nation. He served as the chair of Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) from 1988 through 1990.

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He is the Chairman of the Board of Valley Presbyterian Hospital, a 380 bed non-profit, community-owned heath center, a position he has held for the past 20 years. He serves on the national Board of Trustees of the Reason Foundation and is the Vice-Chair of the Children's Planning Council of Los Angeles County, an organization he was instrumental in creating. The Children's Planning Council coordinates the funding of over \$5 billion of federal and state money annually to aid children and families in need throughout Los Angeles County. He is a member of the board of directors of the California Community Foundation, an 80 year old philanthropic organization overseeing one and one half billion dollars in assets dedicated to charity. He chairs its audit committee.

In addition, Fleming is a director of the following organizations: The Los Angeles Police Foundation, the Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council Foundation, the Civic Alliance, California State University, Northridge Foundation, the New Majority and the Fernando Award Foundation. He is the vice chair of the \$125 million campaign to build a new performing arts center at CSUN. He serves on the board of the Advisors to the Dean of UCLA Law School.

A member of the California State Bar since 1959, he is of counsel to Latham & Watkins, the 3rd largest law firm in the world. He is a past recipient of the prestigious Fernando Award, bestowed annually on a San Fernando Valley resident in honor of a lifetime of volunteer service. In 2000, he was given the Nellie Reagan Award for volunteerism, named after the late President Reagan's mother. Over the past 45 years, he has devoted over 75,000 hours of service to civic, community, charitable, and government organizations. He has been honored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish National Fund, the American Jewish Committee, the LA Family Housing Foundation, the Southern California Blotech Institute, the California Jaycees, various bar associations, the United Chambers of Commerce, the Valley Interfaith Council and many other philanthropic and civic organizations.

Born and raised in Davenport, Iowa, he moved to the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles in 1956 and graduated from UCLA Law School in 1959. A member of the Southern California Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, he and his wife, Jean, have two adult sons residing in Southern California. Over the years they have personally donated over \$5 million to a wide array of charities including Valley Presbyterian Hospital, CSUN and UCLA Law School.

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# ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA MAYOR

March 4, 2013

Mr. David Fleming

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2016. 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.

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.

As part of City Council confirmation process, you will need to arrange a meeting with Councilmember Paul Krekorian, your councilmember, and Councilmember Bernard Parks, the Chair of the Energy and Enviornment Committee, to answer any questions they 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 Energy and Enviornment 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



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are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office, Room 395, City Hall. Deputy Mayor Romel Pascual'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,

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

Mayor

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Attachment I Mr. David Fleming March 4, 2013

# **Nominee Check List**

# I.Within one week:

	Mail or fax the following forms to: Office of the Mayor, Attn: Sui Duong, Office of Legal Counsel, 200 N. Spring St., # 303, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Fax: (213) 978-0720.				
	Ethics Pledge				
	Remuneration Form				
	Undated Separation Form				
	Background Check Release				
	Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics				
l.	Within 21 days:				
	File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. If you are required to file, you will receive these forms via email from that office.				
	Statement of Economic Interest ("Form 700")  IMPORTANT: The City Council will not consider your nomination until your completed form is reviewed by the Ethics Commission.				
	Residence Verification Form				
II.	As soon as possible, schedule a meeting with:				
	Councilmember Bernard Parks, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7008), and Councilmember Paul Krekorian (contact contact at 213-473-7002).				
	A member of Deputy Mayor Romel Pascual's staff can assist you with these arrangements. (Mayor's Office: 213-978-0600)				