

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 reappointed Mr. Steve Cochran to the South Valley Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Cochran's current term expired on June 30, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Steve Cochran
Commission: South Valley Area Planning Commission
End of Term: June 30, 2018

Appointee Information

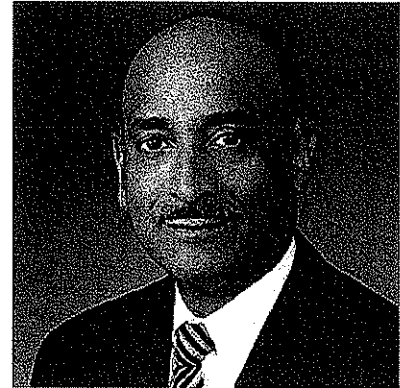
1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latino
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** South Valley Area Planning Commission
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Juris Doctor, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Attorney
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment Date	Term Ends
Cochran, Steve	South Valley	4	Latino	M	15-Jun-06	30-Jun-13
Epstein, Matt	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	28-Feb-11	30-Jun-17
Guzman, Noelle	South Valley	3	Latina	F	06-Aug-09	30-Jun-16
Mather, Lydia	South Valley	6	Caucasian	F	14-Aug-09	30-Jun-14
Murley, Gordon	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	28-Sep-05	30-Jun-15



Steve Cochran

Partner



Overview

Steve Cochran litigates high-stakes business disputes. He handles cases involving claims for theft of ideas or other intellectual property, defamation, wrongful termination, sexual harassment/discrimination, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and breach of contract. Steve also represents financial institutions in commercial real estate lawsuits to enforce extensions of credit and defend against allegations of lender liability.

Steve's trial successes include a judgment for a bank in a commercial real estate dispute, a judgment for a studio in a discrimination case brought by a federal agency, a verdict in favor of an entertainer suing for defamation, a judgment in favor of a studio sued for breach of contract and fraud, and a jury verdict after a six-month trial in favor of an entertainer sued for wrongful termination, sexual harassment/discrimination and other claims.

Steve routinely defends companies and individuals facing prosecution in state or federal court. In his criminal defense practice, he represents clients accused of mail fraud, money laundering, federal election fraud, improper disposal of regulated material, tax evasion and customs violations. In one notable representation, he successfully defended an attorney accused of serious spousal abuse.

Before joining Katten, Steve served as law clerk to the Honorable William P. Gray, US District Court, Central District of California, and as extern clerk to the Honorable Cecil F. Poole, US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Education

JD, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
BA, University of California, Santa Cruz

Court Admissions

Practices

FOCUS: Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Intellectual Property Litigation
White Collar Defense, Internal Investigations and Compliance
Private Equity
Copyrights and Copyright Litigation
Private Funds
Employment Law and Litigation
Trademarks and Trademark Litigation
Real Estate Litigation

Industries

Entertainment and Media Litigation
Financial Institutions
Entertainment and Media

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Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Recognition

2004–2013

2003–2004, 2007–2013

Memberships

Ninth Circuit Advisory Board

Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Executive Committee

Los Angeles South Valley Area Planning Commission

Central District of California Attorney Admission Fund Board

Federal Pro Bono Civil Rights Panel

Languages

- Spanish



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Mr. Steve Cochran

Dear Mr. Cochran:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the South Valley Area Planning Commission 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 reappointment 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.

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. Even though you have filed a Form 700 before, you are required to complete and return a new and current 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 Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management 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 Planning and Land Use Management 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti". The signature is stylized and cursive.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
Mr. Steve Cochran
August 14, 2013

Nominee Check List

I. 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**

II. 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**

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

- _____ **Your City Councilmember Tom LaBonge** (contact at 213-473-7004).
- _____ **Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7014).

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