

ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

November 26, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Councilmember Paul Koretz to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2016. Councilmember Koretz will fill the vacancy created by Dave Fleming, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Councilmember Koretz 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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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Paul Koretz
Commission: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
End of Term: December 31, 2016

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Los Angeles City Councilmember
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached biography
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the Mayoral appointments to the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment	
					Date	Term Ends
Fleming, Dave - RESIGNED	South Valley	2	Caucasian	M	25-Mar-09	31-Dec-16
Grunfeld, Aaron	Central	4	Caucasian	M	23-Nov-05	31-Dec-14
Murray, John W.	Central	4	African American	M	16-Nov-05	31-Dec-14
Quinonez, Jesus E.		0	Latino	M	16-Nov-05	31-Dec-16

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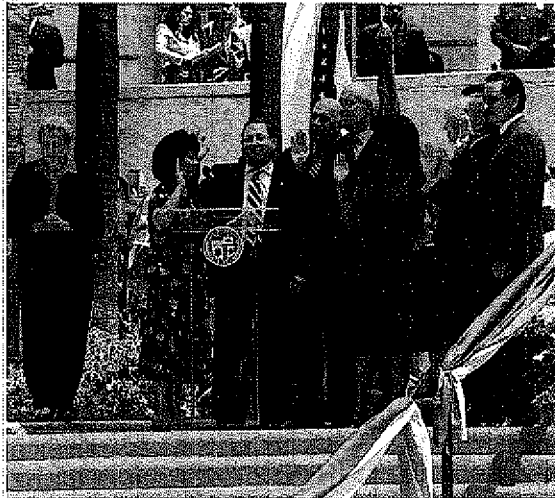
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On July 1, 2013, Paul Koretz took the oath of office to begin his second term as Los Angeles councilmember representing the city's historic Fifth District. He had been reelected in the March 2013 Los Angeles primary, having received 74.69% of the vote, Councilmember Koretz will continue to prioritize and champion the community-friendly, community-engaged style of governance that epitomized his first term, and that has been the hallmark of his distinguished career in public service.



Councilmember Koretz taking the oath of office with fellow Councilmembers

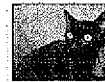
Whenever issues and proposals arise, the councilmember quickly invites his constituents to the table to be part of the discussion and review process. He and his staff are a constant presence in the communities of the 5th District, whether it's through frequent attendance and participation in the meetings of neighborhood organizations, or by holding regular one-on-one "office hour" meetings in district offices.

Among Paul Koretz' many first term efforts and accomplishments, some of the most memorable and notable have included:

- leading the fight to prevent cuts in our city's essential fire and emergency services, while working for pension reform and tough budgets to ensure that even in harsh economic times, the City of Los Angeles is fiscally sound;
- championing successful efforts to save beloved civic, community and cultural landmarks such as the historic Century Plaza Hotel, Los Encinos Park and the Sepulveda Garden Center;
- leading the charge to approve introduction of Administrative Code Enforcement (ACE) in Los Angeles, in order to help protect local neighborhoods from quality of life code violations;
- providing crucial leadership in the crafting and passage of the Hillside Ordinance, thereby protecting our hillsides from destruction by developers;
- placing Los Angeles at the forefront of environmentalism through such efforts as the single-use plastic bag ban, and by insisting on tough safety standards and practices regarding the San Onofre nuclear power plant;
- fighting for honesty and transparency from the LADWP, including by establishing a ratepayer advocate to protect against unwarranted rate hikes;
- saving City residents over \$100 million by convincing the DWP to use a less expensive method of meeting federal requirements to cover Upper Stone Canyon Reservoir;
- ending various abusive city policies such as those involving apron parking and red light cameras;
- getting many trees trimmed, potholes filled, streets paved and needed traffic signals installed despite the city's severely limited budget;
- teaming with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and other community organizations to enhance neighborhoods and promote neighborhood-friendly businesses and job creation;
- closing down neighborhood nuisances such as party houses and the club, Mermaids;
- outlawing the dreaded designer drugs know as "bath salts," which had been legally distributed in Los Angeles despite horrific acts of psychotic episodes and violence linked to bath salt usage;
- introducing landmark animal welfare initiatives such as the banning of cat declawing and puppy mills;

About Paul Koretz

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- teaming with residents and community groups to fight intrusive billboards and cell towers; and
- creating and supporting new parks and recreation facilities and the upgrading of old ones.

