



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

May 21, 2018

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Ben Besley to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Board of Commissioners for the term ending June 6, 2022. Mr. Besley's current term expires on June 6, 2018.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Besley 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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Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Ben Besley  
**Commission:** Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Board of Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/6/2022

### Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Board of Commissioners
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** M.B.A., Harvard Business School
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Vice President of Development, City Ventures
- 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	Term End
Castro, Cielo	East LA	14	Latina	F	06-Jun-21
Besley, Ben	Central	4	Caucasian	M	06-Jun-18
Tenenbaum, Daniel	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	06-Jun-19
Cadena, Noramay	North Valley	7	Latina	F	06-Jun-21
Hooper, Lucelia	Harbor	15	African American	F	06-Jun-20
De La Cruz, Delfino	North Valley	7	Latino	M	06-Jun-20
Núñez, Daria	East LA	14	Latina	F	06-Jun-19

## BEN BESLEY

### Experience

- 2017-present **MIDWOOD INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT** **LOS ANGELES, CA**  
*Diversified national real estate investment platform.*  
**Senior Vice President, Development**
- Oversee design and construction of a landmark mixed-use retail and hospitality development on the Los Angeles River.
  - Evaluate opportunities for future retail, mixed-use and residential development opportunities in Los Angeles and Southern California.
- 2009 - 2017 **CITY VENTURES** **LOS ANGELES, CA**  
*Leading infill residential and mixed-use developer in California.*  
**Vice President of Development**
- Managed development projects and teams responsible for due diligence, underwriting, design, entitlement and permitting for residential and mixed-use projects throughout California. 28 communities approved totaling more than 1,500 homes.
  - Interim President for Northern California development operations.
- 2007 - 2009 **BIG ROCK PARTNERS** **BEVERLY HILLS, CA**  
*Mid-market opportunity fund investing in various asset types throughout the Western U.S.*  
**Vice President of Development**
- Repositioned and managed office, retail, hotel, restaurant and residential assets valued at \$275 million through acquisition, renovation and operational improvements.
  - Managed design, construction, marketing and sales for \$85 million adaptive re-use condominium project.
- 2002 - 2007 **THE OLSON COMPANY** **SEAL BEACH, CA**  
*Private in-fill residential and mixed-use developer active throughout California.*  
**Vice President of Development**
- Managed land acquisition, design, entitlement and project finance for over \$300 million in development across Los Angeles County.
- 1999 - 2001 **LIGHTSPAN** **SAN DIEGO, CA**  
*Venture-backed educational software provider now owned by Plato Learning.*  
**Vice President of Development**
- Directed strategy, partnerships and acquisitions from bridge financing through IPO.
- 1994-1998 **SCORE EDUCATION CENTERS** **SAN FRANCISCO, CA**  
*K-12 platform for Kaplan Education, a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company.*  
**Vice President of Development**
- Identified new sites using GIS data, designed new store prototype and managed simultaneous store build-out across the country.
- Education**
- 1998 - 1999 **HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL** **BOSTON, MA**  
**Master of Business Administration**
- 1989 - 1993 **COLUMBIA COLLEGE** **NEW YORK, NY**  
**Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies.**
- Personal**
- 2014 - present **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES** **LOS ANGELES, CA**  
**Chair, Board of Commissioners**



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Mr. Ben Besley

Dear Mr. Besley:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles Board of Commissioners for the term ending June 6, 2022. 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.

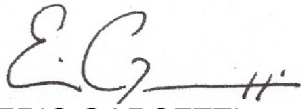
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with David Ryu, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when 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  
Mr. Ben Besley  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mail or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, 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 David Ryu**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination**

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