



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

December 9, 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. Lara Yeretsian to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2014. Ms. Yeretsian will fill the vacancy created by Joy Atkinson, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Yeretsian 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. Garcetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Lara Yeretsian
Commission: Police Permit Review Panel
End of Term: June 30, 2014

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Southwestern University School of Law; L.L.M., Georgetown University Law Center
7. **Occupation/profession:** Attorney
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment	
					Date	Term Ends
Atkinson, Joy - RESIGNED	South	10	African American	F	01-May-09	30-Jun-14
Bustamante, Juan	South Valley	12	Latino	M	28-Feb-13	30-Jun-17
Castellanos, Anita	South Valley	3	Latina	F	21-Sep-05	30-Jun-15
Gelb, Rickey M.	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	04-Apr-06	30-Jun-16
Haskins, Angela S.	Central	9	Caucasian	F	26-Apr-10	30-Jun-15
Kil, William O.	East LA	14	Asian Pacific Islander	M	17-Mar-06	30-Jun-14
Robinson, Steve	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	14-Aug-13	30-Jun-18

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Lara Yeretsian is the founder and principal of Yeretsian Law established in January, 2010. She practices in the area of Criminal law and has done so for the last 15 years.

Ms. Yeretsian is a criminal defense attorney with an impressive track record. As a result of her many successes as a young lawyer, she has been a Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Star for eight consecutive years (2004-2011).

Prior to starting her own firm, Ms. Yeretsian gained significant experience during her ten years at the Law Offices of Geragos & Geragos. During her employment at the Geragos firm, she was involved in the defense of many celebrities including pop star Michael Jackson, hip hop star Nate Dogg, and James Bond Movie Director Lee Tamahori. As a trial lawyer, Ms. Yeretsian has an impeccable record.

Ms. Yeretsian also has experience in the areas of telecommunications and international law from both a legal and a journalist's perspective. Her international law background includes work with the United States House of Representatives, Committee of Commerce, and Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection. In this capacity, she gained insight into issues of international telecommunications, including the privatization of INTELSTAT and copyright compulsory licensing regime for retransmitting broadcast signals. She also worked on trade issues, including presidential fast track authority. Her commitment to human rights is a perspective she brought to the California State Bar, International Newsletter where she worked as a reporter on international legal issues.

Ms. Yeretsian is currently on the board of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and has been involved with this non-profit organization for the last eleven years. She has also served on the board of the Armenian National Committee of America, Western Region, the largest Armenian grass roots organization lobbying for the recognition of the Armenian Genocide and advancing issues of interest to Armenian Americans.

As part of her philanthropic work, Ms. Yeretsian has organized numerous fundraising events including an annual event at the world famous Comedy Store, where, for the past eleven years, she has assembled an impressive array of nationally known comedians to perform pro bono for the benefit of the organizations that she supports.

Ms. Yeretsian has clerked for Judge Robert M. Takasugi, United States District Court, Central

District of California. She has also clerked for Judge Bert Glennon of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Ms. Yeretsian received her LL.M. Degree (Masters of Laws) in International and Comparative law, with Distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1998; her J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law in 1997; her B.A. in Political Science from California State University at Northridge in 1994. Ms. Yeretsian is admitted to the State Bar of California; U.S. District Court, Central District of California; and U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia. She is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense lawyers and the Armenian Bar Association.

Ms. Yeretsian has received several awards including the 2006 and 2013 Volunteer Team of the Year Awards from The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and the 2010 Business Woman of the Year award from the Armenian Chamber of Commerce. She has also authored a chapter in the Book *Reaching the Bar: Stories of All Women at All Stages of Their Law Careers*.

Areas of Practice: Criminal Law

Year Admitted to Practice: 1998

Law Schools: Southwestern University School of Law (J.D.); Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.)



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Ms. Lara Yeretsian

Dear Ms. Yeretsian:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Police Permit Review Panel 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) 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.

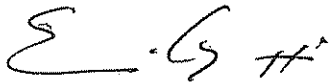
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch Englander, the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Public Safety 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. Lara Yeretsian
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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: 213-978-9719 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 Tom LaBonge** (contact at 213-473-7004).
_____ **Councilmember Mitch Englander, Chair of the Council Committee**
considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7012).

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