

ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

February 3, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. William "Blinky" Rodriguez to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2014, and for the subsequent term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Rodriguez will fill the vacancy created by Marc Little, whom I removed effective March 31, 2014 or at the time Mr. Little's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Rodriguez 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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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: William "Blinky" Rodriguez
Commission: Commission for Community and Family Services
End of Term: 6/30/2014

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latino
2. **Gender:** Male
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:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Communities in Schools
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):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Al-Mansour, Chancela	East LA	14	African American	F	25-Sep-12	30-Jun-16
Castillo, Carolina	East	14	Latina	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Chan, Yvonne	North Valley	12	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14
Duardo, Debra	East LA	14	Latina	F	22-Jun-11	30-Jun-14
Garcia, Mary	South Valley	2	Latina	F	08-Oct-10	30-Jun-16
Hill, Peggy	Central	4	African American	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Iglehart, Alfreda	Central	10	African American	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Lara, Alicia	Central	4	Latina	F	28-Sep-10	30-Jun-14
Little, Marc T.	East	14	African American	M	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14
Manigault, Michael	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	22-Jun-11	30-Jun-14
Miller, Carrie	Central	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14
Pinto, Angela	South Valley	2	Other	F	13-Aug-10	30-Jun-16
Thomas, Fred	South LA	8	African American	M	21-Feb-13	30-Jun-14
Torres, Benjamin	East	13	Latino	M	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Yaroslavsky, Barbara	Central	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14



**WILLIAM "BLINKY" RODRIGUEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS GREATER LOS ANGELES/SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

William "Blinky" Rodriguez is a multi-generational Californian raised in the San Fernando Valley by a single mother. Blinky along with his nine brothers and sisters attended a number of schools within LAUSD. Blinky is an Alumnus of the Valley Leadership class of "97".

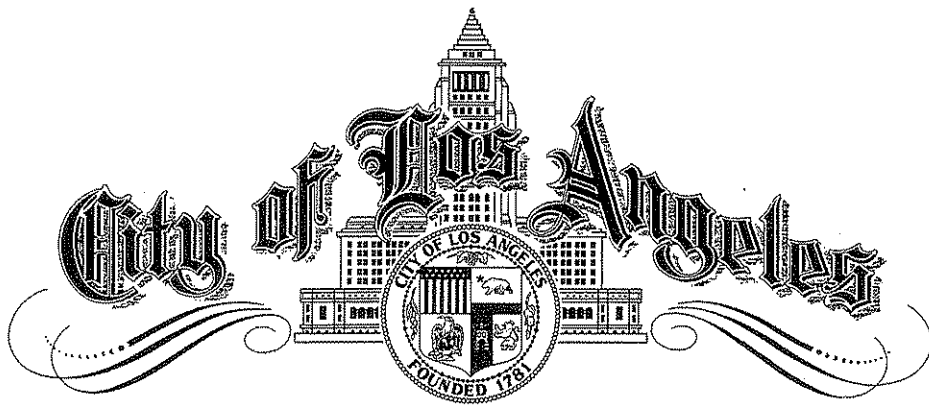
Blinky along with his wife of thirty eight years Lilly Rodriguez (RIP) has championed the martial arts virtually all over the world. They each achieved World Championship status over a twelve-year kickboxing career that allowed Blinky and Lilly to visit over 47 countries. In 1982, Blinky, Lily and brother-in-law/six-time champion, Benny "The Jet" Urquidez founded the world famous "The Jet Center" gym. This facility, located in Van Nuys, CA, became the Mecca of Martial Arts in the United States. Blinky and the staff also provided stunt coordination and film choreography classes and trained numerous celebrities. The Jet Center served as a major movie location and allowed Blinky to serve as a technical advisor for many motion pictures. Blinky was also a fight manager for numerous clients including World Champion Kick Boxer and World Champion Women Boxer Bridget "Baby Doll" Riley and boxing heavy weight contender Alex Garcia (Silver Medalist in World Games) whom Blinky mentored upon Alex's release from San Quintin State Prison. Blinky has served as television commentator for Fox Sports "Prime Ticket" and "Pay Per View" shows for the last 25 years. In 1994, Blinky was inducted into the Black belt Hall of Fame.

As a world-class kick-boxer and Promoter Blinky has worked with youth since the 70's. However, in 1990 the work became personal when he fell victim to gang violence. Sonny, his 16-year-old son was killed in a drive-by shooting. It was this tragedy that inspired Blinky to dedicate his life to ending gang violence. Despite intense anger, hurt and chilling grief, he and his wife Lilly through the power of God had the courage to meet the three killers face-to-face in the courtroom, not for retribution, but to forgive them.

Numerous national and international leaders including Nelson Mandela, Jimmy Carter, Dr. Jane Goodall, Al Gore and Barbara Boxer have recognized the work of Blinky and Communities In Schools. CIS violence prevention and intervention practices have been replicated in the USA, Germany, Tanzania, England and South Africa. In 1998, Blinky received the Medaille d'Excellence, presented in Switzerland to only 14 people worldwide in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Blinky has earned over eighty-three awards for his work. LA Mayor James Hahn, A&E Television and their Biography series as a 2002 Biography Community Hero selected him for his service to LA. Blinky and the staff of CIS were featured in the November 2002 Reader's Digest article on "Everyday Heroes". In 2003, he received the Angel of Peace Award from the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles, the Simon Bolivar Liberty Award from Mayor Hahn and the Peacekeepers Award from the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council.

Blinky is a highly skilled motivational speaker and is guest speaker at many venues. He conducted prayers at the White House in 1996 and the California State Governor's Breakfast in 1997.

Blinky is a father of six children, a grandfather of nine granddaughters' and godfather to countless children throughout the San Fernando Valley. The name "Blinky" was given to him affectionately by his mother & grandmother when he was 6 months old.



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Mr. William "Blinky" Rodriguez

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2014 and for the subsequent term ending June 30, 2018. 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) 922-9788 to make arrangements.

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. Inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Shannon Prior at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

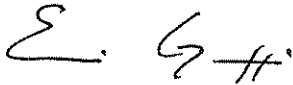
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Felipe Fuentes, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee, to answer any questions they may have. 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. Cary Gross 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
Mr. William "Blinky" Rodriguez
February 3, 2014

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: Cary Gross, 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: cary.gross@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.