

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

January 21, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. George Hovaguimian to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Hovaguimian will fill the vacancy created by Sepand Samzadeh, whom I removed effective March 31, 2014 or at the time Mr. Samzadeh's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Hovaguimian 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 "Eric Garcetti".

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

Attachment I  
Mr. George Hovaguimian

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** George Hovaguimian  
**Commission:** Board of Building and Safety Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2017

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** President, Airplus Engineering Consultants
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Ambatielos, Evangelos	Central	5	Caucasian	M	04-Apr-06	30-Jun-16
Brannon, Eleanor	East	14	African American	F	15-Dec-12	30-Jun-17
Cuevas, Victor H.	North Valley	7	Latino	M	27-Jun-08	30-Jun-15
Jubany, Helena L.	East	14	Asian Pacific Islander	F	05-Oct-06	30-Jun-14
Samzadeh, Sepand	South Valley	3	Caucasian	M	02-Jul-12	30-Jun-17

George Horagumian, P.E.



**Background Summary:**

With over 35 years of proven expertise in engineering, project management, business planning, construction management, construction supervision, field engineering, corporate and government management both in the United States and overseas. Combines strategic and tactical engineering design expertise with strong qualifications in the development of plans and city permitting. Established familiarity with LEED Green and excellent knowledge of green design. Excellent team player with excellent communication and organizational skills. Determined professional individual with an extensive professional and educational background.

**Education:**

Bachelors of Science Mechanical Engineering - American University of Beirut.  
Graduate Study in Mechanical Engineering - American University of Beirut.  
Graduate Study in Engineering - University of Los Angeles, California (UCLA).  
Code Compliance in Advance Technologies – University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
Certificate from California Energy Commission as Energy Auditor.

**Professional Registrations:**

Professional Registered Engineer - State of California.  
Professional Registered Engineer - State of Arizona  
Professional Registered Engineer - State of Nevada  
Professional Registered Engineer - State of Hawaii

**Professional Qualifications:**

Fellow Member - American Society of Heating and Refrigeration; ASHREA.  
Fellow Member - American Society of Mechanical Engineers; ASME .  
Fellow Member - National Fire Protection Association; NFPA.  
Fellow Member - Mechanical Engineering Association.  
Fellow Member - Association of Energy Engineers.  
Fellow Member – Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology.

**George V. Novaguimian, PE**

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**Summary of Experience:**

**From 2004 to present**

President – AirPlus Engineering Consultants – North Hollywood, California.

**From 1999 to 2004**

Vice President – LH Hajnal & Associates – Los Angeles, California.

**From 1989 to 1999**

Vice President - Pacific Triax Corporation, Canoga Park, California.

Assistant to the Minister of Energy & Fuel - Republic of Armenia. (January 1992 to June 1993)

**From 1985 to 1989**

Project Engineer - The Ralph M Parsons Company, Pasadena California.

**From 1984 to 1985**

Project Engineer - The Ralph M Parsons Company, Pasadena, California.

**From 1981 to 1984**

Project Engineer - Ralph M Parsons Company, Vandenberg Air Force Base. California

**From 1979 to 1981**

Project Engineer - Ralph M Parsons Company, Yanbu, Saudi Arabia.

**From 1976 to 1979**

Senior Engineer - Ralph E Phillips, Santa Monica, California.

**From 1974 to 1976**

Senior Engineer - Middle East Consultants, Beirut, Lebanon.

## Detailed Experience:

### *From 2004 to Present*

*President – AirPlus Engineering Consultants – North Hollywood, California.*

**Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church – Sunland, California.**

Airplus Engineering Consultants designed the New Romanian Orthodox Church with adjacent social hall, prayer chapel, commercial size kitchen, museum, conference room, daytime classrooms, offices and sleeping quarters located at Sunland, California.

**Archie Dickranian School – Hollywood, California.**

Design the mechanical, plumbing and Fire Sprinklers systems for the new high school addition with its multi-purpose hall, administration rooms, Kitchen and parking structure four hundred students elementary and secondary school in Los Angeles, California. We obtained all the necessary permits.

**Bel-Air Bay Club, Pacific Palisades, California.**

Expansion and remodeling of existing beach front Bel-Air Bay Club facilities. The project consisted of several dining facilities, gymnasium, exercise facilities, locker rooms, cabins, commercial kitchens, shower facilities, as well beachfront dining and entertainment facilities.

**Perinos Complex – 4101 Wilshire Avenue – Los Angeles, California.**

Design the Mechanical and Plumbing systems for this multi-story apartment building project in Los Angeles, California and obtained all the necessary permits.

### *From 1999 to 2004*

*Vice President – L.H. Hajnal & Associates, Los Angeles, California.*

Primary functions were design and construction management of commercial facilities.

