



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

December 2, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Iris Zuñiga to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2015. Ms. Zuñiga will fill the vacancy created by Jill Troy Werner, whom I removed effective January 31, 2014 or at the time Ms. Werner's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Zuñiga is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. G. H.', written in a cursive style.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Iris Zuñiga  
**Commission:** Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2015

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latina
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 7 - North Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** MPA, California State University, Northridge
7. **Occupation/profession:** Chief Operating Officer, Youth Policy Institute
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 |
|--------------------|--------------|----|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|
| Alvarez, Lynn      | South Valley | 5  | Latina           | F      | 17-Feb-11        | 30-Jun-17 |
| Patsaouras, Sylvia | South Valley | 3  | Latina           | F      | 14-Aug-13        | 30-Jun-18 |
| Sanders, Barry A.  | West         | 5  | Caucasian        | M      | 14-Sep-07        | 30-Jun-16 |
| Stanley, W. Jerome | West         | 5  | African American | M      | 01-Oct-09        | 30-Jun-14 |
| Werner, Jill Troy  | West         | 11 | Caucasian        | F      | 02-Mar-10        | 30-Jun-15 |

## Iris Zuñiga

Iris Zuñiga is the Chief Operating Officer of the Youth Policy Institute (YPI), a leading non-profit organization in the region with an annual budget of \$41 million and more than 1,000 staff operating out of 125 program sites across Los Angeles. YPI's programs reach over 100,000 youth and adults each year. Since joining YPI in 2006, Iris has lead efforts to reinforce YPI's commitment to the communities it serves. Her day-to-day management efforts ensure that YPI effectively accomplishes its mission of eradicating poverty and increasing academic achievement. More recently Iris's efforts have resulted in the awarding of a \$30 million Promise Neighborhoods grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Promise Neighborhoods is President Obama's signature education and anti-poverty initiative. The Los Angeles Promise Neighborhood is targeting the communities of Pacoima and Hollywood with a cross-sector partnership that includes the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Department, the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District, and more than 60 community-based partners. Under Iris's leadership, YPI is also active in gang prevention efforts in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD). In addition, YPI has joined the City in groundbreaking initiatives targeting disconnected youth. YPI operates YouthSource Centers in Pacoima, Hollywood, and Pico Union, a YouthBuild program in the NE San Fernando Valley, and is a key partner in the Los Angeles Reconnections Career Academy, funded by a \$12 million innovation grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Before joining YPI, Iris served as Education and Health Field Deputy for California State Senator Richard Alarcon. In this capacity she oversaw the development and implementation of education and health community programs to support community residents, including the Valley Education Collaborative, Write it Right!, Got College?, and Insuring our Kids Future. Iris also served as an Assistant Education Consultant to the Senate Select Committee to Develop a Master Plan to End Poverty in California.

Iris received her A.A. degree from Los Angeles Mission College and transferred to UCLA where she earned her B.A. in Sociology and Chicano/a Studies and Masters of Public Administration (MPA) from California State University, Northridge. She was raised in Pacoima where her parents still reside today. She has completed training for the Coro Health Leadership Program, Center for Nonprofit Leadership Development Program, and Hispanas Organized for Political Equality, Leadership Program (HLI 2011). Iris is an active member of HOPE in addition to being a member of Comision Femenil of the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles Mission College President's Advisory Committee, and is also currently serving on the boards of the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project. Iris is the proud mother of a five-year-old girl.



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Ms. Iris Zuñiga

Dear Ms. Zuñiga:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2015. 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) 300-9935 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed 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.

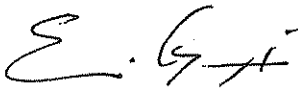
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Felipe Fuentes, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River 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  
Ms. Iris Zuñiga  
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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: 213-978-0719 or email: julie.ciardullo@lacity.org.

- 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 Felipe Fuentes** (contact at 213-473-7007).
- Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee**  
**considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7013).

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