



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

June 26, 2014

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Jeff Daar to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 2018. Mr. Daar's current term expired on May 20, 2014.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Daar 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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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Jeff Daar
Commission: Rent Adjustment Commission
End of Term: 5/20/2018

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 12 - North Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:**
7. **Occupation/profession:**
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

| Name | APC | CD | Ethnicity | Gender | Appt date | Term ends |
|-------------------------|--------------|----|------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Brogdon, Carole | Central | 4 | Caucasian | F | 09-May-14 | 20-May-18 |
| Cha, Alex | Central | 1 | Asian Pacific Islander | M | 22-Sep-09 | 20-May-14 |
| Daar, Jeffrey J. | North Valley | 12 | Caucasian | M | 18-Feb-03 | 20-May-14 |
| Gershman-Pitts, Leonora | East LA | 14 | Caucasian | F | 09-May-14 | 20-May-18 |
| Glenn, Theresa (Tai) | East | 14 | Caucasian | F | 19-Jul-13 | 20-May-14 |
| Oliva, Jose | North Valley | 7 | Latino | F | 09-May-14 | 20-May-18 |
| Townsend, Maria | North Valley | 12 | Latina | F | 26-Sep-07 | 20-May-14 |
| Winderman, Allyne | Central | 4 | African American | F | 15-Mar-13 | 20-May-14 |

Jeffrey Daar

Principal, Daar & Newman

Jeffery Daar has practiced law since 1982 and is a principal of the law firm of Daar & Newman. Jeffery takes a holistic approach to clients' legal and business issues. His diverse expertise includes strategic planning, complex state and federal litigation, innovative dispute resolution, and international transactions and disputes. Jeffery assists clients in finding real solutions to problems by implementing both short-term and long-term strategies. Jeffery's practice focuses on both litigation and transactional projects.

Jeffery's extensive litigation background gives him added insight to structuring transactions for clients along with his entrepreneurial approach to problem solving and dispute resolution. Jeffery is known for his extensive background in a number of practice areas, including but not limited to cross-border litigation and transactions, class actions, insurance including insurance insolvency, products liability, consumer litigation, unfair competition, appellate work, private post-secondary schools and colleges, and intellectual property. He has extensive experience with restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, attachments, and other prejudgment relief.

The cases handled by Jeffery include a wide variety of industries and subjects, including representing municipalities in the Executive Life Insurance Company insolvency, trying a major securities class action before the Delaware Chancery Court, suing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and State of Texas in federal court for violations of the First Amendment on behalf of a Texas County Judge, School Superintendent and private college, foreign distribution and retail disputes, defense and prosecution of class actions, insurance and financial services claims, toxic torts, product liability claims, technology disputes, antitrust cases, and practicing before the California Supreme Court and other federal appellate courts.

While Jeffery is a United States trained lawyer, he has close working relationships with lawyers throughout Europe, Latin America and Asia. This permits him to assemble international legal teams for innovative global solutions to business transactions and disputes. He regularly handles cross-border disputes and transactions.

Leadership in international and local organizations is part of Jeffery's daily life. In the State Bar of California, Jeffery is the Immediate Past Chair of the State Bar of California International Law Section (Chair, 2012-2013), its Vice Chair (2011-2012), a member of its Executive Committee (2009-2013) and Chair of its Programs Committee (2009 -2011). He was previously an Advisor to the State Bar of California International Law Section Executive Committee (2008-2009). Jeffery is also a member of the State Bar's Social Media Task Force (2011-). Jeffery is also Chair of the International Affairs Committee of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (2011-).

In Consulegis, an international network of law firms, Jeffery is the Chair of its Intellectual Property, Entertainment Law and Information Technology Specialist Group coordinating lawyer specialists in these areas in more than 40 countries.

Jeffery was the Chair of the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (2007-2009) and is a member of its Executive Committee. Jeffery is a member of

the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (2010-2014, 2008-2009). The Los Angeles County Bar awarded Jeffery with the prestigious Matthew S. Rae, Jr., Outstanding Section Leader Award in 2009. He was also the Co-Chair of the 2007 Symposium on International Arbitration and Litigation Strategies. Jeffery also was Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar's Social Media & Community Outreach Committee.

