

ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

May 27, 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. Cheryl Turner to the Convention and Exhibition Center Authority for the term ending January 16, 2015. Ms. Turner will fill the vacancy created by Andrew Walter, whom I removed effective July 31, 2014 or at the time Mr. Walter's successor is confirmed by the City Council.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Turner is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, 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:** Cheryl Turner  
**Commission:** Convention and Exhibition Center Authority  
**End of Term:** 1/16/2015

### Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** African American
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 10 - South Los Angeles
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., University of Southern California School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Principal Attorney, Turner & Associates/Law Offices of Cheryl Turner
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Replacement
10. **Current composition of commission – Mayor’s seats (excluding appointee):**

Name	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Alfaro, Carlos E.	South Valley	6	Latino	M	31-Jan-07	16-Jan-15
Bautista, Gilbert	North Valley	12	Latino	M	31-Oct-07	16-Jan-13
Canas, Tom - REMOVED	Central	1	Latino	M	03-Aug-07	16-Jan-13
Choh, Candice	West LA	11	Asian Pacific Islander	F	24-May-11	16-Jan-13
Chung, Florence K	Central	5	Asian Pacific Islander	F	16-May-12	16-Jan-15
Mattoo, Kanchan	South Valley	2	Asian Pacific Islander	M	16-Aug-08	16-Jan-15
Rodriguez, Susan A.	East	13	Latina	F	28-Mar-08	16-Jan-13
Shabazz Coates, Shahiedah			African American	F	12-Jan-10	16-Jan-13
Smith, Donald H. - REMOVED	West	11	Caucasian	M	16-Jan-07	16-Jan-15
Walter, Andrew - REMOVED	Central	5	Caucasian	M	20-Mar-12	16-Jan-15

## **Cheryl C. Turner, Esq.**

### **Objective: Commissioner in the Mayor Garcetti Administration**

I am an attorney with many years of transactional, litigation and business experience with a proven track record of being able to quickly and thoroughly analyze voluminous written materials on a wide variety of issues. I am known as a results oriented, enthusiastic professional with extensive experience working with individuals across broad industries, various backgrounds and interests. I have excellent problem solving skills and can work under pressure in time sensitive environments. My background encompasses leadership as well as the ability to establish and build rapport with others. I can quickly assess problems and offer recommendations using listening, logic and my interpersonal skills. I have a genuine interest in working with people to resolve concerns and support programs that contribute to a better quality of life.

### **Professional Experience**

**Turner & Associates/Law Offices of Cheryl Turner, Los Angeles**      1989 – Present  
Principal Attorney

#### **Real Estate Litigation, Land Use and Eminent Domain**

Expertise in the area of real estate transactions and litigation; land use variances; and the resolution of eminent domain right-of-way cases. Litigated quiet title actions. Worked with title companies reviewing title reports and clearing clouds on title. Successfully resolved disputes by those improperly claiming lien rights and the right to foreclose. As a former real estate broker, I am very familiar with the process of making offers on residential and commercial properties; opening and closing escrows; arranging for inspections and reviewing inspection reports; conducting research and resolving disputes with the zoning department, the county recorder, the tax assessor's office, and other agencies that regulate real property.

#### **Corporate Counsel/Business Law**

Counseled officers regarding corporate governance issues, compliance and regulatory matters. Designed corporate structures for small and medium-sized businesses. Drafted and filed formation documents for business entities such as C-corporations, S-corporations and limited liability companies. Prepared and filed necessary documents required of the business entity to maintain compliance with various regulatory agencies. Drafted and negotiated buy and sell agreements, partnership agreements, subcontracting agreements, and all varieties of contracts. Handled transactional work on behalf of various types of commercial businesses, mortgage lenders, investors, contractors and medical professional corporations

#### **Construction Litigation and Claims Resolution**

Performed consulting services to risk management to structure the wrap-up construction insurance coverage for a government agency. Served as outside insurance defense counsel for many prime and subcontracting construction companies engaged in public infrastructure construction projects. Successfully defended them on third party liability claims alleging property damage, business interruption, construction defects and grade crossing accidental incidents.

**Cheryl C. Turner, Esq.**

Professional Experience (continued)

**Advocacy**

Actively participates in political, business and community relations in the City of Los Angeles. Provides advocacy services for clients and special interest groups on proposed legislation at both the local and state government levels.

**International Transactional Experience**

Traveled to London, England with a team to negotiate with lead underwriters from Lloyd's of London to obtain insurance for infrastructure construction projects for a major local public agency

**Mergers & Acquisitions**

Experienced in taking publicly held companies, private. Provided consulting services for the merger of local governmental agencies into one governing entity.

**Commercial Litigation**

Represented clients in cases involving controversies ranging from negotiable instruments, insurance contract disputes, partnership disputes and leveraged buy-outs.

Some of the key clients that I have represented are widely diverse and include:

**Skanska USA Civil West Construction Company, Community Advisory Team**

General Counsel 2012 - Present

Outside legal counsel and legal advisor to the national Community Advisory Team, and its regional subsidiaries for Skanska USA, a leading worldwide construction company involved in the construction and development of public works infrastructure such as the construction of bridges, ports, stadiums, high speed and underground light rail. Regular speaker at the Community Advisory Team meetings providing outreach and educational training to subcontractors, business owners and community stakeholders involved in contracting for major construction projects in their region.

