

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

April 25, 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. Jonathan Weiss to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Weiss will fill the vacancy created by Anthony de los Reyes, whom I removed effective June 30, 2014 or at the time Mr. de los Reyes' successor is confirmed by the City Council.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment

## COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

**Name:** Jonathan Weiss  
**Commission:** Board of Civil Service Commissioners  
**End of Term:** 6/30/2017

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Harvard Law School
7. **Occupation/profession:** Counsel, Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett 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	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
de los Reyes, Anthony	West	5	Latino	M	16-Feb-07	30-Jun-17
Esparza, Gabriel	West	5	Latino	M	14-Aug-09	30-Jun-14
McClelland, Nancy	West	5	Caucasian	F	11-Aug-06	30-Jun-16
Steinke, Suzanne M.	Central	4	Caucasian	F	14-Aug-13	30-Jun-18
Yebri, Sam	West	5	Caucasian	M	08-Oct-10	30-Jun-15

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## JONATHAN M. WEISS

Counsel, Los Angeles Office

Jonathan Weiss is Counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and a member of the Firm's Litigation Department, resident in its Los Angeles office. He represents clients in a wide range of high-stakes litigation, including securities litigation, class action defense, antitrust litigation, and complex commercial litigation. He has extensive trial experience, having participated in multiple jury trials to verdict, as well as significant appellate experience briefing and arguing appeals in state and federal courts in several jurisdictions. He has taught CLE courses on Ninth Circuit appellate advocacy throughout Southern California and has lectured at Harvard Law School, the University of Illinois, and the University of Pittsburgh, among other places. Mr. Weiss also maintains an active *pro bono* practice and has been honored by the Firm for his *pro bono* contributions. In 2013, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Mr. Weiss as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission, responsible for establishing and enforcing the civil service rules and maintaining the civil service system for the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Weiss has been recognized as a Southern California "Rising Star" by the *Law & Politics* and *Los Angeles* magazines every year since 2011.

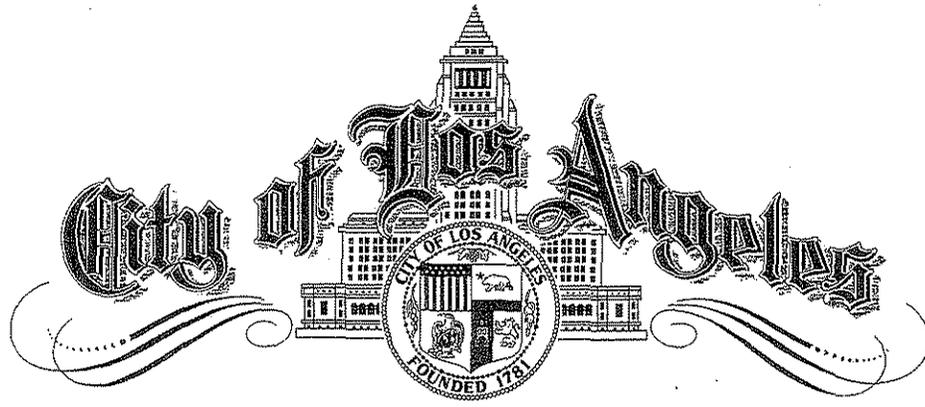
Mr. Weiss's representative experience includes:

- Trial counsel for a plaintiff real estate developer in a lawsuit against the master developer of one of the largest master planned communities in Arizona. Following a six-week jury trial in Maricopa County Superior Court, a unanimous jury found for Mr. Weiss's client on all claims, awarding damages of over \$110 million—one of the largest damage awards ever in Arizona.
- Trial counsel for plaintiff, a member of the Jordanian Royal family, in a dispute with former partners over profits from Iraqi war U.S. Department of Defense military procurement contracts. Following a three-week jury trial in Palm Beach Florida Circuit Court, an eight-member jury awarded Mr. Weiss's client \$28.8 million, finding for the plaintiff on all six counts under Florida and Jordanian law. A unanimous panel of the Florida 4th District Court of Appeal later affirmed the jury verdict and granted plaintiff's cross-appeal for pre-judgment interest, increasing the judgment to more than \$40 million.
- Conducted the oral argument in a billion dollar appeal in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division on behalf of a Canadian oil company. The oral argument was the subject of a Law360 article.
- Counsel for LG Display in a billion dollar antitrust lawsuit filed by Sony in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
- Trial and appellate counsel for major insurance company against its reinsurers in a \$500 million precedent setting case before the New York Court of Appeals involving the "follow the fortunes" doctrine in reinsurance.
- Counsel for former officers of Washington Mutual in shareholder and FDIC litigation in various federal lawsuits.

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- Obtained dismissal of his client at the class certification stage from an ongoing class action alleging fraud, racketeering and breach of contract in relation to thousands of foreclosures in the State of Ohio over a five-year period after taking the depositions of all putative class representatives and successfully briefing the opposition to class certification.

Mr. Weiss received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 2004, where he was the Managing Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* and a research assistant for Professor Laurence Tribe, his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh in 2001, and his B.A. with highest distinction in 1993 from the University of California at Berkeley, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He completed a clerkship with the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2005. Mr. Weiss is fluent in French, conversant in Norwegian, and proficient in Spanish, having studied and worked abroad.



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Mr. Jonathan Weiss

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Civil Service 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 Paul Koretz, who is your Councilmember and the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare 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 appointment will be considered by the Personnel and Animal Welfare 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  
Mr. Jonathan Weiss  
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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:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Paul Koretz - Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination and your City Councilmember** (contact at 213-473-7005).

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