



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

December 20, 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 Curren Price, Councilmember of the 9th District, I am recommending Ms. Lila Higgins, to the Community Forest Advisory Committee as the Council District 9 representative. Her 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,

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

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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LILA HIGGINS

EDUCATION

California State University San Bernardino- Master of Arts, Environmental Education, 2006

University of California Riverside- Bachelor of Science, Entomology, 2001

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Manager, Community Science

June 2013-present

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County: Los Angeles, California

- Lead museum's Community Science Program including supervision of 4 FT staff, 2 PT staff, and 4 student interns, oversight of \$300K budget
- Co-found and direct the global City Nature Challenge project and event. To date the project has collected over 1.7 million biodiversity observations in over 160 cities around the world, engaging over 50K people.
- Lead grant writing and administration for the program, including acting as co-Principal Investigator of a \$2.2 million collaborative National Science Foundation grant (grants to date for program total \$700K).
- Write publications and popular press items to broaden reach and demonstrate outcomes and impact of the program.
- Served on museum's 2015/16 strategic planning committee

Manager, Citizen Science and Live Animals

December 2008-June 2013

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County: Los Angeles, California

- Manage museum's Citizen Science and Live Animal Programs including 4 direct and 6 indirect reports, oversight of \$500K budget
- Oversee live animal exhibits including live butterfly and spider pavilions, Insect Zoo, and live vertebrate displays
- Lead exhibit content development for Nature Gardens and Nature Lab exhibits
- Interpretive planning and program development for Nature Gardens
- Start and grow museum's Citizen Science Program growth from 2 partner projects to 7 NHM-led projects

Assistant Director

July 2008-November 2008

Mary Vagle Museum and Nature Center: Fontana, California

- Work with director to create center's strategic and interpretive plans
- Plan and implement staff trainings on interpretation and environmental education
- Plan and lead programming for summer Artist in Nature Camp

Volunteer & Ecological Management Coordinator

September 2006-July 2008

Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary: Lincoln, Massachusetts

- Manage sanctuary's 700+ person volunteer program, including group, teen, and docent programs
- Manage sanctuary's ecological management program for the 232 acre site including 4 miles of trails
- Coordinate sanctuary's special events with annual attendance of over 7000 and gross income of \$65K

Associate Education Curator

December 2004-July 2006

Riverside Metropolitan Museum: Riverside, California

- Design, implement, and evaluate museum education programs for schools, scouts, and general visitors
- Recruit, train, and supervise museum education staff (4 FT and 2PT) and manage museum's docent/volunteer programs
- Work on committees for design, evaluation, and production of exhibit areas and interpretive signage
- Co-facilitate Museum Youth Diversity Project, a co-created diversity program with local youth
- Assist Education Curator on budgeting (\$400K) and overall management of Education department

SELECTED PUBLIC SPEAKING & WORKSHOPS

LILA HIGGINS

Invited Speaker: <i>Connecting to Urban Nature in the Age of Extinction</i> National Academy of Sciences Distinctive Voices Series	October 2019
Keynote Speaker: <i>Community Science in Los Angeles: A Model for Engagement</i> Utah Citizen Science Consortium Meeting	November 2018
Accepted Seminar: <i>Evaluating BioBlitzes: an overview of participant and organiser perspectives</i> European Citizen Science Association Conference (Geneva, CH)	June 2018
Accepted Talk: <i>Balancing Goals of Urban Biodiversity Focused Citizen Science Projects</i> International Urban Wildlife Conference (San Diego, USA)	June 2017
Pre-conference workshop: <i>Citizen Science Best Practices for Science Centers and Museums</i> Association of Science and Technology Centers (Tampa, USA)	September, 2016
Accepted Symposium: <i>DIY Aerial Photography: Civic Science and Small Data</i> Citizen Science Association Conference (San Jose, USA)	February 2015

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Ballard, H., Robinson, L.D., Young, A.N., Pauly, G.B., Higgins, L.M., Johnson, R.F. and Tweddle, J. C. Contributions to conservation outcomes of natural history museum-led citizen science: Examining evidence and next steps. *Biological Conservation*. 2016
- Higgins, L., Pauly, G.B., Hood, C., Goldmand, J.G. Wild LA: Explore the Amazing Nature in and Around Los Angeles. *Timber Press*. 2019.

SELECTED GRANTS/FUNDING/ADVISING

Community science in Los Angeles \$100K LA2050	August 2019- October 2020
Youth learning and agency in museum citizen science \$2.2 M Science Learning+, NSF & Wellcome Trust	April 2017-March 2021
Advisor on ASU + SciStarter's, Supporting Libraries as Community Hubs for Citizen Science \$250K IMLS	January 2017- 2019
Nature programming and citizen science \$95K/\$75K/\$75K S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation	October 2012-2014

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Climate Jam <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Board member	June 2020-present
From Lot to Spot <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Board member (January 2018-June 2020)● Fundraising committee (2017)	August 2017-June 2020
Citizen Science Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Co-chair of Citizen Science Day task force● 2015 conference planner + 2017/9 conference advisor & 2021 conference communications advisor	May 2014-present