**Artist Management Group, Beverly Hills, California.**

The project was to design and built two stories (25,000-sq.ft.) of office spaces to house the headquarters of the Artist Management Group talent agency. It ended up to be one of a most prestigious office and luxurious office spaces in Beverly Hills, California. The facilities had private offices, conference rooms, screening rooms, open space seating, computer rooms and waiting areas.

**William-Morris Talent Agency, Beverly Hills, California.**

We have designed state of the art office building for William-Morris Talent Agency. Three story building complete with private offices, executive offices, boardrooms, conference rooms, open-air terraces, lunchrooms and computer rooms.

**Raytheon Systems Company, Goleta, California.**

Company Associates worked for a major remodeling work at Raytheon Systems Company that included the addition of five thousand square feet of Class 1000 clean room, upgrade of existing chilled water system, upgrade of electronics manufacturing and assembly facilities, Vacuum Bake area, Thermal Products and linear Cooler Laboratories, Test and Gowning areas, Sub-Assembly Integration rooms, Dicing Saw rooms, Piece Part Vacuum Bake Subassembly areas, Test Stations and Thermal Chambers.

**Fullerton Police Station - Fullerton, California.**

Expand and upgrade existing Fullerton Police Station. The project consisted of upgrading one historic Police Station, upgrade existing police office building and adding a new police facility complete with modern facilities.

**Manhattan Beach Police and Fire Stations - Manhattan Beach, California.**

Expand and upgrade existing Fullerton Police Station. The project consisted of upgrading one historic Police Station, upgrade existing police office building and adding a new police facility complete with modern facilities.

**Boeing Satellite Systems, El-Segundo, California.**

Company Associates worked at a project to develop 85,000 square feet new facilities that consist of 75 foot high clean rooms, integration areas, containerization area, utility areas, underground tunnels, test facilities, offices and high frequency chamber for launch tests.

**From 1989 to 1999**

*Project Engineer - Pacific Triax Corporation, Canoga Park, California.*

Engaged in design, cost estimates and construction management of several commercial, residential and institutional facilities.

**Vartanian Center, Beirut, Lebanon.**

Engaged in the design, construction and management of a prestigious commercial complex located on main Beirut – Tripoli Highway, in Beirut, Lebanon. The Center consists of 100,000 square feet of retail areas, banking facilities and office spaces. Carried the project from conception to final inspection

**Tekeyan Cultural Central, Pasadena, California.**

The Center consists of 10,000 square feet of offices, banquet halls and cultural quarters. Located at 1901 North Allen Avenue the Center serves the Pasadena community at large.

**Northridge Housing Complex, Northridge, California.**

The Complex consists of eighteen (18) luxury homes, located 19401 through 19453 Plummer Street, Northridge, California.

**Sherman Way Plaza, Canoga Park, California.**

The Plaza consists of 21,000 square feet of medical offices, professional offices and retail outlets. It is located at 22122 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, California.

**Bentley.Triax Condominiums, Westwood, California.**

The project consists of Seven luxury condominiums located at 1430 South Bentley Avenue, Westwood, California.

**Los Angeles Jewelry Mart, Los Angeles, California**

The Jewelry Mart is Located at 712 South Olive Street, in the heart of Los Angeles business district area. The building was converted to house a jewelry plaza and wholesale outlets throughout.

**St. Vincent Jewelry Center, Los Angeles, California.**

The St. Vincent Jewelry Mart is Located on 740 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. It is the city's most prestigious jewelry center with over hundreds of manufacturers and jewelry wholesale outlets. This building was converted from a historical site to accommodate the jewelry wholesale outlets.

**Los Angeles Merchandise Mart - Los Angeles, California.**

The ground floor was converted to shops and arcades, and the second floor was remodeled to suit the needs of the Greyhound Bus Terminal.

**Liquor Barn Stores - California.**

Several stores throughout the state of California were remodeled in order to add beverage and wine cooling warehouses.

**St. Jude Hospital - Yorba Linda, California.**

The Hospital went through a major renovation to upgrade the patients' rooms, the surgery center, the central system air conditioning system, and all kinds of electrical work.

**Garfield Medical Center - San Dimas, California.**

Replacement of window type air-conditioning units with a central system and electrical upgrade.

**Montclair Doctors Hospital - Montclair, California.**

The hospital added entirely a new x-ray system. We built two x-ray rooms, installed two state of the art x-ray machines with all its relevant Electro-mechanical work.

**Woodview Calabasas Hospital - Calabasas, California.**

The Hospital went through a major renovation to upgrade the surgery section, the pediatrics section as well as the entire air conditioning system throughout the hospital. All the window type air conditioners were removed and they were replaced by the state of the art Central Air Conditioning system as well as the old electrical system was replaced.

**Los Gatos Community Hospital - Los Gatos, California. –**

A central air conditioning system replacement was requested in lieu of the old window type units. Prepared the design, obtained all necessary permits and replaced the entire air conditioning system with its related electrical work in record time.

