



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

October 27, 2022

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

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have appointed Ms. Nurit Katz to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2023. Ms. Katz will fill the vacancy created by Jill Banks Barad, who has resigned.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Katz 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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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Nurit Katz
Commission: Board of Water and Power Commissioners
End of Term: June 30, 2023

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Caucasian
2. **Gender:** Female
3. **Council district and neighborhood of residence:** 4 - South Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** MBA, UCLA Anderson School of Management. Masters, Public Policy, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs
7. **Occupation/profession:** Chief Sustainability Officer, University of California, Los Angeles
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume/bio
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Appointment
10. **Current composition of the commission (excluding appointee):**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Ethnicity	Gender	Term End
Vacant					30-Jun-23
Ruiz, Cynthia	East LA	14	Native American	F	30-Jun-25
Lehrer, Mia	Central	4	Latinx	F	30-Jun-24
McClain-Hill, Cynthia	Central	14	African-American	F	30-Jun-22
Brady, Nicole	Central	4	Caucasian	F	30-Jun-26

Biography of Nurit Katz

As UCLA's first Chief Sustainability Officer, Nurit Katz fosters collaboration across the leading public university to advance sustainability through education, research, operations, and community partnerships. For six years Ms. Katz also served as Executive Officer for Facilities Management, a department of around 900 employees that provides a diverse array of services to the 419-acre campus and medical enterprise, including utility distribution and a 42MW cogeneration plant.

Ms. Katz is an educator with over 15 years of teaching experience and an Instructor for the UCLA Extension Sustainability Certificate Program. In 2017 she was selected from over 2,500 instructors to receive the Dean's Award for outstanding instruction and contributions to the UCLA Extension community. She has also taught for the UCLA Institute of Environment and Sustainability and prior to UCLA worked in environmental and outdoor education in a variety of roles including for the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Americorps Garden Education Program.

Ms. Katz has served in a number of public sector and non-profit advisory capacities including on the Los Angeles County Climate Vulnerability Assessment Technical Advisory Committee, the Resilient Infrastructure Working Group for Resilient LA under the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the LADWP LA 100 Advisory Group and 2022 Power Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan (SLTRP) Advisory Group. She currently serves on the Biodiversity Expert Council for the City of Los Angeles, the board of LA Wild, and the Leadership Committee for the Los Angeles Sustainability Executives Roundtable (LASER).

A lifelong resident of the San Fernando Valley, Ms. Katz is past Chair and serves on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee. She is a wildlife photographer and urban ecology researcher and serves as the Outreach Coordinator for the Los Angeles Raptor Study, a community science-based study of nesting raptors, supported by Friends of Griffith Park.

Ms. Katz holds an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and was honored as one of 100 Inspirational Alumni for the 75th Anniversary of the School. She also holds a Masters in Public Policy from the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and was 2015 alumni of the year, and holds a BA in Environmental Education from Humboldt State University. She is pursuing a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCLA and is a Trainee in the National Science Foundation Research Traineeship (NRT) Innovation at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems (INFEWS) program.



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Dear Ms. Katz:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2023. 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 Nithya Raman, your Councilmember, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, the Chair of the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice 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 Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice 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
Ms. Nurit Katz
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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 Nithya Raman

_____ Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell, Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination