



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

December 19, 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. Matthew Johnson to the Board of Airport Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Johnson will fill the vacancy created by Sean Burton, who has resigned.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Bass'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Matthew Johnson
Commission: Board of Airport Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2025

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** 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 and Board of Police Commissioners
6. **Highest level of education completed:** J.D., New York University School of Law
7. **Occupation/profession:** Founding Partner, Johnson Shapiro Sle Witt & Kole, LLP
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
Eshaghian, Gabriel	South Valley	4	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-24
Webb, Karim	West	11	African American	M	30-Jun-24
Hsu, Beatrice C.	Central	4	Asian Pacific Islander	F	30-Jun-26
Vega, Belinda	Central	4	Latinx	F	30-Jun-23
Vacant					30-Jun-25
Roxborough, Nicholas	South Valley	5	Caucasian	M	30-Jun-25
Velasco, Valeria	West	11	Latina	F	30-Jun-27

MATTHEW M. JOHNSON

Matthew M. Johnson is a Founding Partner of Johnson Shapiro Slewett & Kole LLP. For more than 25 years, Matt has represented the world's most recognized talent and luminaries across film, television, sports, music, and politics, as well as many award-winning film and television producers, directors, writers, and content creators.

Best known for his extensive film and television practice, Matt has a distinguished track record of structuring and closing landmark transactions across the media and entertainment landscape. Matt was at the forefront of negotiating deals that have paved the way for talent to maintain creative license and control over their intellectual property, enabling his clients to secure lucrative financial benefits, including novel and ancillary revenue streams through licensing, endorsement, merchandising, and publishing arrangements.

In 2008, Matt became the youngest person ever to join The Hollywood Reporter's "100 Power Lawyers in the Entertainment Industry" list and has remained a fixture on it every year since. He was also named one of The Root 100 Most Influential African Americans in the United States.

Outside of his law practice, Matt is a leader in the civic arena, active in politics, and a committed philanthropist. He currently serves as a Board Member of the International Rescue Committee, LA 2028 Olympic Games, and NYU School of Law. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Policing Project at NYU.

Matt previously served as the Chief of COVID-19 Philanthropic & Private Sector Community Emergency Response for the City of LA. In that capacity, he helped to design, fundraise, and implement a \$75 million program focused on providing emergency relief services and financial assistance to the city's most vulnerable. Matt is also the former President of the Los Angeles Police Commission and a former member of the Board of the Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles. A lifelong, engaged Democrat, Matt served as Treasurer of the Kamala Harris Presidential Campaign and as an At-Large Member of the DNC under the Obama Administration.

In recognition of his charitable work and commitment to the community, Matt has received numerous awards, including the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Lawyer of the Year Award from the Langston Bar Association, the distinguished Dream Keeper Award from the "I Have a Dream Foundation" for his work in education, and an award from the Zeta Rho Foundation for his positive contributions to society and the youth of greater Los Angeles.

Matt is a graduate of Rutgers University and NYU School of Law. Prior to founding Johnson Shapiro Slewett & Kole, he was a partner at Ziffren Brittenham LLP, where he served as Managing Partner for eight years until 2018.



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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am pleased to inform you that I hereby appoint you to the Board of Airport Commissioners 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 Katy Yaroslavsky, your Councilmember, and the Chair of the Trade, Travel, and Tourism 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 Trade, Travel, and Tourism 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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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 Katy Yaroslavsky

_____ Chair of the Council Committee considering your nomination