

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

August 23, 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. Ray Bidenost to the Board of Los Angeles Convention Center for the term ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Bidenost will fill the vacancy created by Diana M. Torres, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Bidenost 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Garcetti', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Ray Bidenost  
**Commission:** Board of Los Angeles Convention Center  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2016

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Asian Pacific Islander
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 13 - East
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Entrepreneur
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
Duckett, Nicole M.	Central	4	African American	F	21-Oct-11	30-Jun-13
Moritz, Neal	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	06-Aug-10	30-Jun-15
Purvis, Archie C.	South Valley	5	African American	M	04-Dec-06	30-Jun-14
Torres, Diana M. - RESIGNED	West	11	Latina	F	14-Dec-05	30-June-16
Zucker, Gillian	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	03-Jun-13	30-Jun-17

## Ray Bidenost

### BIOGRAPHY

Ray Bidenost was the guiding force in founding Chef Robert Catering, Inc. It was Ray's business acumen, strength of will and direction which prompted him and his partner, Chef Robert to take the plunge and form Chef Robert Catering, Inc. Through Ray's strategic direction and operational influence, CRC has become and continues to be an industry leader.

Having started a successful balloon company in Hollywood, which was later sold to an investor, Ray has much experience with the vagaries and challenges of managing a successful business. Motion Picture, Television & Commercial Catering is a highly competitive, often cyclical industry. Indeed, this brought about a new set of challenges, especially given the rules and regulations for mobile food facilities and a heavily regulated commissary. The City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California and Federal regulations are numerous. Ray's Operational and organizational excellence has kept the company in good stead, making sure the panoply of necessary permits and all of the requirements needed are anticipated and maintained, especially in an ever changing regulatory environment. To further the interest of the company as well as our industry Ray is the Founder/President of the Motion Picture & Television Mobile Catering Association (MPTMCA). His leadership shepherds over 25 companies, representing over 110 mobile food facilities. Ray is also a member of the California Retail Food Safety Coalition.

Ray encourages community involvement and support of his favorite causes include: The Boys & Girls Club of Hollywood, The Department of Children & Family Services, Sisters of Social Services, City of Los Angeles Student Media Film Festival, to name a few. During his free time Ray enjoys traveling with his husband Robert A. Lamkin, volunteer, and spending time with family.

#### Awards:

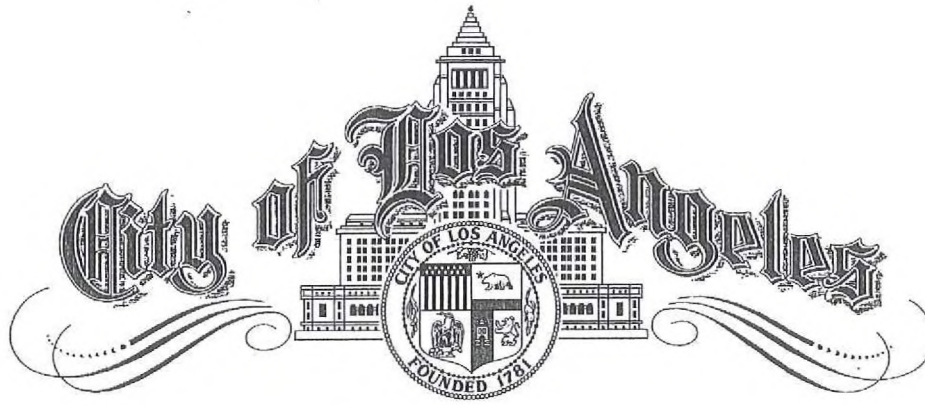
Small Business Leadership Awards-Finalists - San Fernando Valley Business Journal - October 2012

County of Los Angeles Commendation - Supervisor Mike Antonovich

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health- Certificate of Excellence - 2004, 2005 & 2006

Member of the Year - Valley Business Alliance - June 2007

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award - Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce - June 1995



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Mr. Ray Bidenost

Dear Mr. Bidenost:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Los Angeles Convention Center for the term ending June 30, 2016. 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.

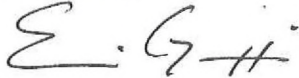
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mitch O'Farrell, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Curren Price, the Chair of the Economic Development Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Economic Development 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: 213-978-2760 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 Mitch O'Farrell** (contact at 213-473-7013).
- Councilmember Curren Price, Chair of the Council Committee**  
**considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7009).

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