



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

March 10, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Nikki Legesse to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2016. Ms. Legesse will fill the vacancy created by Mary Garcia, whom I removed effective April 30, 2014 or at the time Ms. Garcia's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Nikki Legesse
Commission: Commission for Community and Family Services
End of Term: 6/30/2016

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 11 - West Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:** Executive Director, Little Ethiopia Cultural and Resource Center
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
Al-Mansour, Chancela	East Los Angeles	14	African American	F	25-Sep-12	30-Jun-16
Beserra-Nunez, Irma	South Valley	5	Latina	F	27-Jan-14	30-Jun-18
Castillo, Carolina	East	14	Latina	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Chan, Yvonne	North Valley	12	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14
Duardo, Debra	East Los Angeles	14	Latina	F	22-Jun-11	30-Jun-14
Farar, Ilana	West LA	11	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Garcia, Mary - REMOVED	South Valley	2	Latina	F	08-Oct-10	30-Jun-16
Hill, Peggy	Central	4	African American	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Iglehart, Alfreda	Central	10	African American	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Maxey, Tara	East LA	1	Caucasian	F	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Pinto, Angela	South Valley	2	Other	F	13-Aug-10	30-Jun-16
Rodriguez, William "Blinky"	North Valley	7	Latino	M	03-Feb-14	30-Jun-18
Thomas, Fred	South LA	8	African American	M	21-Feb-13	30-Jun-14
Torres, Benjamin	East	13	Latino	M	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-16
Yaroslavsky, Barbara	Central	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jul-10	30-Jun-14

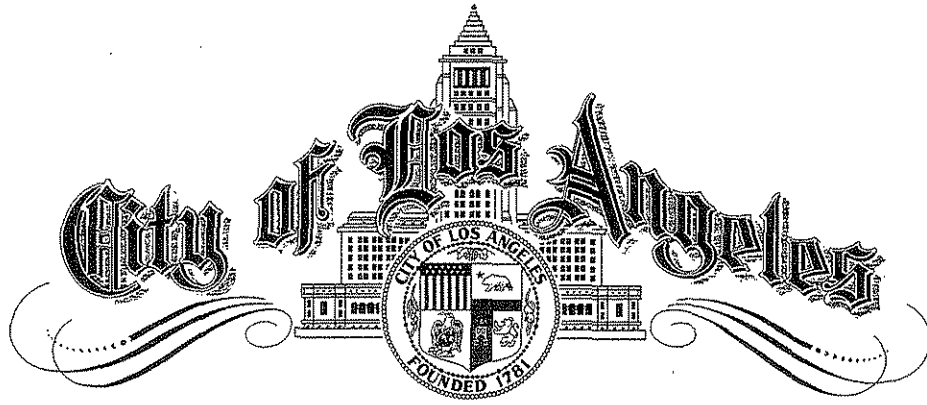
Negest Legesse

Negest (Nikki) Legesse was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After graduating from high school Nikki moved to Buffalo, New York, to attend college. Soon after completing her Bachelor Degree from Canisius College, she decided to leave cold and snowy Buffalo for a sunnier and warmer place. Nikki moved to Los Angeles where she completed law school and discovered her deep passion for helping others realize their dreams. Ever since, she has helped countless people acquire small businesses and has offered her knowledge and experience to ensure their success.

In 2003 she founded the Ethiopian American Chamber of Commerce serving over 100 businesses, helped organize the Little Ethiopia Business Association and created the International Unity Parade. Nikki was the president and board member of Ethiopian American Youth Development, an organization dedicated to the development of Ethiopian Youth in Los Angeles as well as in Ethiopia. This organization also works with several orphanages in Ethiopia where children have lost their parents to the Aids epidemic. Additionally, Nikki is committed to helping homeless youth in South Los Angeles where she provides housing to those in need.

Nikki continues her work as an Ambassador of the Ethiopian community promoting its culture, history and language and contributing to the Los Angeles Community at large. She is the Executive Director of Little Ethiopia Cultural and Resource Center where she provides services for seniors, children and youth. She is on the board of the Pico Neighborhood Council and a member of the West Los Angeles Democratic Club. She is also the secretary of the African Community Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to help the African Community in the Los Angeles area.

Nikki lives in Westchester with her husband and son.



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Ms. Nikki Legesse

Dear Ms. Legesse:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Commission for Community and Family Services for the term ending June 30, 2016. 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 Mike Bonin, 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,

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Attachment I
Ms. Nikki Legesse
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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 Mike Bonin** (contact at 213-473-7011).
_____ **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.