**Los Angeles Superior Court Appointed Minor's Counsel** 2010 -2012

Minor's Counsel

Appointed by the Los Angeles Superior Court to represent minor children in civil court custody cases in the event of a custody dispute.

**Centinela Medical Center-South Bay** 2005 -Present

General Counsel

Outside legal corporate counsel and legal advisor to an independent physicians' association

**Argonaut Insurance Company** 1993 - 1996

Outside Insurance Defense Counsel defending their insureds against liability claims arising from public works construction projects and public works operations

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation** 1993 - 1996

Outside Legal Counsel for the liquidation of insured depository banking institutions and the disposition of assets, including the real estate, of such institutions.

**Resolution Trust Corporation** 1995 - 1996

Outside Legal Counsel for the liquidation of insured depository savings and loan institutions and the disposition of assets, including the real estate, of such institutions.

**Cheryl C. Turner, Esq.**

Professional Experience (continued)

<b>Allied Insurance Investigations, Owner/Principal.</b> Insurance Claims Investigation and Legal Support	1989-1990
<b>Sayre, Moreno, Purcell &amp; Boucher, Litigation Associate</b> Class action litigation and trials in the area of Environmental Toxic Tort Exposure	1987 - 1989
<b>Mercury Insurance Company, Law Clerk/ Attorney</b> Insurance defense litigation for their insureds and insurance coverage resolution.	1987 - 1988
<b>United States District Court, Central District of California</b> Law Clerk Extern for Judge James M. Ideman	Semester 1986
<b>Schwartz, Dohrmann &amp; Steinsapir, Certified Law Clerk</b> Law Clerk to legal counsel that represented labor unions and their members in employment law matters.	Summer of 1985
<b>The Irvine Company, Law Clerk</b> Analyzed commercial leases in preparation for tax audits.	Summer of 1984
<b>Los Angeles County Bar Association</b> Advised attorneys and clients on attorney-client fee arbitration rules and procedures	1982 - 1983
<b>University of Southern California President's Advisory Council</b> Compiled data and drafted reports for committees reporting to the President	1979 - 1980

**Certifications**

**Licensed Attorney, State Bar of California, SBN 132197**  
Admitted to the California Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Pro Hac Vice to the Arizona and Missouri Federal Courts. Argued before the California Court of Appeals and submitted briefs to the California Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Construction Management Certificate, Turner Construction Company, 2011  
Los Angeles County Bar Association Domestic Violence Project Volunteer Training, 2012  
California Licensed Real Estate Broker, 2005 to 2009

**Cheryl C. Turner, Esq.**

### **Community Activities**

Apartment Owners' Association of Greater Los Angeles, Co-Chair of the Legal Committee 2014

Lafayette Square Association, Election Nominating Committee Chairperson, 2013

USC Law School Class Reunion, Gift Committee Chairperson, -Raised approximately \$1 million dollars for the law school, 2012

Skanska USA Civil West Construction Business Academy, Keynote Speaker, 2012

Apartment Owners' Association of Greater Los Angeles, Governmental Relations Committee, 2011- Present

Consumer Attorney Association of Los Angeles, Governmental Relations Committee, 2011 - Present

FAME Santa Monica Redevelopment Corporation, Board of Directors for the development and management of a Senior Housing Project in the city of Santa Monica, 2012 - Present

Ford Motor Company Consumer Dispute Resolution Board, Arbitrator

South Coast Air Quality Management District for the Clean Air Act, Panel Member, 1987

Lafayette Square Association, Board of Directors, 1996 - 1998

Speaker's Bureau for Tom Bradley, Political Campaign Speaker, 1986

Outstanding Young Women of America, 1986

Former Lifeguard, Swim Instructor and Synchronized Swimming Team Coach

### **Education**

**University of Southern California, Los Angeles**

**Juris Doctor**, F. Lee Bailey Moot Court Competition, American Judicature Award for Outstanding Achievement, University of Southern California Institutional Review Board, President of BLSA

**Bachelor of Arts** with Honors in International Relations and Psychology, The Blackstonian Honorary Legal Society, Selected for the University Leadership Development Training Program



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

May 27, 2014

Ms. Cheryl Turner

Dear Ms. Turner:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Convention and Exhibition Center Authority for the term ending January 16, 2015. 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.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Herb J. Wesson, Jr., your Councilmember, and Councilmember Curren Price, the Chair of the Economic Development 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 Economic Development 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.

Ms. Cheryl Turner

May 27, 2014

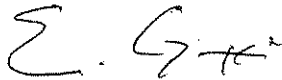
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Once you are confirmed, you will be required to take the oath of office in the City Clerk's Office in Room 395 of City Hall. Cary Gross with the Mayor's staff will assist you during the confirmation process if you have questions.

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 and cursive.

ERIC GARCETTI

Mayor

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Attachment I  
Ms. Cheryl Turner  
May 27, 2014

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr.** (contact at 213-473-7010).  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Curren Price, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at 213-473-7009).

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