



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

July 15, 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. Robert Vinson to the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority for the term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Vinson will fill the vacancy created by Joe Bernardo, who has resigned.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti'.

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Robert Vinson
Commission: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority
End of Term: 6/30/2017

Appointee Information

1. **Race/ethnicity:** Latino
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:** B.A., University of California
7. **Occupation/profession:** Principal, Vinson Real Estate Group
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	Ethics	Gender	Appt date	Term ends
Bernardo, Joseph	North Valley	12	Asian Pacific Islander	M	09-Aug-13	30-Jun-17
Buelna, Pilar	East	1	Latina	F	09-Aug-13	30-Jun-17
Bwarie, John	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	21-Jan-14	30-Jun-18
DiCostanzo, Salvatore	Harbor	15	Caucasian	M	22-Apr-14	30-Jun-18
Jacques, Carol	East	14	Latina	F	26-Sep-03	30-Jun-16
Louie, David W.	East	13	Asian Pacific Islander	M	03-Aug-06	30-Jun-14
Marez, Jesse	East	14	Latino	M	25-Jun-12	30-Jun-16
Ramos, Juan	Central	14	Latino	M	25-Mar-11	30-Jun-17
See, Lisa	West	11	Asian Pacific Islander	F	11-Aug-03	30-Jun-16

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- Principal Vinson Real Estate Group, a community redevelopment, design and environmental advocacy firm.
- Former **Partner** of redevelopment firm, **Mekeel/Vinson**, building affordable single family housing and community facilities in the greater Los Angeles area.
- Produced with Fenton Communications Former Vice President, Al Gore's New York presentation of his "slide show," which was the precursor to the Academy Award winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*.
- Candidate for Los Angeles City Council 12th district
- Assembly Speaker's Appointee to the California Criminal Advisory Commission
- Assembly Speaker's Appointee to the California State Export Finance Board
- Press and event production for the **Dalai Lama's** tours of the United States- Including the reoccurring 70,000 person event in Central Park produced by Richard Gere.
- Working with Mitchell Schwartz and Andy Beattie Organized press, scheduling, rapid response and research for President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, Former Vice President Gore and Senator Kerry. Responsibilities included advancing/producing major events. **Headed** West San Fernando Valley field operation for the Democratic Coordinated Campaign in the general election.
- Lecturer at USC's School of Policy, Planning and Development on affordable housing in Los Angeles.
- Coordinated media events for the **Clinton/Gore Campaign** effort in Los Angeles, headed by John Emerson.
- Owned and operated **The 2nd Coming**, a venue for international dining and music as well as political and social events. The club played host to such guests as Bruce Springsteen, Barbara Streisand and David Bowie among many other celebrities and political figures. In addition, 2nd Coming provided a venue for the work of Los Angeles based artists as well as musicians from around the world.
- Produced fund raising events for NOW, Heal the Bay, Amnesty International and many other organizations and causes.
- Graduate **University of Southern California** received a B.A. in Humanities with emphasis in Urban Planning and Theater.
- Graduate USC LA Semester Program

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Professional, Community and Civic Activities

- Youth Mentoring Connection: **Member Board of Directors**
- Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy: **Member Board of Directors**
- Art of the Peace Angle Trust: **Vice President Board of Directors**
- LA's Best Friends: **Past Member Board of Directors**
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art: **Member Contemporary Art Council**
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association: **Past Member**
- Town Hall Los Angeles: **Past Chairman Board of Associates**
- Show Coalition: **Former Member Board of Governors**
- Alternative Living for the Aging: **Former Vice President Board of Directors**
- Boys and Girls Club West S.F. Valley: **Past Member Board of Directors**
- Para los Ninos: **Amigos Council**
- California Youth Theater : **Former Exofficio Board Member**
- Los Angeles Free Clinic: **New Friends Board**
- Southwest Voter Registration & Education Project: **Host Committee Member**
- Urban Land Institute: **Member**
- Riordan Volunteer Leadership Development Program: **Graduate**
- Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley: **Member**
- Habitat for Humanity/Jimmy Carter Work Project: **Member**
- Democratic Leadership Council of California: **Member**
- Los Angeles County Young Democrats: **Member**
- San Fernando Valley Young Democrats: **Member**



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Mr. Robert Vinson

Dear Mr. Vinson:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority 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 Cary Gross in my Office at (213) 978-0621 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 Mitch Englander, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River 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 Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River 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 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 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 email: cary.gross@lacity.org.

_____ **Remuneration Form**
_____ **Undated Separation Forms**
_____ **Background Check Release**
_____ **Commissioner 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.
_____ **Residence Verification Form**

IV. 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 Mitch O'Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination** (contact at (213) 473-7013).

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