

ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

August 14, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Steve Soboroff to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Soboroff will fill the vacancy created by Andrea S. Ordin, whose term expired on June 30, 2013.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Soboroff 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:Steve SoboroffCommission:Board of Police CommissionersEnd of Term:June 30, 2018

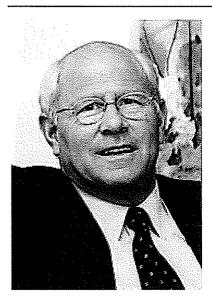
**Appointee Information** 

- 1. Race/ethnicity: Caucasian
- 2. Gender: Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 11 West
- 4. Are you a registered voter? Yes

**5. Prior commission experience:** Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners; Board of Harbor Commissioners

- 6. Highest level of education completed: See attached biography
- 7. Occupation/profession: See attached biography
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached biography
- 9. Purpose of this appointment: Replacement
- 10. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):

					Appointment	Term
Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Date	Ends
	South					
Bernardino, Rafael	Valley	4	Latino	M	04-Sep-12	30-Jun-17
	South					
Drooyan, Richard	Valley	5	Caucasian	M	12-Mar-10	30-Jun-14
	1		African			
Mack, John	South	10	American	М	22-Apr-10	30-Jun-15
	West Los	1				
Ordin, Andrea S	Angeles	11	Latina	F	29-Jun-12	30-Jun-13
Saltzman, Robert M.	Central	5	Caucasian	M	24-Oct-07	30-Jun-16



# Steve Soboroff

Steve Soboroff has long been known as a Los Angeles business leader/public servant who brings people together to make important projects happen.

He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Weingart Foundation and past Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Playa Vista. In September of 2011 he was appointed by the California Science Center to be the Senior Advisor to the museum in its project with NASA to bring, and permanently exhibit, Space Shuttle Endeavour to the CSC. He is Chairman of the Maccabiah Games "Committee of 18" and is the world's foremost collector of typewriters that were previously owned by famous individuals.

Soboroff is the Chairperson of the Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University. He is also a Senior Fellow and member of the Advisory Board at UCLA's Luskin school of Public Affairs and a member of the Board of Councilors at the USC Price School of Public Policy. He served as Senior Advisor to Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, and was Chair of the \$2.4 billion LAUSD Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee that made safety and other improvements to over 700 schools.

Since 2006 Steve has served as Chairman of the Board of The Friends of EXPO Center, a high-level group of business and community leaders who provide leadership, resources, and financial support to this Recreation and Parks Department facility that offers recreational, educational, and cultural programs for underserved residents of Exposition Park and south Los Angeles. Mayor Villaraigosa dedicated the SOBOROFF SPORTS FIELD complex adjacent to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Exposition Park. The STEVE SOBOROFF COURT PARK opened in 2011 in Playa Vista and features numerous basketball courts adjacent to the NBA training facility of the L.A. Clippers.

Mr. Soboroff served as president of the L.A. Recreation and Parks Commission from 1995 to 2001, reinvigorating the city's park system to better meet the recreational needs of the people of Los Angeles. In addition, Steve was the driving force behind bringing Staples Center to Los Angeles and as a member of the L.A. Harbor Commission, helped spearhead the Alameda Corridor Project. In the 2001 mayoral primary election in Los Angeles he finished within 3% of the winning candidate.

Active in Big Brothers since 1968, Mr. Soboroff served as its President, then Chairman Emeritus and Chairman of the Oversight Committee, where he oversaw \$2.3 billion of construction and safety improvements in 700 LAUSD schools. He currently sits as a member of the Board of Governors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater L.A. He has lectured and/or taught at UCLA, USC, Stanford, UC Berkeley, U of Michigan, U of Arizona , and LMU and volunteers his time to mentor several university students annually.

A successful real estate executive who was honored locally as Harvard Business School's "Business Statesman of the Year" and was given the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Steve holds Bachelor and Masters Degree's from the Dept. of Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate at the University of Arizona. Soboroff Partners, founded in 1978, has represented some of the nation's great retailers in their expansion plans and strategies, as well as representing established quality properties and development companies (e.g., Lakewood Center, owned by Macerich Company (NYSE)). His accomplishments as President and CEO of Playa Vista (2001-2010) have received national acclaim.

On April 19, 2011, Soboroff was hired as the Vice Chairman of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team. His responsibilities included leading the efforts to improve the fan experience and strengthening the team's ties to the community. One day later, Major League Baseball seized control of the Dodgers from Frank McCourt. Soboroff resigned his position on June 25, 2011, citing the unanticipated action by the commissioner of Major League Baseball...."as preventing him from doing the job he was hired for".

• [Former Los Angeles Mayor Richard] Riordan, who encouraged Soboroff to run for mayor as his successor, was unstituting in his praise. "Steve Soboroff challenges Eli Broad for the title of greatest Angeleno," Riordan said, comparing Soboroff to the philanthropist. "Both of them have done fantastic things for our city." Riordan credited Soboroff with getting the \$2-billion Alameda Corridor built, making Staples Center a reality and beautifying Venice. While negotiating with railroads to share the corridor, Soboroff came to know billionaire Philip Anschutz, the largest shareholder in Union Pacific Railroad. Soboroff urged Anschutz to build a sports and entertainment arena downtown that became Staples Center. In spite of all of Soboroff's business accomplishments, Riordan quipped, "He's a lousy golfer and has no taste for good wine." Vincent, Roger. "Steve Soboroff moving on from Playa Vista; He played a lead role in getting the project built" Los Angeles Times 21 April, 2010...



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August 14, 2013

Mr. Steve Soboroff

Dear Mr. Soboroff:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Police Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2018. 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 Justin Gonzalez in my Office at (213) 364-0506 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Ethics Pledge, 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. 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, California 90012. The division phone number is (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. You are required to 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 the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch Englander, the Chair of the Public Safety 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 Public Safety Committee. Some time thereafter, you will 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 in Room 395 of City Hall. Julie Ciardullo with the Mayor's staff will 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.

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

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI Mayor

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Attachment I Mr. Steve Soboroff August 14, 2013

#### **Nominee Check List**

#### I. Within three days:

\_\_\_\_\_ Get fingerprinted to complete a background check.

No appointment is necessary. Bring the Mayor's letter to: Background Unit of Employment Services Division, Personnel Department Building, 700 East Temple Street, Room 235, Los Angeles, California 90012. Phone: (213) 473-9343.

### II. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Julie Ciardullo, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax: 213-978-0720 or email: julie.ciardullo@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ethics Pledge

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

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

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

Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics

### III. Within 21 days:

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms in the mail 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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Your City Councilmember Mike Bonin (contact at 213-473-7011).

Councilmember Mitch Englander, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7012).

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