

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

May 2, 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. Eric Bates to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Bates will fill the vacancy created by James Silcott, whom I removed effective June 30, 2014 or at the time Mr. Silcott's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Bates is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, 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', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Eric Bates  
**Commission:** South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2017

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Whittier College School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Deputy Attorney General III, California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General
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
Carson, David Malcolm	South LA	10	African American	M	10-Mar-14	30-Jun-19
Franklin, Victoria	South LA	8	African American	F	20-Apr-11	30-Jun-16
Mills, Rochelle	South LA	10	African American	F	18-Nov-05	30-Jun-15
Silcott, James E.	South LA	10	African American	M	25-May-00	30-Jun-17
Willis, Gail A.	South LA	10	African American	F	09-Aug-13	30-Jun-18

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ERIC D. BATES

Senior Litigator – Regulation/Policy advisor

*A highly experienced senior litigator with tremendous trial experience, who has demonstrated the ability to succeed in both state and federal courts. Proven success rate of 98% in federal civil rights actions. Established track record of successful analysis of state and federal regulations as well as policies of California state agencies. Ability to identify agencies' deficiencies and provide innovative, compliance solutions.*

**Recent Accomplishments**

- Successful defense of California Department of Health Care Services in \$1 million lawsuit by Los Angeles Unified School District.
- Successful defense of State of California in \$91 million School Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program.
- Successful representation of the California Department of Finance in litigation against school districts for reimbursement of instructional funds involving \$135 million program.
- Published case of first impression opinion - United States Court of Appeals-Ninth Circuit (*Seaton v. Mayberg* (2010) 610 F.3d 530.)
- Successful litigation involving California teacher for inappropriate relationship with student, resulting in revocation of license.

***Professional Experience***

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Los Angeles  
California**

October 2001 - Present

***Deputy Attorney General III***

- Lead litigator in over 20 federal civil rights lawsuits, with successful results in 98% of the lawsuits.
- Lead litigator in Medi-Cal billing and recovery litigation, recovering in excess \$500,000 from probate estates for the State of California.
- Published case of first impression opinion - United States Court of Appeals-Ninth Circuit (*Seaton v. Mayberg* (2010) 610 F.3d 530.)

- Successfully prosecuted administrative Accusations involving negligent acts of emergency medical personnel, teachers and others licensed by the State of California, resulting in suspensions and revocation of licenses.
- Advisor of state and federal regulations to state agency staff counsels and chief counsels.
- Team member of the Complex Litigation Team created to defend the State of California in civil rights actions pursuant to the Sexual Violent Predator Act. Successful in over 98% of the federal litigation.
- Career litigation in excess of 40 criminal and civil jury trials.

**LAW OFFICES OF ERIC D. BATES, Los Angeles, California**

November 1998 – October 2001

***Litigation Attorney***

- Litigation of personal injury, criminal and entertainment actions.

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE, Los Angeles, California**

July 1994 – October 1998

***Deputy Public Defender***

- Representation of indigent clients in criminal jury trials, conducted in excess of 200 preliminary hearing.
- Trained and supervised more than 20 incoming Deputy Public Defenders in a voluminous arraignment court.

**LAW OFFICES JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR., Los Angeles, California**

January 1992 – June 1994

***Associate / Law Clerk***

- Instrumental in the newly created Entertainment Division, litigation of sports and entertainment clients including drafting and reviewing of contracts.
- Successful representation of prominent student athlete in NCAA litigation.

**EDUCATION**

***Juris Doctorate, May (1993)***  
Whittier College, School of Law

***Bachelors of Science, Marketing (1989)***  
California State University, Dominguez Hills



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Mr. Eric Bates

Dear Mr. Bates:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017. 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.

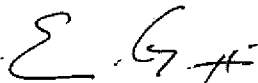
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Herb J. Wesson, Jr., your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management 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".

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Attachment I  
Mr. Eric Bates  
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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: 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 Herb J. Wesson, Jr.** (contact at 213-473-  
7010).  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair of the Council Committee**  
**considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7014).

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