

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

June 6, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Dr. Mariedel Leviste to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2018. Dr. Leviste will fill the vacancy created by Yvonne Chan, whose term expires June 30, 2014.

I certify that in my opinion Dr. Leviste 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'.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Dr. Mariedel Leviste  
**Commission:** Commission for Community and Family Services  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2018

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Asian Pacific Islander
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 3 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Medical Director, Longevity and Aesthetic Institute of Los Angeles
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
Beserra-Nunez, Irma	South Valley	5	Latina	F	27-Jan-14	30-Jun-18
Castillo, Carolina	East	14	Latina	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Chan, Yvonne -EXPIRED	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
Farar, Ilana	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
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
Legesse, Nikki	West	11	African American	F	10-Mar-14	30-Jun-16
Maxey, Tara	East LA	1	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Pinto, Angela	South Valley	2	Other	F	13-Aug-10	30-Jun-16
Rodriguez, William "Blinky"	North Valley	7	Latino	M	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
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

**Mariedel Leviste M.D.**  
**Medical Director, Longevity and Aesthetic Institute of Los Angeles**  
**Diplomate American Board of Internal Medicine & Dermatology**

Dr. Leviste is an award winning physician and surgeon, artist, educator, author and speaker. She is considered an expert in evaluation and treatment of the Aging skin, with particular expertise in Ethnic skin and Women of Color. She is an award-winning research scientist and anti-aging expert. She trains physicians world-wide, having lectured in several countries.

She is the author of several scientific publications and a former editor-in-chief of PMSSC Medical Newsletter with medical columns in a few local newspapers.

She has served as a consultant to a number of boards, cosmetic and drug companies and is founder and president of Biodermik, Inc., a cosmoceutical and weight reduction line tailored for wellness and prevention of complications of diabetes (her other passion) and other internal diseases.

Dr. Leviste was tremendously passionate about the science and practice of medicine and surgery at a very young age. She came from a philanthropic and political family in the Philippines. As a teenager, she was active in community service, joined medical missions and later assisted in multiple surgical procedures including thyroidectomy under acupuncture anesthesia led by Chinese doctors from Beijing and OB-GYN procedures with the Karolinska Institute. After medical school, she later studied and trained at the State University of New York, State University of New Jersey, New York Medical College-St. Vincent in New York and in Paris, France for Cosmetic Surgery Fellowship. She later moved to Los Angeles, CA and started a medical practice. She was active in multiple medical and community associations including Fasgi,

Filipino-town and co-founded Kasama Foundation, a non-profit organization devoted to helping immigrants, disabled, and the unfortunate in their medical and legal needs. She volunteered to be the Dermatologist for homeless children including Children of the Night, Projecto Del Barrio, Pacific Boys and Girls Club. She later co-founded Medical Missions, Inc., sponsoring missions to the Philippines and Latin American countries. She helped set-up the family charity hospital and medical library in the Philippines and donated children's books and all her health, art and medical books "Aklat ni Mariedel". She helped pioneered the green revolution in the Philippines and later founded the Research Scientist International Organization devoted to the advancement of science, medicine and technology. She someday hopes to do exchange student fellowship between the family donated university in the Philippines and the California School system specializing in science and biotechnology.

Being an active member of Asia society, together with her husband, they organized and spearheaded successful trade missions in Southeast Asia and was able to successfully connect businesses in the U.S. and Asia.

She received multiple awards, twice as Woman of the Year, Ten Outstanding Asian Women of America, Investigative Medical Researcher, Medical Practitioner of the year, also honored as One of the Five Outstanding Health Care Professionals given by Los Angeles City Council headed by then Councilman Eric Garcetti. Last August 13, she was selected as outstanding medical practitioner for community service by Filipino-town organization.

She also recently founded Telemedicine Inc. (specializing Dermatology) which later will expand to other services. Patients are now able to see physicians from the comfort of their own homes, offices - making access to medical care easier and more affordable. She is also active in Regenerative Medicine doing cutting-edge treatments using adult stem cells. She is also active in Genomics, Wireless technologies and Biotech innovations and Longevity research.

This year, she founded and is the president of National Health Care ACO (Accountable Care Organization), an organization that aligns and collaborate all services of physicians, hospitals, social workers and all healthcare providers to provide highest quality of medical care and minimize cost with emphasis on wellness and prevention, telehealth, patient education and connectivity ([www.nationalhealthcareaco.com](http://www.nationalhealthcareaco.com)).



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

June 6, 2014

Dr. Mariedel Leviste

Dear Dr. Leviste:

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, 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 Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 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.

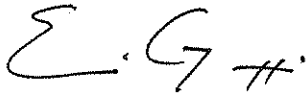
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Bob Blumenfield, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Housing 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 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  
Dr. Mariedel Leviste  
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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 email: [cary.gross@lacity.org](mailto: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 Bob Blumenfield** (contact at 213-473-7003).  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7001).

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