



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

April 28, 2022

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Mr. Michael Lawson to the Board of Fire and Police Pensions for the term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Lawson will fill the vacancy created by Adam Nathanson, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Lawson is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Michael Lawson
Commission: Board of Fire and Police Pensions
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

- 1. Race/ethnicity:** African American
- 2. Gender:** Male
- 3. Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 5 - Central
- 4. Are you a registered voter?** Yes
- 5. Prior commission experience:** Board of Airport Commissioners
- 6. Highest level of education completed:** J.D., Harvard Law School
- 7. Occupation/profession:** President and CEO, Los Angeles Urban League
- 8. Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
- 9. Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
- 10. Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Vacant					30-Jun-25
Pendleton, Brian	Central	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-23
Salimpour, Pedram	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-22
Ambriz, Andrea	West LA	5	Latinx	F	30-Jun-26
Parekh, Sumi	South LA	10	API	F	30-Jun-24

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I currently serve as the President & CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL), one of the oldest and most respected civil rights organizations in the United States dedicated to providing economic empowerment, educational opportunities, and the guarantee of civil rights for underserved communities in the Los Angeles area. I began my service as Interim President & CEO in November 2017 and was appointed to be the President & CEO of the LAUL in February 2018.

In September 2013, I was nominated by President Obama to serve as the United States Ambassador to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a UN specialized agency, a position that I held from July 2014 to January 2017. The 36-members of the ICAO Council set the standards and recommended practices and policies in support of the international civil aviation sector worldwide.

Before serving as the US Ambassador to ICAO, I served on the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) for Los Angeles World Airports from 2005 through 2011 and as President of the BOAC from 2008 – 2011. During my tenure, the Board was responsible for the overall management of the system of airports under its control, including Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, and Van Nuys Airport.

From 1980 to 2011, I practiced law at the prestigious international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in their New York, and Los Angeles offices until my retirement in 2011. Skadden is one of the largest law firms in the world with 1,700 attorneys in 22 offices around the world. The firm specializes in mergers and acquisitions, litigation, and other practice areas. The M&A Journal named Skadden "Law Firm of the Year" in its April 2010 issue. Skadden also received the magazine's top recognition in 2009. I led the Executive Compensation and Benefits Group in the Los Angeles office; worked in all facets of executive compensation and benefits matters, including stock options and other equity-based compensation arrangements, tax-qualified and non-qualified pension plans, fiduciary responsibility, structured finance transactions, bankruptcy proceedings, and proxy contests. Chambers USA consistently recognized me as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business.

I received my Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1978 and my BA in Political Science and Economics from Loyola Marymount University in 1975. I am admitted to and continue to be a member in good standing of the following bar associations: New York; District of Columbia; and California.

During my professional career, I have also held positions of significant responsibility on several charitable, educational and administrative boards, and committees including:

The Board of Trustees of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (the second largest public pension fund in the United States with assets totaling \$192.9 Billion (as of 11/30/2016); appointed by the Governor of California from 2011 – 2014);

Chair of the Oversight Board for the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Los Angeles, which was responsible for overseeing the dissolution of the Community Redevelopment Activities of the Successor Governing Board of Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Los Angeles (2012 – 2014);

The Board of Trustees, Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA (2010 – 2014);

The Board of Trustees, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA (2009 – 2014);

Chair/Member, Constitutional Rights Foundation (2003 – 2010);

Vice Chair/Member, Board of Directors, Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County/The Music Center (2004 – 2014);

Member, Board of Directors, Music Center Foundation (2010 – 2014);

Member, Western Regional Selection Panel for the White House Fellows Program (2010 – 2011);

Member, Board of Directors, The Advancement Project (2002 – 2014), and

Member of the Board of Directors of Navient Corporation (August 2021 - Present)



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Dear Mr. Lawson:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Fire and Police Pensions for the term ending June 30, 2025. 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 contact my Commissions team by email at myr-commissions@lacity.org, to make arrangements for you.

To begin the appointment process, please review, sign, and return the enclosed Remuneration Form and Undated Separation Letters **within one week** of receiving this letter. These documents are necessary to ensuring the most efficient, open, and accountable City government possible. Further, Mayor's Office policy requires all potential commissioners to be fingerprinted as part of the background check. The Commissions Team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit so that you may schedule an appointment to have this done. You must schedule the appointment **within one week** of receiving this letter.

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 at 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, 24th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any inquiries regarding this form should be directed to Nicole Enriquez at the Ethics Commission by email at nicole.enriquez@lacity.org.

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As part of the City Council confirmation process, meetings will be offered to Paul Koretz, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Paul Krekorian, the Chair of the Budget and Finance 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 appointment will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee. Sometime thereafter, you will be notified by the committee clerk when your appointment 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.

Commissioners must be residents of the City of Los Angeles. 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
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Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days:

_____ Schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted to complete a background check. The Commissions team will assist in connecting you with the Personnel Background Unit.

_____ Email the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org OR mail them to: Commissions Team, Office of the Mayor, City Hall – Room 303, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

- Remuneration Form
- Undated Separation Letters

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 Paul Koretz

_____ Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination