



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

October 6, 2016

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Michael Newhouse to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Newhouse will fill the vacancy created by Thomas M. Donovan, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Newhouse 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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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Michael Newhouse
Commission: West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2017

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West Los Angeles
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:**
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College
- 7. Occupation/profession:** Attorney, Newhouse Law Group
- 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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt. Date	Term End
Halper, Joseph	West LA	11	Caucasian	M	19-Aug-11	30-Jun-18
Margulies, Esther	West LA	11	Latina	F	27-Jun-14	30-Jun-20
Merritt, Marian	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	14-Oct-14	30-Jun-19
Waltz Morocco, Lisa	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	17-Dec-13	30-Jun-21

MICHAEL R. NEWHOUSE, ESQ.

Partner



Mike Newhouse is an experienced attorney **voted** a Super Lawyer "**Rising Star**" by his **peers** and **Los Angeles Magazine** for the past **five years**. Mike's broad based practice includes counseling and representing large businesses, small businesses, and individuals. Such clients include members of the apparel industry, technology companies, insurers, licensors, financial institutions, accredited investors, multi-media and post production companies, interior designers, and jewelry industry clients.

Additionally, a significant part of Mike's practice is real estate related, and focuses on representing developers, landlords, tenants, property managers and financial institutions in all aspects of commercial and residential real estate litigation and transactions. Recent transactions and litigation involve shopping centers, office and industrial buildings, residential subdivisions, residential and commercial condominiums, hotels, and golf courses.

Representing this diverse group of clients includes extensive experience with partnership disputes, breaches of contract and related litigation, licensing agreements, intellectual property disputes, entity formation, contract formation and negotiation, loan structuring, commercial and residential loan default workouts, construction defect litigation, receiverships, and negotiating and structuring real property leases, acquisitions, sales, financing, and development. Mike also has extensive **appellate advocacy** experience, including a published decision in the case of **Watts v. Farmers Ins. Exchange (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1246**.

Mike is a **magna cum laude** graduate of the **University of Southern California** (B.A. 1996) and the **Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College** (J.D. 2000). In addition to his legal experience, he is the **author** of **Recognizing and Preserving Native American Treaty Usufructs In The Supreme Court: The Mille Lacs Case. Public Lands & Resources Law Review**, Westlaw Citation 21 PUBLRLR 169; and **co-author** of **Slamming the Door on Legal Malpractice In Criminal Matters**, Los Angeles Lawyer, with Jonathan B. Cole and David B. Owen, Vol. 24, No. 11, February 2002.

In addition to California state courts, Mike is **admitted to practice** before the **United States District Court** for the Central District of California and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, is a **member** of the **State Bar of California**. He is also a **licensed real estate broker** in the State of California, and is **President Emeritus** of the **Venice Neighborhood Council**, and **Chair** of the **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)**, a coalition of all 13 Los Angeles Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.

Mike lives in Venice with his wife Ruth, sons Holden and Dylan, and dogs Bianca, Jed and Cashew. He is an active traveler, athlete, and outdoor enthusiast.



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Mr. Michael Newhouse

Dear Mr. Newhouse:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2020. 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 Nicole Enriquez at the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

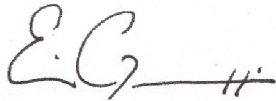
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mike Bonin, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your appointment will be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management 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.

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
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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: 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:

- _____ **Your City Councilmember Mike Bonin** (contact at (213) 473-7011).
- _____ **Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7014).

Staff in the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations will assist you with these arrangements.