



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

September 30, 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. Richard Katz to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Katz will fill the vacancy created by George V. Hovaguimian, whom I removed effective November 30, 2013 or at the time Mr. Hovaguimian's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Katz 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', written in a cursive style.

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Richard Katz
Commission: City Planning Commission
End of Term: June 30, 2017

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 2 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors; Metrolink Board of Directors
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Owner, Richard Katz Consulting, Inc.
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
Burton, Sean O. - RESIGNED	West	5	Caucasian	M	11-Dec-08	30-Jun-14
Dake Wilson, Renee	Central	4	Caucasian	F	09-Aug-13	30-Jun-18
Eng, Camilla M.	Central	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	04-Feb-13	30-Jun-14
Freer, Regina - RESIGNED	South Los Angeles	8	African American	F	02-Nov-05	30-Jun-16
Hovaguimian, George V.	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	28-Feb-11	30-Jun-17
Lessin, Robert L.	North Valley	12	Caucasian	M	28-Feb-11	30-Jun-15
Perlman, Dana	Central	5	Caucasian	M	07-Aug-12	30-Jun-17
Romero, Barbara - RESIGNED	South Valley	4	Latina	F	20-May-09	30-Jun-16
Segura, Marta	South Los Angeles	8	Latina	F	14-Aug-13	30-Jun-18

Richard Katz

Richard Katz is the owner of a successful public policy and government relations firm based in Los Angeles, Richard Katz Consulting (RKC), Inc. RKC offers a wide variety of services, including strategic advice, message development, negotiations/mediation and government relations strategies. RKC brings a vast knowledge of all levels of government and can guide clients through the maze of both bureaucratic and regulatory concerns. In addition, they can develop, direct and implement a communications strategy to specific stakeholders. Targeting interest groups and helping clients gain entry into organizations, stakeholders and corporations through their vast contacts and decades of relationships is their specialty.

Richard Katz was California's lead negotiator for the landmark Colorado River Agreement between the State of California, the Federal Government, four California Water Agencies, and the six Colorado River Basin States, furthering his expertise as a negotiator on issues of statewide significance. Katz had already played a pivotal role in renegotiating \$30 Billion worth of California's Energy contracts and developing California's Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century, which the voters approved as Proposition 111 in 1990.

Shortly after his election in June of 2005, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Katz to serve with him on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. After the horrific Metrolink accident in 2008, the Mayor appointed Katz to the Metrolink Board, where he served as Chair from 2011-2013,

In Jan. of 2003, Governor Davis appointed Katz his Senior Advisor on Energy and Water issues. In 2001 Katz was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board, confirmed by the Senate and served for six years, occupying the water quality seat.

Katz was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1980 and served continuously for 16 years. As Democratic Leader in 1995, Katz led the Party back to majority status by winning 43 seats in the 1996 elections. California's term limits law prohibited Katz from seeking re-election.

For 10 years, Katz served as Chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee. Katz authored Proposition 111, a 10-year Transportation Blueprint passed by the voters. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of land use decisions on their streets, highways and transit systems. Katz also spearheaded numerous investigations of governmental waste.

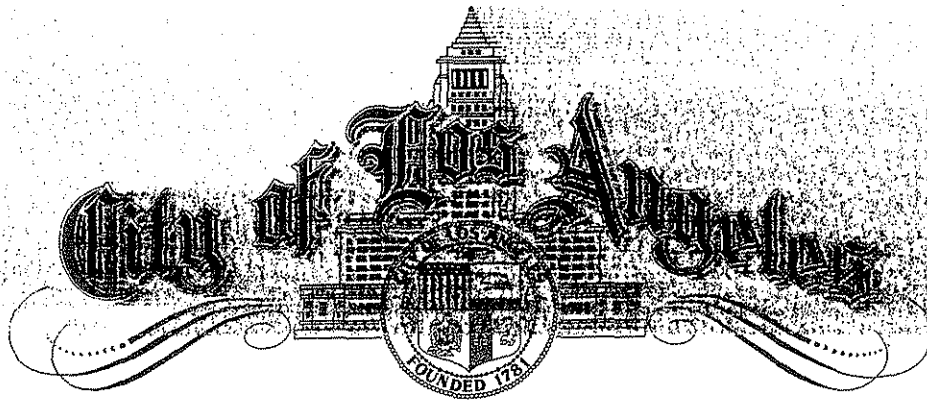
In addition to serving as Chair of the Transportation Committee, Katz worked in policy areas including education, environment, criminal justice and consumer issues. Some of his accomplishments include laws he wrote dealing with prison reform, groundwater protection, computer education, a \$100 million school bus replacement program, Mono Lake restoration and landmark water market legislation.

Katz was Chair of *Angelenos for Better Classrooms*, which led the successful 1997 campaign to pass a \$2.4 billion L.A. school bond. Katz currently serves on the Management Committee and Board of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley and the Boards of: Heal the

Bay, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, The Children's Community School, Project Grad and the West Coast Sports Medicine Foundation,

A native of Los Angeles, Katz lives in Studio City with Wendy Mitchell, their 6-year-old son Mitchell Robert and their two dogs.

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Mr. Richard Katz

Dear Mr. Katz:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017. 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) 300-9935 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.



Mr. Richard Katz

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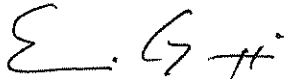
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Paul Krekorian, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You 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. 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
Mr. Richard Katz
September 30, 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: 213-978-2760 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 Paul Krekorian** (contact at 213-473-7002).
- _____ **Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7014).

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