

ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

September 21, 2017

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Naomi Iwasaki to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Iwasaki will fill the vacancy created by Melanie Abe, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Iwasaki 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: Naomi lwasaki

**Commission:** Affordable Housing Commission

**End of Term:** 6/30/2018

## **Appointee Information**

1. Race/ethnicity: Asian Pacific Islander

2. Gender: Female

3. Council district and neighborhood of residence: 10 - Central

4. Are you a registered voter? Yes

5. Prior commission experience:

6. Highest level of education completed: M.A, New York University

7. Occupation/profession: Deputy Director, Investing in Place

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	Term End
Fondation, Lawrence	East LA	4	Caucasian	М	30-Jun-19
Lopez, Oswaldo "Ozzie"	East LA	14	Latino	М	30-Jun-19
Epps, William Saxe	Central	9	African American	М	30-Jun-19
Burt, Janet	South Valley	3	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-20
Claros, Raul	Central	1	Latino	М	30-Jun-21
Sotelo, Dalila	Central	14	Latina	F	30-Jun-21

# NAOMI IWASAKI

#### https://www.linkedin.com/in/niwasaki/

#### EXPERIENCE

## Deputy Director Investing in Place

9/2017 - present

- Develop organizational strategies, work plans, performance measures, and partnerships to advance organization mission.
- Analyze regional transportation policies and programs and develop recommendations for an equitable and accessible system.
- Expand popular education campaign of regional transportation policies to community organizations and members.
- Identify and pursue development opportunities, including fundraising, grant writing, and reporting.

## Director

8/2016 - 8/2017

- Neighborhood Services and Great Streets, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
  - Great Streets Program Director role expanded in August 2016 to include overseeing eight Los Angeles City departments.
  - Develop and track annual department budgets, policy and program priorities, and manage General Manager directives.
  - Oversee team of Mayor's Office policy analysts and program managers to meet Mayor's Neighborhood Services goals.
  - Work with department commissions and foundations to provide direction and support for eight City departments.

## **Program Director**

11/2015 - 7/2016

## Great Streets Program, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

- Develop community outreach strategies and leverage resources for 15 community development projects across the City.
- Manage transportation, cultural, and economic development projects and programs to catalyze neighborhood revitalization.
- Coordinate planning and project implementation work plans of City departments and local agencies.

#### **Policy Analyst**

02/2013 - 10/2015

#### Community Health Councils

- Develop recommendations for equitable transportation policies impacting South Los Angeles to city and county officials.
- Project lead for Healthy Kids Zone pilot project, including city General Plan policy adoption and school implementation.
- Create community-based policy and program recommendations for three South Los Angeles Community Plan updates.
- Lead multi-sectoral advisory committee to develop policy recommendations for smoke-free housing policies in Los Angeles.

#### Planner Consultant

01/2013 - 05/2015

#### Kobata Consulting, Diversified Transportation Solutions

- Oversee analysis of bus signal prioritization technology in new Torrance Transit Rapid line fleet.
- Operating service productivity data analysis and management for Montebello Bus Lines line-by-line study.

### Planner Consultant

01/2013 - 10/2013

### East Los Angeles Community Corporation

- Develop technical planning recommendations and neighborhood maps for New Boyle Heights Community Plan update.
- Engage residents for updated community recommendations and concerns for future development in Boyle Heights.

## Planning & Operations Coordinator

04/2011 - 08/2012

## New York City Department of Transportation - Bicycle Program

- Project Manager position expanded in April 2011 to include overseeing operations and community planning initiatives.
- Develop and manage public outreach and planning process with elected officials and community organizations.
- Partner with NYC Department of Health to design infrastructure addressing neighborhood-concentrated obesity.

## Project Manager

06/2009 - 03/2011

## New York City Department of Transportation – Bicycle Program

- Bicycle facility planning, design, data analysis, outreach, project coordination, construction supervision, and evaluation.
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant management and renewal of \$16M federal, state, and local funding.
- Develop Bike-Pedestrian portion of New York Metropolitan Transportation Council 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

## Planner

02/2006 - 05/2009

#### Philip Habib & Associates

- Prepare Environmental Assessment Statements (EAS) and Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) documents.
- Environmental review and analysis; trip generation and transportation planning; GIS land use map preparation and analysis.
- Create AutoCAD pedestrian, at-grade vehicular access, and parking garage design drawings.