Jeffery is an internationally recognized speaker and writer on international law issues. He is the Executive Editor of the 560 page handbook International Intellectual Property Law Basics (2008), which was written by him and 53 other international lawyers from around the world on intellectual property law for more than thirty countries and the European Union. He is also an Associate Editor of the handbook International Corporate Structures, which provides a country by country guide for more than thirty countries and the European Union. His publications include "Obtaining Strategic Injunctions Against Infringers Of U.S. Patents" and the chapter "Licensing and Regulation of Insurance Adjusters" in the Matthew-Bender treatise, California Insurance Law. He regularly makes presentations on many different international issues, including recent programs on international arbitration and international litigation strategies, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and international arbitration awards, the Convention on the International Sale of Goods, structuring international transactions, and avoiding cultural mishaps, family law across borders, and international trade legal considerations.

Jeffery has been appointed by two different Mayors of the City of Los Angeles as a City Commissioner and been approved each time by the Los Angeles City Council. He is currently the Chairperson of the City of Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission, which is responsible for adopting policies, rules and regulations pertaining to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and is the Appeals Board for the City of Los Angeles Housing Department. Jeffery has served as a City Commissioner since 2003. Jeffery served as the Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley from 2001 to 2007. Jeffery holds and has held various leadership positions in other nonprofit organizations.

Practice Areas:

Civil Litigation, focusing on complex disputes
Class actions
International Arbitration
State and Federal Appellate
Business transactions, including cross-border international matters
Insurance, including insurance insolvency
Products liability
Intellectual Property
First Amendment Litigation
Private Postsecondary schools and colleges

Education:

J.D., University of California, Davis, 1982
Member of Law Review and Moot Court Board
B.A., Claremont McKenna College, 1979

Admissions:

California Bar (1982)

United States Court of Appeals (9th Circuit, 5th Circuit)

Central, Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of the U.S. District Court of California

Presentations:

- Avoiding Cross-Cultural Mishaps When Dealing With Foreign Clients (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
- California-Mexico Cross-Border Litigation and Arbitration (State Bar of California)
- Global Legal Research Strategies and Resources (State Bar of California)
- A Socially Safe Webinar: The Use of Social Media by Lawyers (State Bar of California)
- Cross-Border Litigation Issues and Strategies (State Bar of California)
- Dispute Resolution in International Transactions (Beverly Hills Bar Association)
- Enforcing Foreign Judgments and Arbitration Awards (State Bar of California)
- International Arbitration in California: California-Specific Issues and Trends (State Bar of California)
- Cross-Border Litigation: Recent Developments and Hot Topics (State Bar of California)
- The Nuts and Bolts of International Arbitration and Litigation (State Bar of California)
- Avoiding Cross-Cultural Mishaps When Dealing With Foreign Clients (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
- A Socially Safe Webinar: The Use of Social Media by Lawyers (State Bar of California)
- Doing Business in Los Angeles (Guadalajara, Mexico)
- Liability of Internet Service Providers (Cologne, Germany)
- Global World of IP Damages: Realities of Recoveries and Remedies for Infringement (American Bar Association)
- Enforceability of the \$18 Billion Ecuadorean Judgment Against Chevron and What We May All Learn from This Ongoing Battle (Istanbul, Turkey)
- Dispute Resolution in China - Related Business (State Bar of California)
- Anticipating Dispute Resolution Issues as Part of the Transaction (State Bar of California)
- International Intellectual Property Law for Non-IP Lawyers (Los Angeles County Bar)
- Structuring International Transactions (State Bar of California)
- Important International Treaties that You Should Know (State Bar of California)
- How to Successfully Use and Obtain Translations (State Bar of California)
- Overview on How Foreign Judicial Systems Work (State Bar of California)
- Family Law Across Borders (Los Angeles County Bar)
- The Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (Los Angeles County Bar)



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Mr. Jeff Daar

Dear Mr. Daar:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Rent Adjustment Commission for the term ending May 20, 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 Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 to make arrangements for you.

To begin the reappointment 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.

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.

As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Mitch Englander, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo, the Chair of the Housing Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from

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a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Housing Committee. Some time thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your reappointment 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 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
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Nominee Check List

I. 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 email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

_____ **Remuneration Form**

_____ **Undated Separation Forms**

_____ **Background Check Release**

_____ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

II. 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**

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

_____ **Your City Councilmember Mitch Englander** (contact at (213) 473-7012).

_____ **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.