

# ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

October 20, 2015

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Lorraine A. Paskett to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 2019.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Paskett is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

Mayor

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Attachment



#### COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name:

Lorraine A. Paskett

Commission:

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California** 

End of Term:

12/31/2019

#### **Appointee Information**

1. Race/ethnicity: Latina

2. Gender: Female

3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:

4. Are you a registered voter? Yes

5. Prior commission experience:

6. Highest level of education completed: J.D., McGeorge School of Law

**7. Occupation/profession:** Owner and Manager of Cambridge LCF Group, Lavette Properties and Paskett Winery

8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment: See attached resume

9. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):

| Commissioner       | APC     | CD | Ethnicity           | Gender | Appt Date | Term End  |
|--------------------|---------|----|---------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Dake, Glen         | East LA | 13 | Caucasian           | М      | 11-Dec-14 | 31-Dec-18 |
| Koretz, Paul       | Central | 5  | Caucasian           | М      | 26-Nov-13 | 31-Dec-16 |
| Murray, John W.    | Central | 4  | African<br>American | М      | 16-Nov-05 | 31-Dec-18 |
| Quinonez, Jesus E. |         | 0  | Latino              | М      | 16-Nov-05 | 31-Dec-16 |

### Lorraine A. Paskett Biography

Lorraine Paskett has more than 25 years in the energy, water and environmental sectors with 15 years of focused experience in the energy sector. Ms. Paskett graduated from McGeorge School of Law in 1995 and has been a member of the California State Bar since December 1995. She served as an assistant public defender in Sacramento County, focusing on the juvenile justice and dependency systems. Ms. Paskett worked in state government and served at senior staff advisor to the Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr., focusing on public education and immigration issues. She later served as policy director for the Assembly Majority Leader Kevin Shelley, managing all of the offices legislation and worked to pass the first marine life management act in California, protecting California's coastline and beaches.

In the past 15 years, Ms. Paskett served as a director for a California investor-owned utility (Pacific Gas and Electric; 2000-2007) leading a team through the California energy crisis, sponsoring a suite of initiatives including energy market reform, climate change policy, renewable energy market development, and corporate tax reforms. She later served as a vice president for a large international solar corporation (First Solar; 2008-2010) developing the business, market and environmental and energy regulatory compliance plans for California and the West Coast. She supported strategic growth initiatives for the company through market development efforts with key market channel partners and mergers and acquisitions within the solar market. She supported generation site development, commercial power sales negotiations, and market assessment and planning.

Ms. Paskett later served as a senior executive for the largest U.S municipal utility (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power: 2007-2008 & 2010-2012) leading a comprehensive approach for sustainable utility practices. The focus of her service included revamping utility programs to support accelerated adoption of alternative vehicle fuel sources in Southern California, overseeing electric system transmission permitting, new wind and solar electric generation project permitting, and managing greenhouse gas emissions programs across the utility operations. She also oversaw customer energy efficiency and water conservation programs, from low-income assistance programs to commercial and industrial site retrofits. In her tenure at the municipal utility, she also oversaw all corporate environmental affairs, including managing air quality, water quality and hazardous waste monitoring and compliance, initiating a framework for a US Fish and Wildlife eagle conservation plans, and supporting the long-term coal energy reduction strategy. Ms. Paskett oversaw all utility external affairs including community relations, local, state and federal legislative affairs, organizational (internal and crisis) communications, external communications, co-managed the utility rates cases, and served on the executive strategic planning and budget committees.

Currently, Ms. Paskett owns and manages Cambridge LCF Group, Lavette Properties and Paskett Winery. Cambridge LCF Group works with conventional and emerging energy companies, focusing on climate change policies, new energy technologies and new markets. She also works pro bono to assist start up green energy companies understand the energy markets, access financing and pursue other critical new business matters. Paskett Winery is located in Lodi, CA. Lavette Properties is located in Lodi, CA.

Ms. Paskett is a first generation Mexican-American. Ms. Paskett was born and raised in northern San Joaquin Valley in a small agricultural community, Lodi. Ms. Paskett resides in La Canada Flintridge with her 10-year old son and husband, Dario J. Frommer. She splits her time between La Canada and Lodi, CA where she manages her additional community and business interests.



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Ms. Lorraine A. Paskett



Dear Ms. Paskett:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the term ending December 31, 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 Claudia Luna 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 Cuncilmember Felipe Fuentes, the Chair of the Energy and Environment 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 appointment will be considered by the Energy and Environment Committee. Sometime 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. Claudia Luna will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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,

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

Mayor

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Attachment I Ms. Lorraine A. Paskett October 20, 2015

### **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. |  |  |  |  |  |
| H.   | Within seven days:   |  |  |  |  |  |
|      | Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the Mayor, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, 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  |  |  |  |  |  |
| III. | Within 21 days:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|      | File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. If you are required to file, you will receive these forms via email 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:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|      | Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination (contact at (213) 473-7007).  |  |  |  |  |  |
|      | Staff in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations will assist you with these arrangements.  |  |  |  |  |  |