



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

July 17, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. William Saxe Epps to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Epps's current term expired on June 30, 2014.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Epps 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 that reads 'E. Garcetti'.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** William Saxe Epps  
**Commission:** Affordable Housing Commission  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2019

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 9 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Doctor of Ministry, St. Mary's Seminary and University
7. **Occupation/profession:**
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

| Name               | APC          | CD | Ethnicity              | Gender | Appt date | Term end  |
|--------------------|--------------|----|------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Chavez, Mario      | East         | 14 | Latino                 | M      | 14-Aug-13 | 30-Jun-18 |
| Epps, William Saxe | Central      | 9  | African American       | M      | 15-Aug-02 | 30-Jun-14 |
| Jacinto, Joel      | West LA      | 11 | Asian Pacific Islander | M      | 28-Feb-14 | 30-Jun-19 |
| Navarro, Pete      | East         | 14 | Latino                 | M      | 02-Dec-05 | 30-Jun-16 |
| Pak, Ben           | North Valley | 12 | Asian Pacific Islander | M      | 18-Apr-14 | 30-Jun-15 |
| Sotelo, Dalila     | Central      | 14 | Latina                 | F      | 16-May-14 | 30-Jun-17 |
| Sullivan, Bryan    | South Valley | 4  | Caucasian              | M      | 28-Feb-14 | 30-Jun-19 |

## WILLIAM SAXE EPPS

The Reverend Doctor William Saxe Epps, a native of Rochester, New York began his tenure at Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles on Thursday, October 1, 1987 and was installed as the eighth pastor of Second Baptist on Sunday, January 31, 1988. His preparation for the ministry began with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bishop College, Dallas, Texas in 1966; a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York, in 1969 and a Master of Education degree from Columbia University, New York City in 1970. He received the Doctor of Ministry degree at St Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland in 1987. He also studied at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and Boston University in Massachusetts.

The Reverend Doctor Epps came to Second Baptist, LA after completing a four year stay at the historic Second Baptist Church of Detroit, MI. During his tenure at Second-Detroit, the sanctuary of the church was completely renovated, the "Underground Railroad Station" was restored and remodeled as a tourist attraction and programmatic councils were formed which oversee the programs of the church. It was during his pastorate of Second Baptist that he received his Doctor of Ministry degree from St. Mary's Seminary.

Before going to Second Baptist Detroit, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC. Prior to First Baptist, he served as minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was Assistant Minister of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, 1968-1974. He has also taught Old Testament at the Northern Baptist School of Religion in Newark, New Jersey.

His secular experiences include public school teaching in Massachusetts and New York and a position on the Congressional Staff of the late Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. in 1972. He also served as an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of District Nine in the New York City Public Schools.

His current civic and community activities include: President of Canaan Housing Corporation, a nonprofit, Church based, community organization which seeks to improve the quality of life in the South Central community by developing affordable housing, revitalizing the community and establishing economic and self-help programs and Member of Board of Directors Skid Row Housing Trust, LA; and member of the M&M Board of Managers. He serves as the convener for Forums in Black, a citywide African-American History month celebration.

The Reverend Doctor Epps participates in the World Baptist Alliance, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. and the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.

The Reverend Epps is married to the former Agretta Denise Holloway. They are the parents of two daughters, Jacqueline Jeannelle. and Andrea Nichole.



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Mr. William Saxe Epps

Dear Mr. Epps:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2019. 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 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 Curren Price, 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. Some time 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. Cary Gross will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Attachment I  
Mr. William Saxe Epps  
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### Nominee Check List

**I. 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**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Curren Price** (contact at (213) 473-7009).

\_\_\_\_\_ **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.