**JFK Medical Center - Indio, California.**

This project called for the installation of an "emergency, diesel power generator". Subsequently, the room to accommodate the generator was built, the necessary electrical hookups carried out, i.e. a complete mechanical, electrical structural work. Oxygen outlets for the patients' rooms were also installed.

**St. Gregory School - Pasadena, California.**

Design the mechanical and the electrical system for a six hundred student elementary school in Pasadena, California. Obtained all the necessary permits as well as conducted overall installation supervision of the mechanical and the electrical systems.

**Marie Manoogian School - Canoga Park, California.**

Design the mechanical system for a Junior High school and a multi purpose covered hall in Canoga Park, California. Obtained all the necessary permits as well as conducted overall installation supervision of the mechanical and the electrical systems.

**St. Jude Hospital - Fullerton, California.**

Extensive work was carried out at this institution, which included upgrade of the patients rooms, addition of a surgery center, installation of a gas chiller, new oxygen outlets for the patients rooms, a temporary power line and smoke detector system.



*Assistant to the Minister of Energy & Fuel - Republic of Armenia.*

Took leave of absence to work as Assistant Minister of Energy & Fuel for the newly independent Republic of Armenia. Engaged in setting up the Department of Energy & Fuel by combining the electrical power generation and distribution under one department as well as the natural gas and the oil section under one department.

With a local team prepared design and construction tasks that needed to be done to modernize and upgrade the local energy requirements. This included construction of new electrical power plants, new gas pipelines, upgrade existing power plants and gas distribution centers. The tasks were presented to different world bodies (The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, European Banks, and etc..) for proper financing and execution.

*From 1985 to 1989*

*Project Engineer - The Ralph M Parsons Company, Pasadena California.*

The purpose of the project was the destruction of the United State Army's chemical mass destruction weapons, which were stored throughout the United States. The congress funded for four such facilities to be built throughout the country.

I worked through the development phase, design phase, construction phase, and the testing phase of the pilot plans at Toole Army Depot, Toole, Utah. Estimated project cost, \$800 Million Dollars.

*From 1984 to 1985*

*Project Engineer - The Ralph M Parsons Company, Pasadena, California.*

Design, construction, testing and installation of ARCO's Central Gas Facilities at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. A \$600 Million Dollars project was about a gas gathering, gas compression and gas liquefaction plant to be built in a modular form at Seattle, Washington. Upon completion they will be towed on sea barges to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska for final setup and operation.

I worked as a project engineer for the construction of the plant at Seattle, Washington. I had to oversee the design effort, which were done in Pasadena, California and the actual construction and testing, which were done in Seattle, Washington. It was a very interesting and a unique project to say the least.

*From 1981 to 1984*

*Project Engineer - Ralph M Parsons Company, Vandenberg Air Force Base. California*

The United States Defense Department, through U.S. Air Force embarked on the construction of a One Billion Dollars "Space Launch Complex" for the Space Shuttle program at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The space launch complex to have a launch pad, mission control centers, fueling facilities and support facilities.

I worked as a project engineer for the construction of the support facilities, such as the office buildings, rocket assembly warehouses, shuttle storage and maintenance structure, rocket launch offices and guard stations.

***From 1979 to 1981***

*Project Engineer - The Ralph M Parsons Company, Yanbu, Saudi Arabia.*

Developed technical specifications, scope of work, request for proposals, bidding documents, and construction management for several commercial & industrial facilities at Yanbu Industrial City project in Saudi Arabia.

The project was about the construction of a brand new city on the Red Sea to house two hundred thousand people, complete with its residential, commercial, industrial and municipal facilities. I did oversee the development of the commercial sector, complete with its office buildings, individual retail stores, shopping centers, food courts, open air vending arenas, schools and athletic stadiums. I do believe the project has logged over two billion dollars in construction cost.

***From 1976 to 1979***

*Senior Engineer - Ralph E Phillips, Santa Monica, California.*

Engaged in design and construction supervision of Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. I did commute between Los Angeles, where the plans were being prepared and Las Vegas, where the actual construction effort was being done. Because of the fact that the Hotel/Casino stayed open during the entire construction time, we did end up remodeling the building in phases and over a stretched period of time.

***From 1974 to 1976***

*Senior Engineer - Middle East Consultants, Beirut, Lebanon.*

Engaged in design and construction supervision of a 500,000 Barrels per year lube oil blending and packing facility, for MOBIL Oil Company in Saudi Arabia.



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January 21, 2014

Mr. George Hovaguimian

Dear Mr. Hovaguimian:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners 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) 922-9788 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment 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. 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.

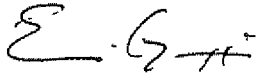
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As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Tom LaBonge, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Jose Huizar, the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will 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. Cary Gross 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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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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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: Cary Gross, Office of the Mayor, Office of External Affairs, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or fax: 213-978-9719 or email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 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.