



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 9, 2023

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Iran Hopkins to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2028. Ms. Hopkins's current term expired on June 30, 2023.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Hopkins is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Bass'.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Iran Hopkins
Commission: Commission on Disability
End of Term: 6/30/2028

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - West LA
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Juris Doctor and Master of Business Taxation, University of Southern California, Law School and Marshall School of Business
7. **Occupation/profession:** Partner, Akerman LLP
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Barrios, Mary Grace	Central	5	API	F	6/30/2027
Bitonte, Robert	Central	14	Caucasian	M	6/30/2026
Cabanban, Myrna	Harbor	15	API	F	6/30/2026
Cable, Candace	Central	14	Caucasian	F	6/30/2025
Hopkins, Iran	South Valley	4	Latinx	F	6/30/2023
Schlesinger, Alisa	South Valley	4	Caucasian	F	6/30/2024
Williams, Robert	Central	4	Caucasian	M	6/30/2027
Wilson, Betty R.	East LA	14	African American	F	6/30/2023
Tagawa, Akiko	Central	13	API	F	6/30/2027

IRÁN HOPKINS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

AKERMAN LLP, Los Angeles, CA, *Partner, Real Estate Practice Group & National Cannabis Team* **5/2018 – PRESENT**

Focused on complex transactions, regulatory compliance, and structuring tax efficient ownership and operations for clients across a range of industries, including real estate private equity, healthcare leasing, hospitality, professional sports, public-private partnerships, commercial agriculture, IP licensing and franchising, storage for hire, digital records management, climate controlled facilities, service level requirements, nonprofit and corporate governance business succession, and estate, gift, and trust tax planning. Expertise in renewable energy incentives and business tax credits, CA energy efficiency standards and financing programs, QOZ and NMTA structures, charities and tax exempt entities, Section 280E, CA property tax, and cannabis operations and compliance.

ERVIN, COHEN & JESSUP LLP, Beverly Hills, CA **8/2014 – 5/2018**
Of Counsel, Corporate & Real Estate Departments

Focused on complex transactions and outside general counsel across industries, primarily for private equity funds, family offices and closely-held businesses. Expertise in private equity real estate and M&A transactions, structuring JVs, cross-border transactions, equity investments, debt financing, commercial contracts, branding and licensing, IP rights, privacy and cybersecurity compliance, and personal and business succession planning. Responsible for training, supervising, and mentoring junior attorneys, marketing, and business development. Expert in California cannabis regulatory landscape, developed and lead ECJ's cannabis industry group.

TEPPER & ASSOCIATES, Beverly Hills, CA, *Counsel* **11/2009 – 7/2014**

Outside general counsel to hotel group and several family office clients in real estate transactions, business operations, and structuring ownership, including purchase and sale of real estate, financing, leasing, property management, eminent domain, hotel and restaurant operations, JVs, branding, licensing, IP rights, employee and union matters, insurance and business succession planning, estate, gift and trust planning, trust operations, and supervision of litigation and insurance defended lawsuits, risk management, and settlement of disputes.

DUVAL & STACHENFELD LLP, Los Angeles, CA **4/2007 – 7/2009**
Associate, Real Estate & Entertainment and Media Departments

Represented institutional and family office clients in sophisticated domestic and cross-border private equity joint ventures and investments in real estate, including JV negotiation, transaction structuring, corporate governance, financing, purchase and sale of assets, property management, leasing, and business and operations. Advise Entertainment & Media Department clients, including multimedia companies, film finance, and production legal.

Primary associate involved with the establishment of Project Greenstorm™. Developed expertise in renewable energy, the environment, sustainability, climate change, and state, federal, and international models and economic incentives. Member of the Special Events Committee and Wine Committee, including establishing a private wine label for the firm. Responsible for marketing, recruiting, and business development for the Los Angeles office.

EISNER & FRANK, Los Angeles, CA - *Associate* **1/2006 – 3/2007**

Advised closely held businesses, family offices, global luxury brands, developers, production companies, writers, and talent clients on business operations and legal affairs, including purchase, sale, leasing and financing of real estate, asset management, corporate governance, entertainment law, licensing, trademark infringement, and IP matters.

Negotiated and drafted corporate and real estate agreements, entity formation and capitalization documents, opinion letters, commercial contracts, production legal, film finance, licensing, writer, composer, and talent agreements. Assisted with substantive financial analysis in corporate litigation, case strategy, discovery, document review, and preparation of motions, pleadings, and settlement agreements. Responsible for supervision of summer associates.

FTI CONSULTING, INC., Los Angeles, CA - *Sales Consultant (Practice Development)* **8/2004 – 2/2005**

Recruited by a former KPMG partner to assist in establishing and developing FTI's Transfer Pricing/International Tax Practice. Member of business development team prior to its dissolution in early 2005. Reported to top corporate executives: Vice-President of Sales and Marketing, National Director of Economic Consulting and National Practice Leader for Transfer Pricing. Associated with approximately \$750,000 in revenue in first six months.

Responsible for identifying, negotiating and closing new business opportunities, maintaining and further developing existing client relationships and preparation of marketing presentations, proposals and client communications.

WEALTH & TAX ADVISORY SERVICES, INC. (HSBC BANK SUB), Los Angeles, CA - *Associate* **2/2004 – 8/2004**

Advised family offices and related entities on highly technical individual, estate, gift, trust and foundation tax planning and compliance matters. Drafted chapter for firm's published treatise on the individual tax aspects of stock options.

