



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

February 12, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Ruth Galanter to the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board for the term ending June 30, 2016. Ms. Galanter will fill the vacancy created by Barker Khorasanee, whom I removed effective March 31, 2014 or at the time Mr. Khorasanee's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Galanter 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 'Eric Garcetti'.

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Ruth Galanter
Commission: Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board
End of Term: 6/30/2016

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** California Coastal Commission
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Master of City Planning, Yale University
7. **Occupation/profession:** Owner and Principal, Galanter and Company
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	Authority	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Serrano, Nilza - PENDING	Garcetti	East LA	14	Latina	F	30-Jan-14	30-Jun-15
Greenwood, Elizabeth	Elected-Active				F	01-Jul-09	30-Jun-14
Lee, Jaime - PENDING	Garcetti	West LA	5	API	F	12-Feb-14	30-Jun-17
Khorasaneh, Barker	Villaraigosa	North Valley	12	API	M	11-Mar-13	30-Jun-16
Rogers, Richard	Elected-Active				M	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-18
Briggs, William - PENDING	Garcetti	North Valley	12	African American	M	12-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Wilkinson, Michael	Elected-Retired				M	10-Sep-13	30-Jun-15

Ruth Galanter is currently Adjunct Faculty at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and has served as Distinguished Scholar at Loyola Marymount University, where she worked with the Center for Urban Resilience and with the Urban Studies program. She served for 16 years as a member of the Los Angeles City Council, during which she represented economically and ethnically diverse communities on the West Side, in Crenshaw, and in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

As a councilmember, Galanter transformed the attitude of Los Angeles City Hall toward environmental issues. She was a policy leader in issues of water supply, water and energy conservation, recycling, airports and harbor business and planning, wetlands protection, and affordable housing. Her many accomplishments include: the introduction of “low-flow” toilet laws, which changed an entire industry and saved millions of acre-feet of water, and resolving decades-long controversies to achieve fluoridation of the municipal water supply, restoration of the Venice Canals and Venice Pier, and protection of Mono Lake. She authored the City’s “child support check-off” ordinance which guarantees child and spousal support payments owed by city employees and the “clinic protection ordinance” restricting interference with abortion providers and clients. She also served as Council President and President Pro Tempore.

Prior to her 1987 election to the City Council, Ms. Galanter was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Coastal Commission. She also served as a consultant to the State Coastal Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Ms. Galanter worked in public health as an organizer with the Health Policy Advisory Center in New York, as editor of the Health Law Newsletter in Los Angeles, and on many committees of the American Public Health Association including the editorial board of the American Journal of Public Health. She has been a popular guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities and author or co-author of many articles and opinion pieces.

Her work has been recognized by environmental organizations, the US EPA, the National Recycling Coalition, and the Los Angeles County Dental Association, among others, and is referenced in at least three books.

Ms. Galanter holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in literature from the University of Michigan and a Master of City Planning degree from the Yale University School of Art and Architecture. She was born and raised in New York City.

Since leaving the City Council in 2003, Ms. Galanter has served as a consultant to diverse organizations and on the boards of Pacific Resident Theater, California Environmental Trust, and Venice Canals Foundation. She also reads a lot.



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Ms. Ruth Galanter

Dear Ms. Galanter:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board 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) 922-9788 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 Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance 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 Budget and Finance 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,

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

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Attachment I
Ms. Ruth Galanter
February 12, 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.*
_____ **CEC Form 60**

IV. As soon as possible, the Mayor's Office will schedule a meeting with you and:

_____ **Your City Councilmember Mike Bonin** (contact at 213-473-7011).
_____ **Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee
considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7002).

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