



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

February 28, 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. Bryan Sullivan to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2014 and for the subsequent term ending June 30, 2018. Mr. Sullivan will fill the vacancy created by Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, whom I removed effective April 30, 2014 or at the time Ms. Klasky-Gamer's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Sullivan is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Bryan Sullivan  
**Commission:** Affordable Housing Commission  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2014

### 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:** J.D., Boston College Law School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founding Partner, Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae LLP
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	C D	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Terms ends
Chavez, Mario	East	14	Latino	M	14-Aug-13	30-Jun-18
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
Klasky-Gamer, Stephanie	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

# Bryan M. Sullivan

## EDUCATION

*Juris Doctorate*, Boston College Law School, May 2000

*Bachelor of Arts*, Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs,  
May 1997, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Majors: International Relations *with honors*  
Political Science  
History

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae LLP

Founding Partner, 6/10-Present, specializing in general legal and business advice with a particular focus on complex litigation matters known for the following:

- Providing general corporate, legal, and business advice to variety of clients, including, Miley Cyrus, Kathy Griffin, The Magnet Agency, Roadside Attractions, LLC, and William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC
- Defending Academy Award nominated film distribution company, Roadside Attractions against claims of fraud arising out of the film *From Mexico With Love*
- Representing Lions Gate Entertainment, Inc. in breach of contract action relating to the film *Catching Fire*
- Representing entertainer Howie Mandel in dispute involving a breach of a licensing agreement
- Representing musician Trace Cyrus in dispute over the break up of the band *Metro Station*
- Representing successful hip-hop music writers in a dispute against music publisher Bug Music, Inc.

### BASTA, Inc.

Director/Chief Financial Officer (Volunteer Basis), 10/06-Present

- Co-founded entirely self-funded non-profit housing rights organization that provides legal services to indigent tenants in landlord-tenant cases without taking money from sources that restrict the group's ability to help people
- Expanded organization from single attorney to two separate offices and nine attorneys in less than one year
- Advised on numerous class action cases regarding housing habitability issues
- Researched and developed arguments relating to a wide range of legal issues, including the following: (1) resurrecting the constitutional right to a jury trial in unlawful detainer cases; and (2) rendering contractual attorney fee limitations in residential lease agreements unenforceable

### Glaser, Weil, Fink, Jacobs, Howard & Shapiro, LLP

Partner, 9/00-5/10, specializing in complex litigation matters involving class actions, intellectual property, antitrust, securities law, corporate governance issues, civil rights, constitutional law and government regulatory investigations and is known for the following:

- Defended William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, LLC in an action alleging that WMEE misappropriated the plaintiff's television show concept and repackaged it as *Shaq Vs. Gallagher v. Endeavor Talent Agency, LP*, et al., LASC Case No. BC423272
- Representing Lionsgate Films Inc. in dispute against The Weinstein Company, LLC over the rights to the Sundance Award Winning film *Push: Based on the Novel by Sapphire*

## Bryan M. Sullivan

- Representing Miley Cyrus in the \$4,000,000,000 class action under the Unruh Civil Rights Act
- Representing actress/entrepreneur Victoria Principal in an action brought by a temporary housekeeper for, among other things, assault arising out of an incident at Ms. Principal's house where Ms. Principal was forced to defend herself after Plaintiff threatened Ms. Principal placing her in fear of her life. *Banegas v. Principal*, LASC Case No. SC102930
- Represented famous actress Whoopi Goldberg in trademark license dispute
- Enforcing the trademark rights of the internationally known Bellagio Hotel & Casino located in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Representing billionaire Ronald Burkle in marital dissolution action entitled *In re Marriage of Burkle*, 139 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 712 (2006), a landmark case on the issue of post-nuptial agreements, and in the related appeal *Burkle v. Burkle*, 144 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 387 (2006), holding that the recasting of family law issues as separate civil actions is improper and sanctionable
- Representing NBA player Nene Hilario in arbitration against his former personal manager involving breach of fiduciary duty claims winning the case after full arbitration hearing
- Representing the individual members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in approximately 30 civil rights class action alleging constitutional rights violations involving deficient jail conditions and excessive force by Sheriff's deputies and claims under international human rights treaties
- Representing Mileyworld (Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus's official online fan club) in class action alleging deceptive advertising in violation of Tennessee consumer protection law

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Research assistant for noted family law professor, Ruth-Arlene Howe, working on issues relating to the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption
- Law clerk for Neylon & O'Brien, P.A., working on civil litigation matters
- Summer Associate at Payne & Hall, P.C. working on criminal appeals involving numerous constitutional issues
- Project Supervisor for Onondaga County Democratic Committee working on County legislator campaigns
- Deputy Campaign Manager for Citizen's to Elect Ed Ryan
- Intern for the Center for Security Policy
- Intern for N.Y.S. Assemblyman Joseph E. Robach (then Democrat)

### PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Co-wrote article entitled "The Ten Commandments of Crowdfunding", published on May 15, 2013 on Forbes.com
- Wrote article entitled "Audit Trend Puts Studios Up In Lights", published on January 9, 2013 on Law360
- Co-wrote article entitled "Crowdfunding: Potential Legal Disaster Waiting To Happen", published on October 22, 2012 on Forbes.com
- Speaker at National Basketball Players' Association's Agent Certification Seminar on issue of breach of fiduciary duties by agents
- Speaker at Katten Muchin Rosenmann Pro Bono Panel on issues relating to the utilization of class actions to assist indigent tenants in housing habitability issues

## **Bryan M. Sullivan**

### **HONORS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- 2013 Law360 Rising Star Top 112 Attorneys Under 40 in U.S.
- 2012 Next Gen Leadership Award recipient from the Liberty Hill Foundation
- Rising Star Super Lawyer of Southern California 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
- General Counsel for I Vote, Inc., a voter engagement group
- Founding Board Member of the Lion Fund For Children
- Mentor for the David Falk Center for Sports Management of Syracuse University
- Mentor for the Public Interest Law Foundation of Boston College Law School
- Phi Beta Kappa 1996
- Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges 1996
- Golden Key National Honor Society 1995
- Patron member of the Academy of Political Science 2004-Present



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February 28, 2014

Mr. Bryan Sullivan

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2014 and for the subsequent 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) 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 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Garcetti". The signature is stylized with a large "E" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment I  
Mr. Bryan Sullivan  
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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.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **CEC Form 60**

**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 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.