



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

February 1, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Maria Cabildo to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. Ms. Cabildo will fill the vacancy created by Renee Dake Wilson, who has resigned.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Bass'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Maria Cabildo
Commission: City Planning Commission
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

- 1. **Race:** Latinx
- 2. **Gender:** Female
- 3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 14 - East LA
- 4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. **Prior commission experience:** City Planning Commission
- 6. **Highest level of education completed:** Masters, Urban Planning, University of California Los Angeles, and Certificate in Advanced Environmental Studies, Harvard Graduate School of Design
- 7. **Occupation/profession:** Director, Housing and Economic Opportunity, California Community Foundation
- 8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
- 9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment

10. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):

Commissioners	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Vacant					30-Jun-25
Choe, Caroline	Central	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-26
Mack, Karen	Central	4	African American	F	30-Jun-25
Leung, Helen	East	13	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-23
Millman, Samantha	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-24
Vacant					30-Jun-23
Hornstock, Jenna	East	13	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-22
Perlman, Dana	Central	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Vacant					30-Jun-24

Maria G. Cabildo

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Profile

Maria is an accomplished community development practitioner who has dedicated her professional career to community reinvestment and stabilization of disadvantaged communities. Extensive experience in a wide range of comprehensive community development strategies from the perspectives of nonprofit affordable housing development, philanthropy, and government sectors. Expertise in program and policy development, affordable housing finance and project management, homebuyer education, neighborhood reinvestment, organizational management, community engagement, capacity building, and nonprofit board governance.

Experience

California Community Foundation

Director, Housing and Economic Opportunity

April 2021 - Present

Lead CCF's housing and economic opportunity program area, including strategic plan implementation, management of grantmaking, and convening activities. Provide donors with expert counsel on their investments in organizations addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

Advancement Project California

Senior Fellow/Advisor

August 2019 - March 2021

Oversee, manage, and support Advance Project California's strategic initiatives, including Bold Vision, RACE COUNTS, and the LA County COVID-19 Cross-Sector workgroup. As part of Bold Vision, responsible for process co-design, planning, implementation, stakeholder engagement, and subject matter expert engagement. RACE COUNTS is a statewide racial disparity index used by philanthropy, community organizations, and government to inform policy, investment, and organizing campaigns. RACE COUNTS has lead research efforts to bring public attention to the disparate impact of COVID-19 on Latinx, Black, Native American, and Pacific Islander Californians. As part of RACE COUNTS, responsible for writing, framing, and project management of COVID-19 products including, How Race Class and Place Fuel a Pandemic, Race and COVID-19 Rapid Response: Cross-sector recommendations to advance equity-based solutions for our hardest-hit communities, and a Statewide Report. Reports are available [here](#) and [here](#).

Fireflower Partners

Principal & Co-Founder

September 2017 - December 2021, Los Angeles, CA

Fireflower Partners, Inc. is a woman-owned consulting practice working with philanthropy, nonprofits, and intermediaries to spark change that creates a more just and equitable world.

Developed a pilot program to build the capacity of Los Angeles' next generation of movement leaders, leading to the creation of The Weingart Foundation's John Mack Fellows Program.

As a consultant to the Center for Community Investment, provided coaching to

multi-sector collaboratives in the Coachella Valley, the Cities of Miami, Richmond, and Indianapolis to develop a planning structure to strengthen their community development system and increase their collective capacity to deploy capital.

Hired by Liberty Hill Foundation to research and prepare an objective scan of African American and other population-specific focused leadership development programs that led to an investment in capacity development for Los Angeles' African-American movement leaders.

Created a community-informed neighborhood scan of Boyle Heights for The Ballmer Group, focusing on the leaders and institutions involved in Promesa Boyle Heights. The scan included a set of recommendations to strengthen the community's capacity and response to displacement and gentrification threats.

Hired by Weingart Foundation for as-needed program officer work when a senior staff member was a Marshall Fellow. Provide meeting facilitation and organizational management consulting services to nonprofits.

Candidate for US Congress, CA District 34

December 2016 - April 2017

[Los Angeles Times](#) endorsed candidate in a 23-candidate field.

Community Development Commission and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACOLA)

Director of Homeless Initiatives

September 2016 - February 2017, Alhambra, CA

Responsible for the agency's implementation and participation in 22 of the 47 countywide strategies to combat homeless adopted by the LA County Board of Supervisors in February 2016.

