



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

August 16, 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. Mel Levine to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2014. Mr. Levine will fill the vacancy created by Thomas S. Sayles, whom I removed effective August 28, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Mel Levine  
**Commission:** Board of Water and Power Commissioners  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2014

### 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:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Harvard Law School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Attorney
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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment Date	Term Ends
Holoman, Eric L.	South Valley	3	African American	M	12-Apr-10	30-Jun-15
Moss, Richard F.	West	11	Caucasian	M	14-Feb-11	30-Jun-17
Noonan, Christina	West	5	Latina	F	07-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Parfrey, Jonathan	Central	9	Caucasian	M	12-Jan-09	30-Jun-13
Sayles, Thomas S	West	5	African American	M	11-May-09	30-Jun-14

## Mel Levine

Mel Levine joined the international law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher as a partner in 1993. He retired from the firm in 2012 but continues to actively counsel clients as an Of Counsel to the firm. He served as a member of the United States Congress from 1983 until 1993 and as a member of the California Assembly from 1977 to 1982. He is a member of the California bar and the District of Columbia bar.

Mr. Levine was named one of the "100 Most Influential" lawyers in California. He chairs the Advisory Board of the Center on Public Diplomacy at USC's Annenberg School, is a member of the Advisory Board of the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California (Berkeley) and a Director of the Pacific Council on International Policy. He has served as U.S. Chair of the U.S.-Israel-Palestinian "Anti-Incitement" committee established by the Wye Plantation peace agreement, as a Presidential appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, as a U.S. government appointee to the U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Advisory Commission, as President of the American Friends of the (Yitzhak) Rabin Center in Israel, and as Board Chair of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

Mr. Levine's Congressional committee assignments included the Committee on Foreign Affairs and its subcommittees on International Economic Policy and Trade, Europe and the Middle East, and Asia; the Committee on the Judiciary and its subcommittee on Intellectual Property; and the Committee on the Interior and Insular Affairs. Mr. Levine was especially engaged in U.S. foreign policy involving international trade and Middle East policy. He served as Chair of the House Task Force on Exports. He also served as co-chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and chair of the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Latin America. Mr. Levine founded and co-chaired Rebuild America, an educational foundation to improve American competitiveness by increasing support for high-technology industries, improving education and rebuilding infrastructure. Between 1993 and 1997, Mr. Levine served, at the request of Vice President Gore, as co-President of Builders for Peace, the private sector effort to assist the Middle East peace process.

In the California Assembly, Levine was chair of the Energy subcommittee and author of California's Conservation Tax Credit legislation and California's Solar Rights Act.

Levine is player-manager of the Hollywood Stars adult baseball team (established 1971).

Mr. Levine received his law degree cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1969, a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University in 1966, and a bachelor's degree cum laude from the University of California at Berkeley in 1964.

Mr. Levine is married to journalist Connie Bruck, a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. They have four children, Adam Levine, Jake Levine, Cara Levine and Ari Schlossberg.



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Mr. Mel Levine

Dear Mr. Levine:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners 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 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.

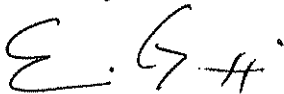
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Energy and Environment 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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Attachment I  
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### 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 Felipe Fuentes, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7007).

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