



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 29, 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. Sam Lucas to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 2022. Mr. Lucas's current term expired on May 20, 2018.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Lucas 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 'E. Garcetti' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Sam Lucas
Commission: Rent Adjustment Commission
End of Term: 5/20/2022

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 1 - East Los Angeles
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Rent Adjustment Commission
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Southwestern Law School
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Lucas Legal, Solo Practitioner
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioners	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Gershman-Pitts, Leonora	East LA	14	Caucasian	F	20-May-18
Brogdon, Carole	Central	4	Caucasian	F	20-May-18
Leftwich, Paula	South LA	8	African American	F	20-May-18
Lucas, Sam E.	East LA	1	Caucasian	M	20-May-18
Paul, Jane	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	20-May-18
Hidalgo, Ernesto	East LA	14	Latino	M	20-May-18
Stolarz, Dash	South Valley	3	Caucasian	F	20-May-18

EXPERIENCE

Lucas Legal, *Solo Practitioner*

March 2012-Present Los Angeles, CA

August 2009- June 2011 West Hollywood, CA

Solo practice focusing on family law, probate, estate planning, small business litigation, and real estate transactions and litigation; drafted complaints, prepared demand correspondence, and negotiated settlements in real estate litigation matters; drafted estate plans, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and advance health care directives; appeared in court on all matters; performed extensive legal research; conducted client intake interviews and case evaluation

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, *Contract Attorney*

August 2014-February 2015 Los Angeles, CA

March 2014-July 2014 Los Angeles, CA

February 2013-October 2013 Los Angeles, CA

September 2012-January 2013 Los Angeles, CA *Team Leader*

December 2011 Los Angeles, CA

Supervisory Experience: training document review team, compiling training materials, supervising quality control, designing reports for use by litigation team, and drafting privilege log. Contract attorney focusing on document review for complex financial services arbitration, real estate litigation, and mergers & acquisitions litigation, including electronic and paper review, issue-tagging documents produced by opposing party and privilege review; used Relativity and DocuMatrix e-discovery software

Bingham McCutchen, *Contract Attorney*

September 2012 San Francisco, CA

September 2011-December 2011 San Francisco, CA

Contract attorney focusing on document review for complex mortgage securities banking litigation, including review projects for production, deposition preparation, and privilege; used Xerox XLS e-discovery software

Latham & Watkins, *Contract Attorney*

March 2012-May 2012 San Francisco, CA

Contract attorney focusing on review of documents for responsiveness to Justice Department Antitrust Division demand for documents under Premerger Notification Rules & Regulations; used Relativity e-discovery software; prepared privilege log and trained colleagues on same

Bennett & Erdman, *Associate*

November 2007-June 2009 Los Angeles, CA

Appeared in court on family law, small business and real property litigation and probate matters; drafted complaints, petitions, motions, answers, responses, discovery responses, research memoranda, and correspondence to opposing counsel; prepared witness declarations and conducted interviews with potential witnesses; reviewed and compiled documents for discovery production; communicated with clients; assisted in development of strategy and management of cases; performed extensive legal research

United States District Court, *Judicial Extern to Hon. S. James Otero, United States District Court Judge*

March 2007-May 2007 Los Angeles, CA

Drafted orders pertaining to summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, motions in limine, and motions to amend pleadings; researched and prepared jury instructions for civil and criminal trials

Sunset Strip Business Improvement District, Executive Director

June 2002 – June 2004 West Hollywood, CA

Directed daily activities of the Business Improvement District in one of the nation's highest profile entertainment boroughs; managed \$600,000 annual budget and 12-15 employees; successfully lobbied for ordinance amendments designed to meet goals of member businesses and residents; directed advocacy efforts on behalf of businesses and residents regarding traffic, noise, public safety, and code compliance

EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, SCALE accelerated program, May 2007

Student Editor, Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law

Competitor, Moot Court, UCLA Law School/The Williams Institute, 2007

Recipient, CALI "Excellence for the Future" Award (highest grade in course): Evidence/Trial Advocacy

Research Assistant to Prof. Karen Smith, 2006

Transylvania University, Lexington, KY

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Marketing Emphasis, May 1994

Recipient, Dean's List Honors, Monroe Moosnick Scholarship

ADMITTED

California, 2007

Kentucky, 2010

United States District Court for the Central District of California, 2007

COMMUNITY

Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney (Conservatorships, Trusts & Estates) 2014-present

Los Angeles County Bar Association Diversity in the Profession Committee, Member, 2013-present

Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Volunteer Attorney (Immigration), 2006-present

Lesbian & Gay Lawyers Association, Member, 2007-Present; Board Member, 2007-2011

Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Volunteer Attorney (Family Law), 2007-2010

West Hollywood Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, Board Member, 2002-2004

West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Board Member, 2001-2002



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Mr. Sam Lucas

Dear Mr. Lucas:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 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.

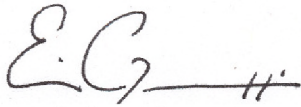
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Gilbert Cedillo, your Councilmember, and the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions he may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be 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. 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. Sam Lucas
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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 Gilbert Cedillo**

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