



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

March 18, 2015

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Maria Lou Calanche to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles for the term ending June 6, 2019. Ms. Calanche's current term expires on June 6, 2015.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Calanche 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, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Maria Lou Calanche  
**Commission:** Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles  
**End of Term:** 6/6/2019

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latina
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 1 - East Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:** El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority
6. **Highest level of education completed:** M.P.A., University of Southern California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founder and Executive Director, Legacy LA; Political Science Assistant Professor, East Los Angeles College
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term end
Besley, Ben	Central	4	Caucasian	M	27-May-14	06-Jun-18
Calanche, Maria Lou	East LA	1	Latina	F	09-Dec-13	06-Jun-15
Freeman, Kimberly	West LA	8	African American	F	10-Jun-11	06-Jun-17
Hooper, Lucelia K.	Harbor	15	African American	F	15-Aug-08	06-Jun-16
Hudson, Paul	Central	4	African American	M	14-Mar-13	06-Jun-16
Nunez, Daria	East LA	14	Latina	F	09-Dec-13	06-Jun-15

# MARIA LOU CALANCHE

## EDUCATION

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<b>Doctor of Public Administration</b> UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA *Pending completion of dissertation Dissertation topic: Evaluation of citizen participation on municipal land use policy	<b>ABD 2009*</b> LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
<b>Master of Public Administration</b> UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Specialization: Public policy, inter-governmental management	<b>1995</b> LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Political Science</b> LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	<b>1992</b> LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>Political Science Assistant Professor</b> EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE Introduced lower division students to the legislative and political processes of government. Utilize textbook, current events, professional experience and students' experience to develop interactive lectures and class assignments to provide students an understanding of the dynamics of the political environment. Seek to increase students' understanding on how competing interests; social, economic, cultural and political forces influence the development and implementation of public policy.	<b>1998 - Present</b>
<b>Founder and Executive Director</b> LEGACY LA Direct and manage the development of grassroots start-up nonprofit organization focused on the transformation of an abandoned federal armory into a state-of-the-art youth development facility. Initiate and lead community-planning process through the implementation of community engagement strategies including community planning committee, focus groups, youth summits and retreats, and community events. Work with Advisory Board and Director of Development to define strategic partnerships and opportunities and development of capital campaign. Supervise staff and manage day-to-day operations including community relations to ensure community participation in the development of the project.	<b>2008 - present</b>
<b>Principal Consultant</b> NEW URBAN NETWORKS CONSULTING Lead and facilitate community and program development through project planning, evaluation, grant writing, and effective implementation strategies. Develop community engagement strategies for clients seeking stakeholder participation in programs, conduct trainings and retreats, coordination of community participation processes. Assist in project and community planning through the development of customized and effective strategies for clients by working with appropriate municipal agencies to develop the most effective roadmap by tailoring plans to meet individual client needs as well as benefit the overall local environment. Clients include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Families in Schools, Parent Outreach Pamphlet</li><li>■ Estrada Courts Resident Management Corporation, School Readiness Initiative</li><li>■ Murchison St. School. School Community Safety Grant</li></ul>	<b>2001 - 2008</b>

**Director of Community Outreach**

1999 - 2001

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Developed university community outreach strategy for neighborhoods surrounding USC Health Sciences Campus, including close coordination with existing outreach efforts and working with community based organizations to develop new partnerships. Evaluated programs in terms of strategic focus, cost, and impact. Researched and identified community needs, and recommended program modifications or the creation of new programs and services. Directed the design and delivery of programs, services and special events. Managed the operation and implementation of program policies and procedures including fiscal responsibilities and staff supervision.

**Senior Field Deputy**

1995 – 1998

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALATORRE, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Managed day to day operations of Boyle Heights Field Office. Evaluated and developed recommendation on proposed legislation and proposed development projects. Interfaced with all levels of City staff and constituents to coordinate and ensure effective implementation of community development projects and to ensure equitable and efficient delivery of city services and resources. Worked with various community groups, merchants and city staff to identify and prioritize community issues, and formulate and develop city policies and programs to respond to identified issues. Projects include but not limited to the following:

- Metro-Rail “Eastside” Extension
- Economic Development (CRA Study)
- Crime Prevention-Gang Intervention Programs
- Neighborhood Recovery Program
- Targeted Neighborhood Initiative

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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*American Federation of Teachers, Los Angeles Faculty Guild 1521*

Member, 2001 – present

*El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument*

Commissioner, City of Los Angeles, 2001 – 2006

*City of Los Angeles Construction Services Committee*

Committee Member, City of Los Angeles, 2005 – 2009

*Community Redevelopment Agency Project Area Committee - Adelante Eastside Project*

Committee Member, City of Los Angeles, 2001

*Prop K Neighborhood Oversight Committee*

Committee Member, City of Los Angeles, 2000 - 2001

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

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UNITED LATINO FUND  
**Board of Directors, Member**  
2005 - present

LOS ANGELES CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
**Board of Directors, Member**  
2001 - 2010

EAST LA COMMUNITY CORPORATION  
**Board of Directors, Vice President**  
1996 - 2003

LAPD HOLLENBECK DIVISION COMMUNITY POLICE ADVSORY BOARD  
**Chairperson**  
1998 - 2001

DEBS PARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
**Secretary**  
1998 - 1999

EAST LOS ANGELES OCCUPATIONAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD  
**Member**  
1998

## RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

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**Woman of the Year for the 45th Assembly District**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEVIN DE LEON  
2010

**Unsung Hero Award**  
MADRES DEL ESTE DE LOS ANGELES  
1997

**Volunteer of the Year**  
LAPD HOLLENBECK DIVISION  
2000

**Honorary Deputy Fire Chief**  
LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
1999

**Recognition Award**  
SOTO STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS  
1997

**Community Recognition Award**  
LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS  
1998



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

March 18, 2015

Ms. Maria Lou Calanche

Dear Ms. Calanche:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles for the term ending June 6, 2019. 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 Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

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

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Gilbert Cedillo, who is your Councilmember and the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions he 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 Housing 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. Cary Gross will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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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.

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Attachment I  
Ms. Maria Lou Calanche  
March 18, 2015

**Nominee Check List**

**I. Within seven days:**

Mail, fax or email the following forms to: Cary Gross, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember and Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination - Gilbert Cedillo** (contact at (213) 473-7001).

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