KPMG LLP, Los Angeles, CA - Senior Associate, International Corporate Tax Services

9/2001 – 2/2004

Advised primarily multinational conglomerates, media and entertainment companies, and private equity clients on highly technical international tax and business matters, including structuring cross-border joint ventures, multinational operations, asset management, financing, licensing, royalties, consolidated group issues, overall foreign loss, and expertise in extraterritorial income exclusion and foreign sale and leasing income tax credits.

Provided tax planning advice to avoid double taxation using income tax treaties and foreign tax credits for worldwide tax efficiency. Advised foreign businesses and nonresident individuals in structuring inbound investments and business operations in the US. Developed expertise with financial statements and global business operations.

Responsible for tax analysis, managing client communications, coordination with local country advisors, developing industry specific expertise, targeting prospective and existing clients for new service opportunities, supervision of associates, and technical tax updates, proposals, and presentations at department, client, and management meetings.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TAX DIVISION, Los Angeles, CA, Summer Extern, 2000

DOLE FRESH FRUIT INTERNATIONAL (LATIN AMERICAN HQ), San José, Costa Rica, Summer Intern, 1995 & 1999

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LAW SCHOOL AND MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor and Master of Business Taxation, May 2001

Research/Teaching Assistant, 2000-2001, Professor Henry Cheeseman, Finance and Business Law, Marshall School of Business

Honors and Activities: Dean's List; Tax Law Society, Co-President; International Law Society, International Liaison; Criminal Law Society, Mariel Cuban Detainee Representation; Assistant Instructor/Volunteer, VITA Program, 1999-2001

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Fort Worth, TX

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1998

Majors: Latin American Studies and Spanish, Minor: Geography

Honors and Activities: Dean's List 1995-1998; Delta Gamma Fraternity; Golden Key National Honor Society; Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society; Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society; Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society

LEGAL VOLUNTEER WORK:

HARRIET BUHAI CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW, Los Angeles, CA
Director, Attorney Volunteer & Pro Bono Translator (Spanish)

5/2006 – 2017

- Counsel monolingual Spanish speaking clients in family law matters and prepare court filings and pleadings in English for clients to represent themselves court *In Pro Per*, including dissolution of marriage, division of assets, legal and physical child custody, child and spousal support, paternity, parenting, domestic violence and restraining orders. Experience with orders to show cause/requests for orders and preparing for hearings and trials, including drafting related declarations and trial briefs.
- Pro Bono Translator for Pro Bono Counsel and monolingual Spanish speaking clients, translation of documents, court filings and pleadings. Participant in fundraising efforts and public speaker on behalf of the non-profit organization, including for law student outreach and recruitment of volunteers. Instructor in annual volunteer training seminars.
- Recipient of the 2013 Frances Wender Kandel Volunteer of the Year Award. Recipient of the State Bar of California's Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services in March 2010, February 2011 and March 2013.

OTHER VOLUNTEER WORK AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Commissioner, City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability, Mayoral Appointee: May 2015-June 2028.
- Member of the Junior League of Los Angeles, 2001-Present, Appointed Positions: JLLA Endowment Committee, Chair 2022-2025, Public Relations Committee, Nominating Committee 2012-2014 (Appointing Board of Directors), Planning Council Member-at-Large, Social Media Task Force, Chair of Historian Committee 2010-2012, Provisional Training Team Advisor, Public Policy Committee, Public Relations and Publicity Committee, Recruitment Committee and Co-Chair of Social and Cultural Committee.
- Member, Los Angeles County Museum of Art: President's Circle Avant-Garde, 2006-Present, Costume Council, 2005-2013.
- Member of the State Bar of California (Bar # 217597); Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Financial Development Committee, 2003-2005; Assistant Planner, Los Angeles County Law Library's 50th Anniversary Fundraiser, 2004.
- Bilingual (Spanish) and bicultural (Latin American); professional level Spanish translator since 1997. Grew up living and traveling throughout México, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras.



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

August 9, 2023

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

I am pleased to inform you that I am reappointing you to the Commission on Disability for the term ending June 30, 2028, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

To begin the reappointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and undated Letters of Separation **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensure the most efficient, open, and accountable city government possible.

As part of the reappointment process, Traci Park, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, the Chair of the Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committee, may wish to meet with you to answer any questions they have. Our office will assist with arranging these meetings.

Should this apply to your commission, 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 via the California Fair Political Practices Commission's eDisclosure website, or by mailing the forms to City Hall at 200 N. Spring Street, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the City Ethics Commission by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

Additionally, you will be required to attend public meetings at City Hall where your reappointment will be considered. You will be hearing from our office and a City Council Clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified of the date when your reappointment will be presented to the full City Council. Immediately following the meeting, you will again be required to take the Oath of Office in the City Clerk's Office located in Room 395 of City Hall. If you require parking for these meetings, please contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

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Per the City Charter, most commissioners must be registered voters of the City of Los Angeles, and must therefore reside within Los Angeles. If you move at any point during your term, or your contact information changes, please contact my Commissions team immediately at the email listed below. While we hope that you complete a successful term, if for some reason you intend to resign, please do so in writing to my Commissions team at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Congratulations, and thank you for agreeing to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment I
Ms. Iran Hopkins
August 9, 2023

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

- Email the below completed documents, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to:
Office of the Mayor
Attn: Commissions Team
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Remuneration Form
 - Undated Separation Letters (2)
- Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

II. Within 21 days:

- File the following forms with the City Ethics Commission. If you are required to file, you will receive these forms via email 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

III. The Mayor’s Office will notify the below Councilmembers of your nomination, so that they may reach out to schedule a meeting with you should they wish.

- Your City Councilmember Traci Park
- Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination

IV. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committee Hearing
- Full Council Hearing