



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

June 8, 2016

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Negest (Nikki) Legesse to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Legesse's current term expires on June 30, 2016.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Legesse 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".

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Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Negest (Nikki) Legesse  
**Commission:** Commission for Community and Family Services  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2020

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
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:** Commission for Community and Family Services
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Little Ethiopia Cultural and Resource Center
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt Date	Term End
Collado, Gerlie	North Valley	12	Asian Pacific Islander	F	06-Jun-14	30-Jun-18
Eidmann, Kathryn	East LA	13	Caucasian	F	27-Jun-14	30-Jun-16
Beserra-Nunez, Irma	South Valley	5	Latina	F	27-Jan-14	30-Jun-18
Farar, Ilana	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Hawthorne, Jacquelynn	South LA	8	African American	F	06-Jun-14	30-Jun-16
Hill, Peggy	Central	4	African American	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Legesse, Nikki	West	11	African American	F	10-Mar-14	30-Jun-16
Leviste, Mariedel	South Valley	3	African American	F	06-Jun-14	30-Jun-18
Marcus, Deborah	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	05-Aug-14	30-Jun-18
Maxey, Tara	East LA	1	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Rodriguez, William "Blinky"	North Valley	7	Latino	M	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Torres, Benjamin	East	13	Latino	M	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Yaroslavsky, Barbara	Central	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-18
Zamora, Raquel	East LA	14	Latina	F	06-Jun-14	30-Jun-16



Negest (Nikki) Legesse was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After graduating from high school Negest moved to Buffalo, New York, to attend college. Soon after completing her Bachelor degree from Canisius College, she decided to leave cold and snowy Buffalo for a sunnier and warmer place. Negest moved to Los Angeles where she completed law school and discovered her deep passion for helping others realize their dreams. Ever since, she has helped countless people acquire small businesses and has offered her knowledge and experience to ensure their success.

In 2003 she founded the Ethiopian American Chamber of Commerce serving over 100 businesses, helped organize the Little Ethiopia Business Association and created the International Unity Parade and Ethiopian Community Development Center. Negest was the president and board member of Ethiopian American Youth Development, an organization dedicated to the development of Ethiopian Youth in Los Angeles as well as in Ethiopia. Negest is the president of International Aid and Culture, non-profit organization that promotes art and youth. Additionally, Negest is committed to helping homeless youth in South Los Angeles where she provided housing to those in need. Negest is also the Co-Founder of Ethiopia Creates, a program that fosters and promotes Ethiopian artists and Ethiopian Art. Negest continues her work as an ambassador of the Ethiopian Community promoting its culture, history and language and contributing to the Los Angeles Community at large. She recently opened the Little Ethiopia Cultural and Resource Center where she provides services including but not limited to the Ethiopian community, particularly for adopted kids and their families.

Negest worked in the 2010 census and awarded recognition of the work done. She was a board member of Pico Neighborhood Council for more than three years. She is currently serving as a City of Los Angeles commissioner, Commission for Community and family services. She is also president of Legesse Enterprises, Inc. a real estate investment company.



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Ms. Negest (Nikki) Legesse

Dear Ms. Legesse:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2020. 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 Claudia Luna in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment 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.

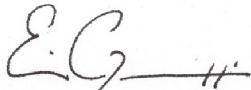
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Housing Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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. Claudia Luna 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,

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Attachment I  
Ms. Negest (Nikki) Legesse  
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### Nominee Check List

#### I. Within seven days:

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

#### II. 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 Gilbert Cedillo, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7001.)

Staff in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations will assist you with these arrangements.