



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

December 07, 2021

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, at the request of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilmember of the 8th District, I am recommending Mr. David McNeill, to the Community Forest Advisory Committee as the Council District 8 alternate. His contact info is attached. Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact my Commissions team at myr-commissions@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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DAVID MCNEILL

Baldwin Hills Conservancy

David McNeill is the Executive Officer of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, which operates under the Natural Resources Agency for the State of California. He oversees the long-term acquisition and planned development of approximately two-square miles of oil drilling fields into much needed parkland for urban Southwest Los Angeles County.

With over 20 years of real estate, public outreach, and administration experience, Mr. McNeill has helped re-imagine the outdoor landscape in underserved communities. Since 2001, he has led a wide range of land acquisition, planning and design efforts culminating in the creation of community-based pocket parks, citizen science, habitat restoration and multi-benefit water quality projects, regional recreation facilities, as well as miles of trails providing access to parkland for the most diverse and densely populated neighborhoods in the State.

As a founding member of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, and Nature Nexus Institute, he has been a driving force behind implementing urban environmental initiatives such as the City of L.A.'s landmark *Walking to the Park Report* and L.A. Audubon Society's *Baldwin Hills Greenhouse Internship Program*. Through his work, Mr. McNeill strives to bridge community, public and private partnerships to help sustain new park projects and inspire the next generation of open space stewards.

David is a graduate of Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communication and a minor in Human Services. He has served as a member of the City of Los Angeles Recycled Water Advisory Group, South Coast Air Management District Environmental Justice Advisory Group, L.A. County Appointee to the Community Advisory Panel for the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District Overlay Zone, Board of Directors for the California Invasive Plant Council, Walk n' Rollers and the Fulcrum Initiative.