



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

July 29, 2019

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Gabriel L. Eshaghian to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. Mr. Eshaghian's current term expired on June 30, 2019.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Eshaghian is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Gabriel L. Eshaghian  
**Commission:** Board of Airport Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2024

### Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Board of Airport Commissioners
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** Masters of Science, Real Estate Finance, New York University
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Principal and Senior Vice-President of Acquisitions and Development, The Somerset Group
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Eshaghian, Gabriel	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-19
Hsu, Beatrice C.	Central	4	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-21
Telles, Cynthia A.	Central	4	Latina	F	30-Jun-23
Burton, Sean	West	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-20
Sayles, Thomas	West	5	African-American	M	30-Jun-19
Roxborough, Nicholas	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-20
Velasco, Valeria	West	11	Latina	F	30-Jun-22



## **Gabriel Laurent Eshaghian - Biography**

Gabriel L. Eshaghian is a seasoned global business leader and board level executive with a 20-year career in the real estate, travel and transportation industries.

In August 2013, he was appointed and currently serves as Commissioner and Member of the Board of Los Angeles World Airports, the municipal authority that owns and operates Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), as well as Van Nuys Airport. LAX is the second largest airport in the United States and the fourth largest globally by passenger volume.

At the same time, he maintains his role as Principal and Senior Vice-President of Acquisitions and Development with The Somerset Group, a New York based real estate investment, development and management firm founded in 1979. Commissioner Eshaghian has been with the organization for more than 13 years, since he opened their Los Angeles office in September 2005. Mr. Eshaghian sits on the Executive Committee responsible for the management and optimization of the firm's 2 million square foot real estate portfolio. He oversees the company's new asset acquisitions, financing, strategic planning and all ground-up development.

Before joining Somerset, Commissioner Eshaghian spent more than 10 years in various executive positions within the travel and transportation industries, most recently with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, one of the world's largest professional services firms. He spent over three years as their U.S.-based Global Travel Manager, followed by two years as a Director with its United Kingdom affiliate Nyras Capital (now Nyras PA Consulting), focusing on turnaround, strategy consulting and investment banking transaction services within the global airline and transportation sector. Prior to that he held commercial management and business development positions in the airline industry, both at Swissair and with Virgin Atlantic Airways.

He is a subject matter expert in the areas of real estate acquisitions and finance, global travel management and airline industry corporate strategy and was the recipient of the Association of Corporate Travel Executives' "Global Vision Award" in 2001. He has lectured extensively throughout the world and has previously been quoted as a subject matter expert in the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Business Journal, California Real Estate Journal, Financial Times, Wall Street Journal Europe, Business Travel News, Travel Weekly and Business Travel Executive Magazine. He has traveled and worked extensively in more than 50 countries and is a classically trained concert-level pianist.

A native of New York City, Mr. Eshaghian sits on the Board of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Urban Land Institute and the Jonathan Club. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science degree in Real Estate Finance from New York University and a Master of Business Administration degree jointly from the London School of Economics, New York University – Stern School of Business and HEC.



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Dear Mr. Eshaghian:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2024. In order to complete the process as quickly as possible, there are several steps that must be taken, many of which require visiting City Hall. If you require parking during these procedures, please call Claudia Luna in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form, Undated Separation Forms, Background Check Release and Information Sheet **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open and accountable City government possible.

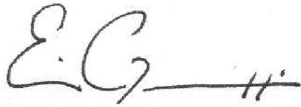
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with David Ryu, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Joe Buscaino, the Chair of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee. Some time thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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 in Room 395 of City Hall. Claudia Luna will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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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.

Congratulations and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I  
Mr. Gabriel L. Eshaghian  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

#### **II. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember David Ryu**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination**

Staff in the Mayor's Office of Legislative and External Affairs will assist you with these arrangements.