



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

September 23, 2020

Holly Wolcott
City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council Redistricting Commission Appointments

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the City of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission.

- Cecilia Cabello, *Senior Advisor, Yes on Prop 16*
- Maria Brenes, *Executive Director, InnerCity Struggle*
- Charisse Bremond Weaver, *President & CEO, Brotherhood Crusade*

I certify that in my opinion, these appointees are especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work that will devolve upon them and that I make the appointments solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Garcetti', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric Garcetti
MAYOR

cc: Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst

CECILIA CABELLO

Cecilia Cabello is a veteran political and government relations expert. Most recently she served as Senior Advisor to the Yes on Proposition 16 campaign, and as California State Director for Mayor Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign. Prior to the campaign, Cecilia was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as Vice President of the Board of Public Works, a full-time governing body responsible for the administration of the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, overseeing and managing more than 5,000 employees within the department's five infrastructure bureaus.

Cecilia has held a number of roles in government, including Chief of Staff to Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, an independently elected citywide official who serves as the City's chief auditor and accountant. Cecilia joined the Controller's Office from the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters, where as Director of Government Relations she was responsible for the union's political and governmental relations in Los Angeles County. She was tapped as Hillary for America's California State Director during the 2016 general campaign and California Deputy Political Director for the 2016 primary campaign.

Cecilia was previously Mayor Garcetti's Director of Intergovernmental Relations where she oversaw the administration's relations at all levels of government and played key roles in advancing critical legislation and securing billions of dollars in infrastructure funding. She also served as Garcetti's Senior Legislative Deputy during his three terms on the L.A. City Council and long tenure as Council President.

Cecilia's previous roles include Vice President at Mercury Public Affairs, Chief Political Advisor to the Consul General of Israel in Los Angeles, and Special Projects Manager for then-Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis.

Cecilia is a graduate of Columbia University in New York. A native Angeleno, she proudly serves on the boards of Latino Victory, Equality California and Homeboy Industries. She lives in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles with her husband and cat.



Maria Brenes **Executive Director, InnerCity Struggle**

Maria began her activism over twenty-five years ago as a high school student living along the U.S./Mexico border during a time when state legislation was proposed that criminalized immigrant families and youth. This hostile environment resulted in Maria and her fellow Latinx schoolmates being removed from their schools. Despite the discrimination she faced, she completed her studies and later earned degrees from UC Berkeley and Harvard University. The experience taught her

the importance of lifting up her voice through collective action to ensure disadvantaged students have access to quality education.

Maria has organized for educational justice through various campaigns and initiatives. Since 2002, as a leader of InnerCity Struggle, she has spearheaded an expansion of the influence of students and community residents in decision-making about Los Angeles' public schools, mobilizing thousands of Latinx parents and students in the Eastside of Los Angeles.

Maria's work with InnerCity Struggle has resulted in a wide range of improvements within Eastside schools as well as schools throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District. In the last few years, Maria's leadership has helped win several breakthrough victories; new schools for the Eastside, a district-wide policy focused on preparing all students for college, increased funds for high-need schools, smaller learning environments in Eastside high schools and an expansion of school-based health services. After years of demanding that all students be prepared for college, the tide is changing. Graduation rates in the Eastside are rising and more students are informed about what is needed to succeed.

Over the last decade, InnerCity Struggle has educated and mobilized thousands of Eastside voters ensuring greater civic participation and community action.

Maria's leadership also resulted in the construction of the organization's new permanent home now serving as a Youth and Community Center for the Eastside.

Maria was recognized as a *Grassroots Leader to Watch* by the Liberty Hill Foundation and has received various other leadership awards, including from the newspaper *La Opinion*, UC Berkeley's Chicano/Latino Alumni Association of Southern California and the Latina Lawyers Association. In 2015, she was appointed as a Commissioner for the Commission for Children and Families by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. In 2018, Maria was recognized with the *Woman of the Year Award* by the LA County Commission for Women. She was recently elected as a Community Trustee for the Board of Directors of the Hill-Snowdon Foundation, a national social justice fund. Maria is also a proud mom of two children that attend an LAUSD elementary school.

Charisse Bremond Weaver

Bio

Charisse is a passionate, dedicated leader in the not-for-profit sector. Her focus and desire are to serve her community and make it a better environment for those she touches and those they touch.

Charisse is leading the Brotherhood Crusade that was founded by her late father Walter Bremond in 1968. She's been the President and CEO of the Brotherhood Crusade for nearly 15 years. During her tenure, she's significantly expanded the organization's reach, profile and partnerships. Charisse leads a team of 75, 45 of whom who are full time. Raised over \$70MM and increased annual operating budget to \$6.7MM from \$1MM in 2006. Her team directly serves approximately 3,000 low-income youth and young adults between the ages of 10 to 24 daily through various trauma-informed youth development programs and impacts more than 20k youth, young adults and families annually.

Earlier in her career, Charisse made strides with other non-profits in raising funds and increasing their impact. These skills served as a foundation for later growth. The combination has created a virtuous circle of favorable impact.

As a community leader, Bremond Weaver has been recognized locally and nationally in 2019 KTLA Channel 5 Black Visionary, 2019 KJLH Radio 102.3 FM as a Proven Achiever, 2019 Black Business Association Outstanding Community Service Award, 2019 County of Los Angeles recognition of Outstanding Leadership, 2018 African American Film Marketplace/S.E. Manly Short Film Showcase Humanitarian of the Year, 2018 NBA great, Stephen Curry selected Brotherhood Crusade as his charity to support for the NBA All-Star game, 2017 Bank of America Neighborhood Builder Recipient and in 2014 with her husband George Weaver received the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award.

Charisse Bremond Weaver is a graduate of Utah State University, where she was honored as Alumna of the Year; becoming the first African American woman ever selected for this honor. She attended the institution on a women's basketball scholarship. Charisse and her family reside in Los Angeles, CA.

Her journey is well underway, but nowhere near completed.