Developed a framework for a memorandum of understanding for a countywide strategy to develop permanent supportive housing and Accessory Dwelling Unit pilot program for unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Convened the City of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, the County Health Agency to develop a strategy to coordinate funding streams and a notice of funding availability to promote permanent supportive housing development.

Collaborated with the LA County Chief Executive Office to develop a request for proposal for the development of publicly owned land for affordable and permanent supportive housing.

Represented CDC/HACOLA at Homeless Initiative and United Way Home for Good meetings and other meetings with public officials. Spoke on behalf of CDC/HACOLA on panels, symposiums, and other requests for speakers.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - First District

Chief of Staff

April 2015 - September 2016, Los Angeles, CA

Managed all aspects of First District office operations, including the management and professional development of a diverse, dynamic thirty-five member team of policy/legislative, administrative, and district engagement staff.

Led strategic planning for the First District with a focus on Criminal Justice Reform, Economic Development and the 21st Century Workforce, Health and Wellness, Sustainable Environment and Livable Communities, Homelessness, and Children and Youth.

Liaison to County Counsel, County Clerk and Executive Officer, Chief Executive Officer, and County department directors.

Oversight of over \$25 million in annual discretionary spending, including vetting and reviewing grant requests and making funding recommendations to the Supervisor.

Responsible for vetting over 100 commission and oversight board appointments.

Provided oversight of major development projects in the First District.

Worked with advocates, other board offices, and other partners to build support for the County Supervisor's policy agenda.

East LA Community Corporation (ELACC)

President, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder

September 1999 - April 2015, Los Angeles, CA

Managed successive teams to transform the Eastside's built environment and civic fabric to reflect community priorities and vision.

Responsible for the implementation of ELACC's community development strategy for the Eastside of Los Angeles, management of the corporation's day-to-day activities, including staff supervision, personnel development, coaching of direct reports, budgeting, identifying housing development projects, fund development, board development, management of relationships with philanthropy,, community building and public relations.

A Community of Friends / Deputy Director/Project Manager

June 1993 - October 1999, Los Angeles, CA

As Deputy Director oversaw and led the organization's real estate development efforts, including identification of new supportive housing rental projects and other development opportunities. Supervised five project development staff.

Oversaw the completion, construction, and pre-development of 433 units.

Prepared Supportive Housing Program applications and budgets, served as the agency's liaison to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Secured all financing and operating subsidies required for project development, preparation of proformas, consultant and general contractor selection, coordination of community outreach and lease-up, preparation of Placed in Service/8609 packages for tax credit projects, and all other aspects of project development for three housing developments.

Appointments:

State of California / California Housing Finance Agency Board of Directors

Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

May 2022 - Present, Sacramento, CA

State of California / California Housing Partnership Board of Directors

Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly

December 2009 - May 2015, Los Angeles, CA

City of Los Angeles / Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles

November 2013 - May 2015, Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles Unified School District / Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Appointed by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board

December 2009 - October 2013, Los Angeles, CA

Education

Harvard Graduate School of Design/ Loeb Fellowship 2018-2019
Certificate in Advanced Environmental Studies
Cambridge, MA

University of California Los Angeles - Luskin School of Public Affairs/
Masters in Urban Planning
Los Angeles, CA

Columbia University/ Bachelor of Arts Degree
New York, NY

Past Board Experience

National Low Income Housing Coalition, Finance Committee Member
Washington, DC

California Housing Partnership, Executive Committee Member
San Francisco, CA

Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing, Board Member
Los Angeles, CA

A Community of Friends, Project Review Committee
Los Angeles, CA

Current Board Service

LA VOICE Action, Board Member
Los Angeles, CA

Inclusive Action for the City, Board Member
Los Angeles, CA

Little Tokyo Service Center, Board Member
Los Angeles, CA

Catalyst California, Board Member
Los Angeles, CA



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Dear Ms. Cabildo:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the City Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2025. 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 contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org, to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **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 all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

Should this apply to your Commission, 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 at 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 by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Kevin de León, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, 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. 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.

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 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

II. 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**

III. The Mayor’s Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

_____ Your City Councilmember Kevin de León

_____ Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination