



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

August 14, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Betty Wilson to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2018. Ms. Wilson's current term expired on June 30, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Betty Wilson  
**Commission:** Commission on Disability  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2018

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Commission on Disability
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Masters of Psychology, California State University Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Retired
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):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment Date	Term Ends
de Vera, Theresa May	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	20-Sep-05	30-Jun-15
Driver-Gordon, Sandy	West	5	Caucasian	F	19-Sep-02	30-Jun-17
Herrera, Louis	North Valley	6	Latino	M	31-Aug-07	30-Jun-14
Levy, Robert	West	11	Caucasian	M	10-Nov-09	30-Jun-13
Magady, Terry M	West LA	5	Caucasian	M	28-Feb-13	30-Jun-16
Overton, Gordon R. "Sam"	South Valley	6	Caucasian	M	08-Aug-02	30-Jun-16
Stephen, Simon David	Central	10	African American	M	17-Dec-12	30-Jun-17
Wilson, Betty R.	East Los Angeles	14	African American	F	30-Jun-11	30-Jun-13
Wolf, David E.	North Valley	12	Caucasian	M	12-Oct-97	30-Jun-17

Betty R. Wilson

**EDUCATION:**

M.A. Psychology, California State University, Los Angeles

**LANGUAGES** English and Spanish

**PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2011-Present B. Wilson and Associates  
Managing Consultant - Disability Issues and Solutions.  
International Consulting and technical assistance to governments and private industry corporations relevant to compliance with the U.N. Convention on Persons with Disabilities. Recent international consultancies include, but are not limited to the following: Representatives of the Spanish Parliament in Toledo, Spain; World Assembly for Women with Disabilities Conference in Seoul, Korea; and International Conferences on Equal Rights - Equal Possibilities in Moscow, Russia. Ongoing consultation, includes, but is not limited to, equal opportunities in employment, housing, education, and tourism.
- 2001-2011 Director, Community Services, City of Los Angeles Department on Disability  
Responsible for the development and oversight of the Annual City of Los Angeles "Accessible City Expo: *Community Resources & Employment Fair*. For eight consecutive years developed interagency agreements for delivery of services to people with mental and physical disabilities; supervision of professional staff, including those responsible compliance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and other civil law, coordination and oversight of human services for culturally diverse at-risk populations, and media relations.
- 1998-2001 Assistant Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Department on Disability  
Management and oversight responsibilities included those previously referenced, in addition to development of strategies for design and implementation of innovative programs to assure protection, advocacy, and compliance with civil and human rights of people with and without disabilities and innovated programs that may be replicated in other areas, locally and internationally.
- 1989-1998 Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Office on Disability  
Under the administration of Mayor Tom Bradley, Administrator, responsible for the establishment of the first Department on Disability at any municipal government level, oversight for all programs administered by the City of LA Department on Disability. Oversight for the City's compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 1964 Civil Rights Act; 1973 Rehabilitation Act, as well as, state and local mandates relevant to those laws; oversight for annual budgets over \$4.5 million compromised of federal, state and local government grant funds; development of public-private sector partnerships for implementing eight consecutive annual Barrier-Free Environment Conferences, 1985-1993 (average annual gross \$155,000); and first Entrepreneurial Training Program for Persons with Disabilities at a major university, 1994-1998 (with private sector in-kind contributions of over \$200,000, State and City funding, and university support). Represented the City at international, national and local government meetings on policies and civil rights; advised City government on legislative

policy positions relating to disability law, human services, employment, discrimination issues, and training for City departments and the private sector in the areas of human relations, diversity, and management of the diverse workforce; represented Department before City Council and its Committees, and in meetings with top-level public and private industry representatives.

1981-1989

Administrative Coordinator, Mayor's Office for the Disabled

Designed, implemented and supervised the first-in-the-United States of America Computerized Information Center for people with disabilities.

1979-1981

Senior Research Associate, Neuropsychiatric Institute Sociobehavioral Group, University of California at Los Angeles

Managed grant funded programs for longevity studies of individuals and families with members who lived with disabilities.