Paul's first term election, in 2009, was the result of a neighborhood-friendly campaign in which he emphasized the District's great need for an actively involved council office, not just at City Hall but on a non-stop basis in the community life of the 5th District.

Both as a candidate and an elected official, Koretz has always promised and delivered on his commitment to governmental efficiency, transparency, accountability and accessibility—principles that have guided his life of activism, service and leadership.

Born in the San Fernando Valley, Koretz was raised and schooled in the Westside portion of the Fifth District, attending Canfield Elementary School, Palms Middle School, Hamilton High School and then UCLA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history, founded the Bruin Democrats and ventured forth in many volunteer endeavors aimed at improving society and helping others.

Paul's awareness of humanitarian and political issues should be no surprise: his father escaped tyranny and Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews, emigrating to the United States and the Los Angeles area where he was a dedicated member of the hotel and restaurant employees union. Paul often joined his father on picket lines and in other efforts aimed at improving people's lot in life.

Paul learned the rigors, lessons and blessings of city service as an aide to two different Los Angeles councilmembers of monumental stature – Zev Yaroslavsky and then Marvin Braude – and during those years, would help many of the same residents and neighborhoods he now serves as councilmember.

From the mid-1980s, Paul lived in the City of West Hollywood, which is surrounded by the Fifth District. Paul helped lead the effort to incorporate that new city in 1984, thus establishing greater local accountability and constituent service. He was appointed as an aide to one of West Hollywood's original councilmembers, Alan Viterbi, whom he was later elected to replace, when Viterbi retired in 1988.

As councilmember for the City of West Hollywood – and as its mayor – Paul initiated and participated in many key efforts that boosted the city's efficiency and accountability, promoted jobs and the local economy, protected renters and homeowners, championed human and civil rights, delivered premium city services in a fiscally prudent manner, and made West Hollywood a regional model regarding the quality and aesthetics of city management.

Following in the tradition of Councilmembers Yaroslavsky and Braude, Paul also showed a staunch willingness to advocate and legislate concerning difficult causes, often in the face of torrid special interest opposition. He took on the gun lobby with pioneering legislation limiting the sales of handguns and banning assault weapons, thereby setting the standards for many other jurisdictions across the nation. His ordinance prohibiting smoking in restaurants similarly drew the fire of major lobbyists and interest groups, but he prevailed over the tobacco industry, and the model established in West Hollywood has inspired others and promoted public health nationwide.

Paul has also gained a national reputation as an environmental leader. He was the first Southern California Director of the California League of Conservation Voters, and served as Administrative Director of the Ecology Center of Southern California.

In 2000, Paul was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the 42nd Assembly District that includes much of the City of L.A.'s 5th District. He was reelected twice to his assembly post, serving the maximum-allowed three terms. In that capacity, he continued with many of his lifelong causes, serving as Chair of the Assembly Labor Committee, championing environmental bills and leading efforts to reduce gun violence. But he also helped to save California taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by fighting to reform workers compensation. He saved many lives with legislation such as his bill mandating that cigarettes sold in California be self-extinguishing – thus reducing the risk of fires set by smoldering cigarettes. And his "divestment" bill concerning Darfur made news worldwide about our moral standards and willingness to confront and end genocide.

At the same time, then-Assemblymember Koretz focused ceaseless energy on helping constituents in their daily lives, by promoting local transportation improvements and neighborhood empowerment.

Continuing in that tradition, Councilmember Koretz and his staff appear at many neighborhood council, homeowner group and chamber meetings. They are delighted to answer constituent questions, follow through on issues and hold town hall meetings. Paul hopes that his council service in the City of Los Angeles will help usher in a new era of a heightened commitment by the city to listen to the voice of the people, and to be ever-engaged in the life of our local neighborhoods. He is always eager to hear from, and work side by side with, Los Angeles constituents, organizations and community leaders. It is the perspective of Councilmember Paul Koretz that this city is to be governed not just by the anointed few, but by all who call it home.

Paul and his wife, Gail, live with their daughter, Rachel, in the 5th District.

You can email Paul at paul.koretz@lacity.org

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November 26, 2013

Honorable Paul Koretz

Dear Hon. Koretz:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2016. To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Remuneration Form **within one week** of receiving 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.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, the Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, to answer any questions he 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.




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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,

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

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment I
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Nominee Check List

I. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following form 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.

_____ **Remuneration Form**

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:

_____ **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.