



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

June 1, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Ms. Jill Ornitz Cohen to the Board of Animal Services for the term ending June 30, 2026. Ms. Ornitz Cohen's current term expires on June 30, 2021.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Ornitz Cohen is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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Attachment

**COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM**

**Name:** Jill Ornitz Cohen  
**Commission:** Board of Animal Services  
**End of Term:** June 30, 2026

**Appointee Information**

- 1. **Race/ethnicity:** Caucasian
- 2. **Gender:** Female
- 3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 3 - South Valley
- 4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. **Prior commission experience:** Cultural Affairs Commission
- 6. **Highest level of education completed:** B.S., Art History, Boston University
- 7. **Occupation/profession:** Business Consultant
- 8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
- 10. **Current composition of the commission:**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>APC</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Garcia, Olivia	Central	10	Latina	F	30-Jun-22
Gross, Larry	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-25
Cohen, Jill	South Valley	3	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-21
Sandoval, Jose	North Valley	6	Latino	M	30-Jun-23
Finsten, Alisa	West LA	5	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-24

## **Jill Ornitz Cohen**

Jill recently served as Commissioner of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles for four years. Appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti, she worked as part of the Commission team to approve designs to be built on or over City property and accepted works of art to be acquired by the City collection. Jill represented the City at cultural events in and around Los Angeles.

A dedicated animal welfare advocate, Jill has assisted in the development and fundraising for several organizations. As Manager of Women/Girl's & Companion Animal programs for The Giving Spirit, she spearheads the health and safety campaign benefitting our homeless population and their support animals. She has actively placed rescue animals in homes and volunteered with animal advocacy organizations such as Pet Orphans of Van Nuys.

Jill worked in the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti as Assistant to the Mayor and Deputy Director of Protocol. In this role she was a liaison for dignitaries and foreign Consul Generals, as it related to meetings about the City of Los Angeles and the Mayor. Responsible for running the activities of the Executive Office, Jill managed incoming correspondence on behalf of the Mayor. She also worked closely with the Mayor's Executive scheduling team regarding daily meetings and travel, as well as executed large scale and intimate events on behalf of his office.

Jill has worked in both the creative and business side of the entertainment industry. In her role with Francis Ford Coppola she managed his business affairs, reviewed and researched scripts, arranged casting sessions and creative rehearsals for his feature films. She also oversaw publicity for Mr. Coppola and his production company as well as organized large-scale events.

Jill went on to work with Michael Ovitz, the CEO of Creative Artists Agency as his Senior Executive Assistant. She served as a liaison between the CEO and CAA clients, actors, producers, directors as well as studio executives. She managed philanthropic events, chaired by Mr. Ovitz, including the annual Aesculapians benefit for the UCLA School of Medicine and a Democratic National Committee fundraiser honoring President Clinton. Her interest in the arts came as a result of collaborating with the curator of Mr. Ovitz's personal art collection on purchases and loan-outs to galleries and museums. Following CAA, she joined Mr. Ovitz at the Walt Disney Company in a similar role. Jill continued her work in the business management side of the entertainment industry at Artists Management Group which represented artists and production companies.

Jill is currently a business manager for Los Angeles-based companies.



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Dear Ms. Ornitz Cohen:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby reappoint you to the Board of Animal Services for the term ending June 30, 2026. 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.

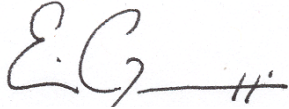
As part of the City Council confirmation process, you will need to meet with Bob Blumenfield, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Koretz, the Chair of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee, to answer any questions they may have. You will be hearing from a City Council committee clerk who will let you know when your reappointment will be considered by the Personnel and Animal Welfare 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.

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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  
Ms. Jill Ornitz Cohen  
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### **Nominee Check List**

#### **I. Within seven days:**

Mai or email the following forms to: Claudia Luna, Office of the Mayor, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email: Claudia.Luna@lacity.org.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remuneration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Undated Separation Forms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Background Check Release**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Information Sheet/Voluntary Statistics**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your City Councilmember Bob Blumenfield**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair of the Council Committee  
considering your nomination**

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