**HONORS & AWARDS:**

- UN Distinguished Service Award – Medallion de Excellence, 1998
- Carol Schiller Award, 2001 – for outstanding contributions to the protection of civil rights presented by State of Department of Fair Employment and Housing and Employment Roundtable of Southern California
- University of Southern California Center for Law and Public Policy – Achievement Award, 1987
- American Association of People with Disabilities, 2008
- United Disabled Latin Americans – International Service Award, 1983
- Asian Rehabilitation Services Award 2004
- California State Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons – Certificate of Appreciation, 1999
- Los Angeles City Council – Resolution, 1998
- Los Angeles City Council – Recognition and Leadership Award, 2011
- County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors – Commendation, 1998
- County of Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities – Certificate of Appreciation, 1998
- California State Assembly Commendation, 1985
- KTLA Channel 5, Los Angeles – Community Services Award, 1984

**CONSULTANCIES:**

- City of Moscow, Russia, Plenary Session Speaker and Panel Moderator, Second, Third, and Fourth International Conference on Equal Rights - Equal Possibilities
- City of Seoul, Korea, Plenary Session Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> World Assembly for Women with Disabilities
- California State Department of Education
- University of California at Los Angeles, Project Five-H
- University of Southern California, Regional Resource Center
- Claremont University, Educational Development Center
- Howard University, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Washington, D.C.
- John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles

- South Central Los Angeles Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities
- KCET (Los Angeles Community Education Television)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- U.S. Civil Rights Commission, California State Advisory Committee
- City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability
- State of California Commission on Access – Governor’s Appointment
- Board of Directors, Disability Rights Legal Center, Loyola University Law School
- Board of Governors, Olympia Hospital, Los Angeles
- AbilityFirst, Nominating Committee Chair, Housing Board
- Board of Directors, Employment Roundtable of Southern California - Advisory Board to State of California Department of Fair Employment and Housing
- Advisor, California State University, Los Angeles, Department of Psychology
- Advisor, California State University, Los Angeles, Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program
- Member, American Civil Liberties Union
- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, National California State Medicare Advisory Committee
- Past Member, Commission for Case Management Certification

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Instructor, California State University, Los Angeles

Guest Lecturer, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

### **MEDIA:**

Wilson, Betty R. and Griffin, David (2001). “It’s the Right Thing to Do.” Public Services Announcement [Video]. Dodgervision, Los Angeles, CA.

Contributor - *Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race*, documentary distribution  
Date scheduled, January 2014

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Wilson, Betty R. and Ascoli, Betsy. “The Doctor’s Role in the Disabled Person Parking Placard Process,” Journal, California Chiropractic Association, February, 2002, Vol. 27, No. 1.

Wilson, Betty R. and Ascoli, Betsy. “The Disabled Persons Parking Placard Process: Your Key Role as a Licensed Medical Practitioner,” California Optometry, January/February, 2002, Volume 29, Number 1.

Wilson, Betty R. “Levels of ADA Knowledge of Mental Health Professionals.” 1999.

La Cour, Jean and Wilson, Betty R. “Architectural Barriers and Psychosocial Ramifications.” Paper presented at American Psychological Association Conference, Sydney, Australia, 1990.

Wilson, Betty R. “Physical Barriers: What Must Be Changed?” Project Five-H Instructional Manual (Formula for Improving Vocational Education for the Handicapped), 1980.

Felton, Gary S. and Biggs, Barbara E. “Up From Under-Achievement.” Springfield, IL: Thomas, 1997.  
Contributor.

Wilson, Betty, et al. “The Student Development Center: A Ten-Week Experience in Re-Education.”  
Proceedings, Fourth Annual Western College Reading Association, 1971.



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MAYOR

August 14, 2013

Ms. Betty Wilson

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Commission on Disability 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 Justin Gonzalez in my Office at (213) 364-0506 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign and return the enclosed Ethics Pledge, 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.

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. Even though you have filed a Form 700 before, you are required to complete and return a new and current 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.

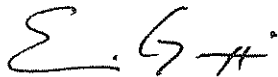
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Jose Huizar, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River 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. Julie Ciardullo with the Mayor's staff 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti". The signature is stylized and cursive.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
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### Nominee Check List

**I. Within seven days:**

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Julie Ciardullo, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax: 213-978-0720 or email: julie.ciardullo@lacity.org.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ethics Pledge**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

**II. Within 21 days:**

File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. *If you are required to file, you will receive these forms in the mail 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.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Residence Verification Form**

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Jose Huizar** (contact at 213-473-7014).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7013).

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