## NAOMI IWASAKI

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Wagner School of Public Service-New York University

Master of Urban Planning, 2006 – Transportation, Infrastructure and Land Use specialization

### University of California at Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts, 2001 – double major in Social Welfare and Ethnic Studies

#### INITIATIVES

#### **Policy and Program Development**

- Play LA Initiative framework with Departments of Recreation and Parks and Transportation, Los Angeles 2017
- Great Streets Great Business small business assistance program, Los Angeles 2016-present
- Healthy Kids Zone policy report and community implementation pilot, Los Angeles 2015
- Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles policy development (City General Plan inaugural Health Element), Los Angeles 2015
- Southern California Association of Governments Active Transportation and Public Health working groups, 2014-2015
- Mobility Plan 2035 policy development (City General Plan Mobility Element update), Los Angeles 2014
- Complete Streets in Impacted Communities white paper, Los Angeles 2014
- Coalition for an Active South Los Angeles program and policy development, Los Angeles 2013-2015
- Plan del Pueblo: planning recommendations and spatial analysis for Boyle Heights New Community Plan, Los Angeles 2013
- Smoke-free housing Policy Recommendation development and experts convening, Los Angeles 2013

#### **Community Planning Initiatives**

- Great Streets DIY Manual, 2016 present
- Great Streets Challenge community grant development and management, 2015-present
- South Los Angeles Community Plan Update community-based recommendations working groups, Los Angeles 2013-2015
- Community-led research with Active Living Committee (United for Health Collaborative), Los Angeles 2013-2014
- Ridgewood Bicycle Network Planning (partnership with NYC Department of City Planning), Queens 2012
- Community Board 2 Bicycle Forum, Queens 2012
- Brownsville/East New York Health & Transportation partnership with NYC Department of Health, Brooklyn 2011-2012
- Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd Safe Street Design community outreach, Manhattan 2011-2012

#### **Design and Implementation Projects**

- Metro ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program application evaluator 2014-present
- Venice Blvd Traffic Safety Project, Mar Vista 2017
- Van Nuys Blvd Traffic Safety Project, Pacoima 2016
- Statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant application evaluator, 2015
- Ninth Avenue Complete Street Re-Design Extension, Manhattan –2012
- Hunts Point Avenue and Lafayette Avenue Traffic Calming and Bicycle Lanes, Bronx –2012
- 29th/ 30th Street Crosstown Routes, Manhattan 2011-2012
- Columbus Avenue Parking-protected Bicycle Path, Manhattan –2010
- Vanderbilt Avenue Traffic Calming and Bicycle Lanes, Brooklyn 2010

## **Environmental Review and Transportation Studies**

- Reseda Blvd Post-Implementation Evaluation in partnership with Fehr & Peers, Los Angeles 2016-present
- Double-parking/commercial loading study, customer and commuter mode split surveys, New York City 2011-2012
- Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan Environmental and Transportation Review, Los Angeles 2011
- Brooklyn College Transportation Accessibility Study, Brooklyn 2009
- Busan Lotte World Transportation Planning Memorandum, Busan, Korea 2008
- Villard Houses Open Air Café EAS, Manhattan 2007

## Affiliations

- Kaiser Research Bank Community Advisory Board member, 2017-present
- Sustainable Little Tokyo, Real Estate and Built Environment Sub-committee 2015-present
- Transportation Research Board (TRB) Major Cities Committee (ABE30), 2011-2016



#### ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

September 21, 2017

Ms. Naomi Iwasaki

Dear Ms. Iwasaki:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Affordable Housing Commission 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 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 Herb Wesson, 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. 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,

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

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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 or email the following forms to: Legislative Coordinator, Office of the Mayo Office, 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 Herb Wesson
	Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

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