



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 13, 2013

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. David Zaft to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Zaft will fill the vacancy created by Tariq Khero, whose term expired on June 30, 2013.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Zaft 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'.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: David Zaft
Commission: Board of Animal Services Commissioners
End of Term: June 30, 2018

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., UC Berkeley School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Attorney
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached biography
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appointment Date	Term Ends
Jensvold, James	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-17
Khero, Tariq	Central	10	Asian Pacific Islander	M	26-Mar-04	30-Jun-13
McCurdy, Lisa	South Valley	5	Caucasian	F	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-15
Neilson, Maggie R.	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	05-Mar-13	30-Jun-16
Yanez, Alana	East Los Angeles	1	Latina	F	20-Apr-12	30-Jun-14

David Zaft

David Zaft is an attorney and a principal in the law firm of Caldwell Leslie & Proctor, where he has worked since 2005. Mr. Zaft specializes in environmental law, and also handles a broad array of complex civil litigation matters involving various areas of law. Mr. Zaft graduated from Berkeley Law School in 2004 where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. While at Berkeley, he also obtained a masters degree in public policy.

Mr. Zaft's *pro bono* work has focused on animal welfare issues and has included cases involving factory farming and the relocation of injured chimpanzees to a sanctuary. Most recently, Mr. Zaft filed *amicus curiae* briefs on behalf of the Animal Legal Defense Fund in two cases before the Second District of the California Court of Appeal. In those briefs, Mr. Zaft argued that when a companion animal is negligently or intentionally injured, the animal's legal owner should be fully compensated for the reasonable and necessary veterinary costs incurred to treat the animal, and not be limited to the "market value" of the injured animal (which is the rule generally applicable to cases involving damage to other forms of property). In a published opinion, the Court of Appeal agreed. See *Martinez v. Robledo*, 210 Cal.App.4th 384 (2012).

Mr. Zaft is married and he and his wife live in Los Feliz with their two children and two cats.



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Mr. David Zaft

Dear Mr. Zaft:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners 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 appointment 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. 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 Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Koretz, the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare 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 Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee. Some time 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. 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,



ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

Congrats!

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Attachment I
Mr. David Zaft
August 13, 2013

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: 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**

III. 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**

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

_____ **Your City Councilmember Tom LaBonge** (contact at 213-473-7004).
_____ **Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair of the Council Committee**
considering your nomination (contact at 213-473-7005).

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