

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 appointed Mr. Mario Chavez to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Chavez will fill the vacancy created by Alice W. Harris, whose term expired on June 30, 2013.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Chavez 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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Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Mario Chavez  
**Commission:** Affordable Housing Commission  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2018

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latino
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Director of Community Relations and Patient Services, St. John's Well Child & Family Center
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
Epps, William Saxe	Central	9	African American	M	15-Aug-02	30-Jun-14
Hanuman, Shashi K.	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	26-Nov-12	30-Jun-17
Harris, Alice W.	South	15	African American	F	12-Aug-03	30-Jun-13
Klasky-Gamer, Stephanie G.	South Valley	2	Caucasian	F	22-Feb-06	30-Jun-14
Lee, Martin V.	West	11	Asian Pacific Islander	M	13-Oct-09	30-Jun-15
Navarro, Pete	East	14	Latino	M	02-Dec-05	30-Jun-16
Salinas, Alice Torres	East	1	Latina	F	06-Aug-07	30-Jun-14

## **Mario Chavez**

Mario Chavez serves as the Director of Community Relations and Patient Services for St. John's Well Child & Family Center, a clinic chain of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Los Angeles. Prior to his work at St. John's Clinic Mr. Chavez has been working in the field of immigrant rights, housing, social, and economic justice, and building political power in our community. He works with both Non-Profit and Labor Organizations and has extensive experience in member development, electoral politics, and campaign strategy.

Mario has been Political Director for SEIU United Long Term Care Workers which is the largest local union in the west coast representing 180,000 home care workers throughout California; SEIU Local 1877 representing 40,000 Janitors, Security Officers, and Airport Workers; and SEIU Local 620 in Santa Barbara representing 5,000 public sector employees.

Mr. Chavez currently serves on the Board of Directors of the CHIRLA Action Fund and also serves on the Board of Directors (Treasurer) for Inner City Struggle.



**Mario Chávez**

**Objective**

To offer innovative organizing and political consulting services to community and labor organizations with the goal of improving the lives of working people and their families.

We truly believe in the power of organizing and are committed helping your organization thrive and grow in the areas of member development, political power building, and campaign strategy and support.

**Relevant Experience**

**Director of Politics**  
*January 2010 – December 2011*

**SEIU United Long Term Care Workers, Local 6434**  
Los Angeles, CA

Political Director for the largest local union in the west coast, representing 172,000 in-home care and nursing home workers throughout the state of California. Political adviser to local president on contract negotiations, electoral politics, and capacity building. Developed and directed internal leadership capacity and political participation programs. Worked closely with member leaders to establish geographic rapid response committees to respond to threats to Medical and Medicare funding. Built broad-based, diverse campaigns at state and regional level focusing on state budget impacts to local government, in-home care, social services, wages & benefits and other impacts to our communities. Responsible for maintaining relationships with elected officials, community leaders and labor leaders to support contract negotiations and the goals of the union. Drafted and directed state and regional electoral campaigns supporting pro-worker candidates at the state and local level. Served as ULTCW spokesperson for media, political, and community related functions.

**Director of Politics - Southern California**  
*July 2008 – January 2010*

**SEIU, United Service Workers West**  
Los Angeles, CA

Political Director for 40,000 member property services council composed of four separate SEIU locals: Local 1877, SOULA 2006, Local 2007, and Local 24/7. Advised president on political strategies in relation to contract negotiations, community relations. Directed staff on integration of politics into the daily work of the union. Directed accountability program by working with local executive board to build relationships with elected officials and leverage political power in support of contract negotiations and organizing campaigns. Managed staff and members to create and execute successful worksite, contract and organizing campaigns.

**Director of Politics and Organizing**  
*January 2004 – June 2008*

**SEIU, Local 620**  
Santa Barbara, CA

Political Director for 5,000 member public sector local representing 23 agencies and special districts throughout Santa Barbara County. Advised president on political strategies in relation to contract negotiations, community relations. Responsible for the



development and implementation of political, contract, and organizing campaigns. Directed member political fundraising and political accountability programs. In addition to serving as Political Director, worked as Director of Organizing and Stewards Programs. Served as spokesperson during contract negotiations and other public hearings and events.

**Student and Family Services Coordinator**  
2002 – 2004

**Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People**  
Santa Ynez Valley, CA

Coordinated activities and programming for the Healthy Start Program / Family Resource Center in Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. Worked with high school aged youth and their families to ensure academic success. Assisted families in completing Medi-CAL and Healthy Families applications and accessing basic needs, such as food, clothing, housing and emergency health care services. Created a parent advocacy organization focused on empowering parents to become better advocates for their children themselves and their community.

## Volunteer Experience

**Executive Board Member**  
2011 - Present

**CHIRLA Action Fund**  
Los Angeles, CA

Currently serve as executive board member with the CHIRLA Action Fund, a 501(c)(4) organization that focuses on mobilizing the immigrant and non-immigrant vote in support of immigrant rights and for a just and humane immigration reform.

**Treasurer**  
2010 – Present

**Inner City Struggle**  
Los Angeles, CA

Currently serve as Treasurer with Inner City Struggle, a 501(c)(3) organization whose goal is to build a movement for educational justice in East Los Angeles by organizing and developing the leadership skills of high school students and parents to build community power for economic and educational equity in the east side.

**Advisory Committee Member**  
2007 – Present

**P.U.E.B.L.O.**  
Santa Barbara County, CA

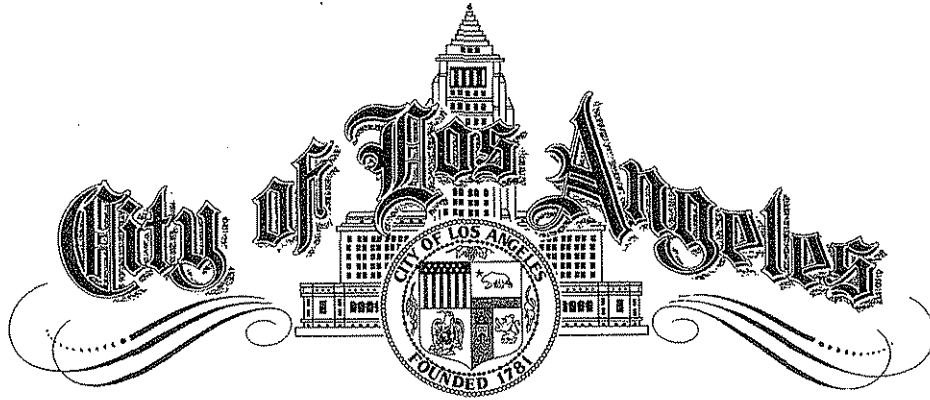
Currently serve on the PUEBLO advisory committee, People United for Economic Justice Building Leadership through Organizing, a multi-issue economic and environmental justice non-profit organization working to empower the low-income people of Santa Barbara County through educational programs and civic participation.

## Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish

## Skills

- Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Outlook, Access.
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent writing skills



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Mr. Mario Chavez

Dear Mr. Chavez:

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 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.

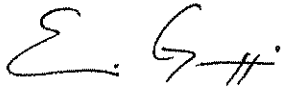
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Jose Huizar, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City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

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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: 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 Jose Huizar** (contact at 213-473-7014).
- Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7001).

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